

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 28, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Nathan Green, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, led the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led the pledge of allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Thompson, Council Members Dwight Tankersley, Virginia Alexander, Matt Broom and Chuck Gill; Mayor Randy Garrison, City Attorney Larry Madison, and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. Having a quorum present, President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 14, 2017; Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for the first item on the agenda, Resolution 17-1128, and asked Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to come forward and discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained that if approved, this resolution would authorize Mayor Garrison to enter into and execute a contract with CSX Transportation, Inc. to purchase .97 acres of land to expand the Hartselle City Cemetery. The Cemetery Board also approved the purchase of the property. The property purchase would add an additional 160 burial plots. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 17-1128 to allow the Mayor to sign the contract; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the next item on the agenda, a budget adjustment request of \$13,000.00 from the Cemetery Fund to purchase the property from CSX as just discussed and approved in the last item of business. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget adjustment; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the next item, Resolution 17-1128A. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council that if approved, this resolution would amend the charge for sale and conveyance of internment rights in burial plots in the Hartselle City Cemetery from \$500.00 per plot to \$750.00 per plot effective January 1, 2018. The Mayor noted the last increase in plots was ten years ago in 2008 and that the Cemetery Board approved the increase as well. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Resolution authorizing the increase in burial plots; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Hartselle Police Chief, Ron Puckett, to discuss the Special Event Permit the City had received for the annual Hartselle Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade. Chief Puckett told the Council the parade is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. The parade participants will begin lining up at J.P. Cain Stadium at 5:00 p.m. and take the usual parade route. He requested that Railroad Street, Main Street and Corsbie Street be closed for the event. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the Special Event Permit; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill abstained from the vote since he is a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Council President Thompson next called on Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to discuss his request to declare a vehicle surplus. Mr. Johnson explained he was requesting to declare the vehicle used for field inspections, a 2000 Ford Ranger, as surplus and sell it on Gov Deals. Council Member Gill motioned to approve declaring the vehicle surplus;

Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called for the next item on the agenda, which was a budget transfer request from Parks and Recreation Director Tom Chappell. Mr. Chappell came forward and explained to the Council he was requesting a budget transfer of \$50,000.00 from his Heavy Equipment line item to Minor Equipment. He explained that he had requested the amount, in the recently approved budget, to purchase a new turf mower, but after some investigation had determined the department really needed other smaller equipment such as two refurbished TORO mowers, new Gravely lawn vacuum, and other additional smaller equipment. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Chappell to discuss his request for a budget adjustment of \$11,659.45 for Parks and Recreation to Minor Equipment. Mr. Chappell explained that this amount was the total funds earned from the sale of several surplus items on Gov Deals and he wished to use the funds to replace equipment in his department. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget adjustment; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Chappell to discuss his request to declare items surplus. Mr. Chappell told the Council that he was requesting to declare the following items surplus and to be sold on Gov Deals:

- 1) 2005 Classic Turf Truckster (4 wheel), JAT898546
- 2) 2005 Super Star rake (infield machine), 12755
- 3) 2015 Kubota Tractor, M8560HDC12, 58720

Council Member Gill motioned to declare the requested item surplus; Council member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison came forward to recognize Mr. Ronnie Farrow from Public Works on his upcoming retirement. He has worked with the City for 17 years. Everyone gave Mr. Farrow a standing ovation and wished him well in the future. Mayor Garrison also invited everyone to "Christmas in the Park" to be held on Saturday night at Earth Park, beginning at 6:00 p.m. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the audience. None were made.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley moved to adjourn; Council Member Gill seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller