

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 9, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Tim Clark, Pastor of First Christian 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 then called for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 19, 2017. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for the first item on the agenda, Resolution 18-0109, and asked Jeremy Griffith, City Planner, to come forward and discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained that this resolution would formally adopt the new Hartselle Strategic Action Plan for 2018-2023. He indicated the first strategic plan was adopted in 2011, and should be updated approximately every five years. He explained that the City staff, with input from the public, had prepared an updated document for the Council for consideration. Mr. Griffith also said that if approved, this revised strategic plan would also be part of the Alabama Cities of Excellence (ACE) renewal. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Resolution 18-0109; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called for Mayor Garrison to discuss Resolution 18-0109A, a request that the state senator and representative sponsor a bill to authorize the City Council to legally permit and regulate the sale of draft and keg beer in the City. The Mayor explained this was the same resolution that was passed last year, but unfortunately was not successful in being passed by the legislative delegation. He indicated that he had spoken with Representative Ed Henry who had agreed that he would sponsor the bill. The Mayor stated that after the appropriate advertising had run in the local newspaper for four weeks, he would personally deliver the documents to Montgomery. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 18-0109A; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked City Attorney Larry Madison to present Ordinance 1476 to the Council. Mr. Madison explained the ordinance was amending Ordinance 1462 so as to refine the definition of the term "Lounge" to avoid confusion with the state law and to change the age limit of persons prohibited in certain places to conform to state law. He indicated that the Council should consider suspending the rules for immediate consideration of the ordinance. Council Member Alexander motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of the ordinance; Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

Council President Thompson: Yes
Council Member Tankersley: Yes
Council Member Gill: Yes
Council Member Alexander: Yes
Council member Broom: Yes

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Ordinance 1476; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Hartselle Police Chief Daryl Fox to discuss the next

item on the agenda. Chief Fox explained to the Council that he was requesting permission from the Council to apply for two (2) Assistance to Firefighters Grants. Chief Fox said the grants would be through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the assistance of Terry Acuff and Community Consultants, and they would be applying for a Rescue/Pumper and equipment. Chief Fox said the City would have a 5% match. The amount being requested for both grants would total \$1,000,000.00. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the grant applications; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Tommy Halbrooks, Public Works Director, to discuss his request for a funds transfer. Mr. Halbrooks explained to the Council he was requesting to make the following budget transfers:

- 1) \$1,800.00 from Public Works Utilities to Sanitation Utilities to reflect the change in how his department is charging water usage
- 2) \$7,000.00 from Landfill Contract Labor to Public Works Contract Labor to cover the estimated street sweeping cost.

Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget transfers; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Halbrooks to discuss his request to apply for an ADEM recycling grant. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the grant application; Council Member Gill 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 announced that this was National Law Enforcement Day and wanted to thank the Police Department for all they do to keep the City safe. Each Council Member thanked the department as well, as did the City Attorney and City Clerk – Controller.

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 7:11 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller