

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 23, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Mike Pope, Pastor, First United Methodist 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 January 9, 2018. 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, Ordinance 1477, issuing Series 2018 Warrants for the purpose of refunding the Series 2010-B General Obligation School Warrants. Mr. Heyward Hosch, Bond Attorney with Maynard, Cooper and Gale from Birmingham came forward to explain the refunding to the Council. He stated the net interest cost savings would be approximately \$621,684.40 over the life of the 2018 Warrants as a result of the refunding process. The term of the indebtedness of the City is not increased, and the warrants will not be chargeable against the constitutional debt limit of the City. Council President Thompson asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of the Ordinance. Council Member Gill motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1477; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was 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 Roll Call vote. Council Member Broom motioned to adopt Ordinance 1477; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss a request for an alcohol license for Walgreens and reviewed the application. Mayor Garrison explained that Walgreens Store #10966, located at 201 Hwy. 31 N.W., had applied for a retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only) license. Mayor Garrison informed the Council the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application, and made a recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Thompson announced a Public Hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. Rev. Virgil Crisp, Pastor, First Church of the Nazarene, came forward to voice his opposition to the alcohol license due to the store being too close to the church. Mr. Ronnie Hollis, a member of the church, also came forward to express his opposition to the license due to the location of Walgreens in relation to the church. No other comments were made. Council Member Broom motioned to close the Public Hearing; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the alcohol license for Walgreens as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss a request for an alcohol license for Dollar General Store #1685. Mayor Garrison explained that Dollar General Store #1685, located at 241 Hwy. 31 S.W. Suite D, had applied for a retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only) license. Mayor Garrison informed the Council the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application, and made a recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Thompson announced a Public Hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. No comments were made. Council Member Alexander motioned to close the Public Hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the alcohol license for Dollar General Store #1685 as requested; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss a request for an alcohol license for Waltate LLC, dba Family Lanes and Amusements. Mayor Garrison explained that the business located at 501 Longhorn Pass N.W., had applied for a Special Retail – More than 30 Days and a Lounge Retail Liquor license. Mayor Garrison informed the Council the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application, and made a recommendation to the Council that the two licenses be granted. Council President Thompson announced a Public Hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. No comments were made. Council Member Broom motioned to close the Public Hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the alcohol licenses for Waltate LLC, dba Family Lanes and Amusements as requested; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider an appeal by a property owner against a nuisance abatement order at 702 Main Street East. Mr. Jeff Johnson, DOD Director who had issued the abatement order, came forward to give the Council an update on the matter, along with a power point presentation. He stated the issue with the property not being maintained, dilapidation and the accumulation of rubbish and debris had been going on since 2002. The owner had been notified several times and was even issued a building permit in 2007 to repair the property. He asked the Council to uphold the abatement notice for the removal of the structure and to clean the lot of all remaining debris within 60 days per code section 38-41 through 38-73 of the City Code of Ordinances. At this time Mr. Tim Danner, owner of the property came forward to address the Council. He agreed the property was “a mess” and stated he had been working on it to clean it up. He stated he had been working out of town a lot and had had friends who brought things over and left at the property. He stated it was one of the oldest homes on the street and he thought it should be saved. After a brief discussion between the Council, Mr. Danner and City Attorney Madison, Council Member Gill motioned to affirm the abatement order as given and stated the contents of the property cannot be relocated to another residential lot in town. Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next address Resolution 18-0123, which would declare real property and personal property located at 2011 Thunderbird Street, N.W. as surplus. Mr. Madison reviewed the resolution with the Council and asked that they include in their motion that the property was not needed for a public purpose. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Resolution 18-0123 and find the property not needed for a public purpose; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Jeff Johnson, DOD Director, to come forward to discuss his request for a funds transfer. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council he was requesting to make a budget transfer of \$86.25 from Supplies to Physicals, Screens and Drug Testing, in his department to cover unanticipated costs associated with drug testing and screening for the new Field Inspector. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfers; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Fire Chief Daryl Fox to come forward to discuss his request for a funds transfer. Chief Fox explained to the Council he was requesting to make a budget transfer of \$6,221.00 from Fire Department line item for Supplies to the IT line item in Administration in order to purchase four (4) laptops and adapters for vehicles charging mounts.

He explained this would replace CAD computers in the fire vehicles. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the budget transfers; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on DOD Director Jeff Johnson to come forward and present the Safety Award Winners for the past quarter. Mr. Johnson came forward to announce the winners from each department. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the winners and authorize their safety bonuses as presented; 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 recognized Police Officer Roger Speake for his 20 years of service to the City and also Captain Johnny Norwood for thirty years of service with the Fire Department, and thanked the men for their service to the City. Both were given a standing ovation from the audience. The Mayor also discussed the legislation being discussed in Montgomery that would affect the City's sales tax collection through changes in the Simplified Sellers Use Tax. All the Council Members thanked the two honorees for their service to the City. 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 7:33 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller