

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. Micah Camper, Youth Pastor, Life Church, Hartselle, led the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny 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 23, 2018. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes; 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 budget adjustment for a street paving invoice. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council he was requesting a budget adjustment in the amount of \$33,625.09 to the 7% Gasoline Tax Funds in order to pay an invoice from Reed Contracting for the paving of Crestline Street. 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 Fire Chief Daryl Fox to come forward to discuss his request for the Council to approve an updated Volunteer Firefighter Roster. Chief Fox explained his request to add two new volunteers to the list, Elliott Hadavi and Chad Hampton. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the new Volunteer Roster as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Mr. Greg Reeves, Attorney, Decatur to come forward to make a presentation concerning the City joining in a lawsuit against opioid manufactures and distributors. Mr. Reeves explained that he was joining with a Birmingham law firm to file lawsuits on behalf of municipal governments throughout the state against opioid distributors. This firm was then partnering with a Pensacola, Florida firm to file lawsuits nationwide. He stated that the City of Decatur, Birmingham and Gadsden as well as Morgan County and Marshall County had joined in the class action lawsuit and he was requesting that the City do the same. He explained he would not collect a fee unless the lawsuit was successful. He presented a contract to City Attorney Madison for his review and asked the Council to go ahead and give their preliminary approval. After a brief period of discussion and questions by Council President Thompson and Council Member Gill, it was decided to review the matter and vote on it at a later meeting.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison asked for volunteers from the Council to work on the Food Truck Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan Update and Residential Development. He stated the meetings should be in the late afternoon so as to not interfere with anyone's work schedule. 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 Alexander moved to adjourn; Council Member Gill seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller