

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Pro-Tempore Dwight Tankersley called the meeting to order.

Rev. Nathan Green, Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Hartselle, led the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: 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. Council President Thompson was absent due to a death in his family. Having a quorum present, President Pro-Tempore Dwight Tankersley declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley then called for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 13, 2018. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the first item on the agenda, to consider the contract with Greg Reeves, Attorney at Law, Decatur, Alabama to join in the lawsuits against opioid manufactures and distributors. Mr. Reeves came forward to review the engagement contract presented at the last meeting between the City and Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, PA, and to answer any questions from the Council. He did inform the Council that the attorney's fee in the contract had been negotiated from 30% to 25%, and requested City Attorney Madison make the changes in the contract he had left for his review. Mr. Madison informed the Council that he had reviewed the contract and gave his consent for the Council to approve. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the contract as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley recognized Public Works Director Tommy Halbrooks to come forward and discuss his budget transfer request. Mr. Halbrooks requested a transfer in the Public Works Budget of \$8,675.99 from the Heavy Equipment line item to Vehicles in order to cover a shortage on the purchase of a leaf machine truck which had come in over budget. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfers request as presented; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley next addressed a request for a Special Events Permit for the Morgan County Sheriff's Rodeo Parade. Mayor Garrison reviewed the request from the Morgan County Sheriff for a parade to be held on April 7th from 11-2, requesting Sparkman and Main Street to be closed. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the permit request as presented; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, a request from Parks & Recreation Director Tom Chappell to declare items surplus. Mr. Chappell, requested a list of surplus computers and phone equipment be declared surplus and noted he planned to advertise the items for sale on GovDeals. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the request and declare the items surplus; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley announced the following board openings:

- Parks & Recreation Board, one expired term, five-year appointment
- Airport Board, three expired terms, five-year appointment
- Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), three expired terms, three-year appointment

Library Board, one open position due to resignation, term expires September 2018

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or on the City's website. Applications must be turned into the City Clerk's office by Friday, March 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankerlsey called for comments from the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the budget transfer that Public Works Director Halbrooks requested was not the same vehicle that he had been corresponding with the group about replacing. Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley and Council Member Alexander expressed their sympathy to Council President Thompson and his family following the death of his father-in-law. No other comments were made.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley called for comments from the audience. Mr. James Pait, 371 Cherry Street, came forward to request the Council pass an ordinance requiring dog owners to pick up dog waste from private property. No other comments 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 7:19 p.m.

Dwight Tankersley
Council President Pro-Tempore

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller