

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

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

Rev. Alan Host, Jubilee Family Worship Center of Hartselle, 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, Council President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 27, 2018. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 18-0313, a request to vacate a portion of right-of-way between Coleman Street and Moss Chapel Road. City Planner Jeremy Griffith came forward to explain to the Council that the request would vacate a portion of an unimproved 50' wide right-of-way between the two streets. All owners adjoining this ROW segment have signed a declaration of vacation and Hartselle Utilities has confirmed that there are no current or planned utilities utilizing the ROW. Council Member Tankersely motioned to approve Resolution 18-0313 as presented; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 18-0313A, a Nuisance Abatement Order for Non-Compliance at 608 Main Street E. DOD Director Jeff Johnson came forward to review the abatement order before a Public Hearing was called. He informed the Council that all required notifications to the property owner had been met, the abatement had not been carried out as required, therefore by approving the resolution the Council would allow him to proceed with the work specified in the notices given to abate the nuisance by contract or with City manpower. Council President Thompson declared a Public Hearing open for discussion. Mr. Dennis Schuler, 608 East Main Street, came forward, identified himself as the owner of the property, and stated he never received notice of the abatement by mail. He was notified by a neighbor and had not had sufficient time to clean up the property. Mr. Neil Gillies, 602 Main Street came forward and stated he was attempting to purchase the property from Mr. Schuler and asked for the Council to grant him more time to clean the property up. Mr. Madison questioned Mr. Gillies about the closing date of his contract to purchase the property and other questions concerning his potential purchase of the property. After a detailed discussion of the request to extend the time, Council President called for a motion to close the Public Hearing; Council Member Alexander Motion to close the Public Hearing; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Tankersley motioned to table Resolution 18-0313A until the next meeting, proposed that the prospective property owner meet with City Attorney Madison after the meeting, and agree to a contract with the City of a 45-day extension to abate the property. Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed Resolution 18-0313B, a Nuisance Abatement Order for Non-Compliance at 702 Main Street E. Mr. Johnson came forward to review the abatement order before a Public Hearing was called. He informed the Council that all required notifications to the property owner had been met, the abatement had not been carried out as required, and therefore by approving the resolution the Council would allow him to proceed with the work specified in the notices given to abate the nuisance. Council President Thompson declared a Public Hearing open for discussion. Mr. Tim Danner, 702 Main Street came forward and identified himself as

the property owner and requested more time to clean up the property because of recent rainy days. No other comments were made. Council Member Alexander motioned to close the Public Hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Resolution 18-0313B and move forward with the abatement of the property; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson moved on to the next item on the agenda, to consider a contract with Garver LLC for the proposed 2018 Airport Improvement Project Grant. DOD Director Jeff Johnson came forward to review the engineering contract for the proposed grant that entitled for "Airfield Pavement Maintenance and Marking". The total cost of the engineering contract is \$35,850.00 of which the City match would be \$1,792.50 if the grant were approved. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the contract as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed the renewal of the contract with Hartselle Beautification Association. Mayor Garrison stated he had reviewed the contract with HBA Director Carolyn Wallace and he was requesting the Council review the contract for the 2018 fiscal year with no changes. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the contract renewal with HBA; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next recognized Librarian Michelle Blaylock to come forward and to present a request concerning a Library grant. Mrs. Blaylock informed the Council that she had applied for and received a \$10,000.00 non-matching grant from the Daniels Foundation, a private organization located in Birmingham, Alabama to build upon the STEM program for the Library. The funds would be used to purchase three computers with desks, programmable robots and teen seating area with charging station for devices. She requested the Council accept the grant funds, authorize their placement in the William Bradford Huie Fund, and approve the budget adjustment to spend the funds as requested. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the acceptance of the grant and budget adjustments as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Blaylock also presented a request to declare 490 books as surplus. The books had been removed from the shelves due to their condition or due to the fact they had not been checked out in over 5 years. She indicate they would be offered for sale in the Friends of the Library used book store, used in crafts or donated to other organizations in the area. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the surplus request; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Council President Thompson 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 Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison announced that the sales tax collections were up for last month and that 96% of the Business License budget had been collected, he also reviewed other budget numbers. Council Member Boom and Alexander thanked Librarian Michelle Blaylock for her efforts in obtaining the Daniels Foundation Grant. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the audience. No 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 7:30 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller