

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

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Council Member Chuck Gill 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 work session held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Council Member Broom 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 18-0313A, a nuisance abatement order for non-compliance at 608 Main Street East. City Attorney Madison first advised the Council that this resolution, which was tabled at the last Council meeting, should be removed from the table for consideration. Council Member Alexander motioned to remove Resolution 18-0313A from the table for discussion; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Department of Development Director Jeff Johnson informed the Council that Neil and Tracey Gillies have purchased the property located at 608 Main Street from the previous owners, Dennis and Vicki Schuler. The Gillies have met with City Attorney Madison and agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding requesting the City delay its nuisance abatement on the property until April 27, 2018, to allow them time to repair or demolish the structure located on the property as well as clearing all junk and debris from premises. They agreed that if the nuisance is not abated by that date, they will be held responsible and the City would move forward with the abatement process. After a brief discussion, Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented between the City and the Gillies; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson moved on to the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1478, which if adopted, would make revisions to the City's Mobile Food Truck Ordinance. Council President Thompson called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss the revisions with the Council, which were discussed in detail at the work session prior to the meeting. Council Member Alexander motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1478; Council Member Gill 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 roll call vote.

Council Member Broom motioned to adopt Ordinance 1478; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 18-0327 to amend the tax abatement for

ICOOL. Council President Thompson called on Jeremy Nails, Morgan County Economic Development, to discuss the revisions with the Council. Mr. Nails explained to the Council that due to the increase in the scope of work associated with ICOOL'S new operations the anticipated capital investment of the project has risen beyond the original estimates presented in the December 17, 2016 abatement. He noted the estimated capital investment has increased by \$1,720,000 to \$2,625,000. He also reviewed the sales and use tax and property tax abatement figures with the Council that had been presented in detail at the work session prior to the meeting. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 18-0327; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Mayor Randy Garrison to discuss Resolution 18-0327A. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council that if approved, this resolution would amend the City's Personnel Policy to adopt a Social Media Policy that was discussed in detail at the work session prior to the meeting. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 18-0327A; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Jeff Johnson, DOD Director, to come forward and discuss the next item, which was a request to accept the proposal to abate the structure and debris nuisances at 702 Main Street E., which was approved at the last meeting. Mr. Johnson explained that proposals were requested for the demolition and removal of the structure on the property and that Priceville Contractors, Inc, submitted the low proposal at a cost of \$11,610.00. Council Member Broom motioned to accept the cost proposal as requested; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Johnson to discuss his request for a budget adjustment for cost abatement structure and debris nuisances at 702 Main Street E. Mr. Johnson requested an adjustment of \$11,610.00 to the Nuisance Abatement line item. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget adjustment; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Tommy Halbrooks, Public Works Director, to discuss his request for a budget adjustment. Mr. Halbrooks explained that he was requesting a budget adjustment in the amount of \$72,425.00 from the proceeds of the grinder sale to Public Works Heavy Equipment in order to purchase an ALDOT surplus John Deere tractor with a Diamond boom mower. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustment request; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Halbrooks to come forward and discuss his request to declare items surplus. Mr. Halbrooks explained to the Council he was requesting to declare two Ford tractors surplus and to be posted for sale on GovDeals. Mr. Halbrooks also stated the repair costs on each tractor exceeds the estimated total value. Council Member Gill motioned to approve declaring the tractors surplus; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Michelle Blaylock, Library Manager, to come forward and discuss her request to apply for an Alabama Public Service Grant (APLS). Ms. Blaylock explained to the Council she was requesting to apply for the following two grants:

- 1) The first grant would be for \$13,800.00 for the FY2019 budget year. These funds would be used to replace patron computers that are becoming outdated
- 2) The second grant would be for \$9,000.00 and the funds will be used for books and shelving, with focusing on expanding book selections for children, juvenile fiction and young adults. Additional shelving and end caps will also be purchased with these funds.

Ms. Blaylock stated that Friends of the Library have matched grant funds in the past, but in case that were to fall through, she was requesting the Council appropriate 25% matching funds for these grants in the FY2019 budget. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the grant applications as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson told the Council the City had received an application for the Library Board from Kathleen Stapleton, 2111 Evans Drive N.W. Council Member Gill motioned to appoint Ms. Stapleton to the Library Board; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson also said the City had received an application for the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board (BZA) from Frank Gurney, 1017 Parker Road S.E. Council President Thompson stated Mr. Gurney had served on the BZA Board for the past 15 years. Council Member Tankersley motioned to re-appoint Mr. Gurney to the BZA Board; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then mentioned that the Council would need to appoint the voting delegates for the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) Convention coming up in May, one voting delegate and two alternates. Council Member Gill motioned to appoint Council President Thompson as the voting delegate, with Council Members Tankersley and Council Member Alexander appointed as alternates; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then stated the Council would need to change the date of the second meeting in April from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> due to an out of town business trip being planned by the Mayor and Council. Council Member Broom motioned to approve changing the date of the second meeting in April to the 17<sup>th</sup>; 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), two expired terms, three-year appointment

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, April 13 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison thanked Jeff Johnson and the DOD Department for their hard work on the nuisance abatement process. He then presented certificates of appreciation to Jerry Putman for 20 years' service on the Planning Commission and Lee Y. Greene, Jr for 24 years' service on the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Both men were congratulated by each member of the Council as well for their dedication and service to the City. The Council Members also thanked Jeff and the DOD team for their efforts to clean up the City.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the audience. Jerry Kyker, 505 Holloway Street, came forward to complain about the traffic issues in his neighborhood, mainly vehicles speeding.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley moved to adjourn; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller