

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
AUGUST 14, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Walter Blackman, Pastor of East Highland Baptist 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, Chuck Gill, Virginia Alexander and Matt Broom, 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 Tuesday, July 24, 2018. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Jeff Johnson, Department of Development, to discuss the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1484. Mr Johnson explained to the Council that if adopted, this ordinance would replace the current flood ordinance for the City with the latest Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) model ordinance, as mandated by FEMA, to remain in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He also stated that if adopted, the ordinance adopts the latest flood hazard maps that become effective August 16, 2018 and will provide for automatic adoption of updates. Council Member Gill motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration; Council Member Tankersley 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 voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1484; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Johnson to discuss Resolution 18-0814. Mr. Johnson said the City had recently solicited sealed bids from qualified companies to construct handicapped accessible sidewalks in downtown Harstelle in accordance with the FY2016 Transportation Alternative Program Grant (TAP). However, Mr. Johnson stated that the City of Hartselle and Garver, LLC had evaluated the one bid received and had determined the bid exceeds the City's approved construction budget by \$98,000.00 for this project. Mr. Johnson also told the Council that if approved, this resolution would authorize Mayor Garrison to reject the bid received as well as grant Garver, LLC the authorization to make the necessary modifications to the plans and specifications to solicit bids again. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 18-0814 and reject the bid as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Johnson to discuss Resolution 18-0814A. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council that Resolution 18-0814A was on the agenda to request the Council's permission to abate an unoccupied dilapidated dwelling located at 577 Jackson Street S.W. However, Mr. Johnson stated the dwelling had been torn down the previous weekend, therefore it was a mute issue and no action needed to be taken at this time.

Council President Thompson next called on Hartselle City Planner, Jeremy Griffith, to discuss

Resolution 08-0814B. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that the City had received a request from the owner of Lot 3, Maplewood Subdivision, Addition One, to vacate the remainder of the platted 10" public utility easement along the north side of the lot. Mr. Griffith also stated the Council had vacated the southernmost 5" of said easement on October 14, 2008 and that all concerned utility providers had found that remainder of the subject easement is not occupied by any public infrastructure and is not needed for any foreseeable public purpose. He also said the Council had also found that the subject easement also crosses adjacent Lots 1, 2, 4 and 5 of Maplewood Subdivision, Addition One and that the remainder of said easement should be vacated along the north lines of Lots 1-5. Council Member Broom motioned to vacate the easement; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Michelle Blaylock, Library Manager, to discuss her request to declare items surplus. Ms. Blaylock came forward and told the Council the Library was requesting to declare 817 books surplus, and that these books had been removed from the collection for being out of date, in poor condition, or lack of circulation. Ms. Blaylock also stated the Library was requesting to declare a bookcase surplus that is in poor condition, and asked permission to donate the bookcase to charity. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the items declared as surplus; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Ms. Blaylock to discuss her request for a budget transfer. Ms. Blaylock stated the Library had requested a budget transfer of \$850.00 from Association Dues Line Item and \$95.00 from Subscriptions & Educational Materials Line Item to Computers Line Item, which has a balance of \$150.00. Ms. Blaylock explained to the Council that if approved, these budget transfers would allow the Library to purchase a one-year subscription to OPAC Snapshot Unbound for \$995.00, which is an enrichment service for their on-line public access catalogue. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfers; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Hartselle Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss the next item on the agenda, which was a request for a budget transfer for Hartselle Fire & Rescue. Chief Fox came forward and explained to the Council that he was requesting a budget transfer of \$2,686.04 from Vehicle Maintenance Line Item to Minor Equipment Line Item. He then stated that if approved, these funds would be used to purchase an Amlus 28" Flexvolt Spreader, which is a 60 volt rescue tool for the new fire truck. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget transfer; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mayor Randy Garrison to discuss the request for a budget adjustment from the Public Works Department. Mayor Garrison explained that the Public Works Department had requested a budget adjustment in the amount of \$154,491.04 to Vehicles Line Item (Landfill) to purchase a 2019 Freightliner Truck with hoist and tarp. He also stated they had requested a budget adjustment in the amount of \$22,522.44 to the Containers Line Item (Landfill) to purchase two (2) 40 cubic yard waste roll off containers and two (2) 30 cubic yard waste roll off containers. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustments; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mr. Griffith again to discuss the Safety Award winners for the fourth quarter. Mr Griffith came forward and stated that a drawing was held for all eligible employees and one winner was selected from each department:

- 1) Lakeshia Collier: Administration
- 2) Craig Knox: Fire Department
- 3) Darryl Turney: Parks & Recreation
- 4) Kelly Roberts: Police Department
- 5) Reford Williams: Public Works

Mr. Griffith explained that with the Council's approval, each winner would receive a check for \$50.00 net. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Safety Award winners; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson announced the City was accepting applications for positions on the following boards:

- 1) Central Business District (CBD): one expired term, four-year appointment
- 2) Personnel Board: one expired term, six-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, August 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Mayor Garrison deferred to City Attorney Madison to discuss a contract between the City and Lifechurch for the church's use of Sparkman Civic Center during their upcoming renovations (this topic was covered in the work session prior to the meeting.) Mr. Madison informed the Council that an agreement must be approved before the church can begin the renovations they are offering the City in lieu of rental fees at the Civic Center. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Mayor could draw up an agreement to state if the church begin renovations and a formal agreement between them and the City Council did not occur, all renovations would be donated to the City. Mr. Madison asked the Mayor to gather all the information needed in order for him to draw up the formal agreement to be approved at the next Council meeting. Mayor Garrison recognized Lynn Warren for five years of service with the City. All those present congratulated her. Mayor Garrison also mentioned the delivery of the new fire truck and noted 61% of the cost of the truck would be paid with collected alcohol tax funds. He also mentioned the current changes being made to the City Cemetery including the additional lots now available and the possibly of not replacing the fence around the cemetery. He also informed the Council that the City had be awarded the ADEM grant that had been applied for, for several years, for a new recycling truck. The grant award is \$245,000.00. Fire Chief Fox thanked the Mayor and Council for the new fire truck and noted the department would be receiving training on the equipment over the next few weeks.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the audience. None were made.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Gill motioned to adjourn; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:27.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller