

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Council Member Virginia Alexander 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 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. Council Member Chuck Gill was absent. 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, September 11, 2018. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to discuss the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1485. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council this ordinance is for introduction only, but if adopted, would revise the City's zoning ordinance to create a Residential and Professional zoning designation (RP). He also stated that the intended purpose of this zone would be to allow limited professional office uses within current residential areas where residential investment might be limited, but this ordinance would not re-zone any areas. Mr. Johnson said one area in discussion for this particular zoning designation has been Main Street East between Bethel Road and downtown. He also said non-residential uses would be limited to professional offices as specifically listed in the ordinance, and any new construction would be required to maintain residential character with permitted signage being limited. Mr. Johnson told the Council the Planning Commission has recommended approval 5-0. Council Member Broom motioned to introduce Ordinance 1485; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Johnson to discuss Ordinance 1486. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council this ordinance is up for introduction as well, but if adopted, would update the permitted and prohibited uses within the "B" (business zones). He said the updates would address vague areas noted over the past year, as well as determinations made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Additionally, the ordinance adds specific mention of "brewpubs" as being permitted in commercial zones when in conformance with applicable state laws. Mr. Johnson told the Council the Planning Commission had recommended approval of this ordinance 5-0. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1486; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Randy Garrison to discuss the FY2019 budget request for the following funds:

- 1) General Fund
- 2) Alcohol Fund
- 3) Municipal Gasoline Fund
- 4) Wood Chipper Fund
- 5) Police Donation Fund
- 6) Thompson Road Fund
- 7) Telecommunications Fund
- 8) Municipal Court Fund
- 9) Corrections Fund
- 10) Municipal Court Judicial Admin. Fund
- 11) 4% Gasoline Fund

- 12) 7% Gasoline Fund
- 13) State Capital Improvement Fund
- 14) Education Sales Tax Fund

He also mentioned that the General Fund budget included a 4% COLA and merit increases for employees. It also included the one-time retiree bonus as approved by the legislature. He also mentioned that the Tier-1 retiree's contribution rate would increase, but the health insurance increase for the FY2019 year would be absorbed by the City. After a brief review of each fund, Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the FY2019 Budgets for each fund as presented; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the request to transfer funds from the Alcohol Fund to the General Fund. He noted there was approximately \$370,000.00 in the Alcohol Fund that would be transferred to partially reimburse the General Fund for the purchase of the new Fire Engine purchased out of the FY2018 budget. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the transfer; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller, to discuss the request to consider the contract renewal with Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC (formerly RDS) for business license discovery. Ms. Lee explained the company researched businesses located outside of the City limits for business license compliance. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the contract renewal and grant Mayor Garrison authority to execute the contract; 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 his request to renew the fire hydrant maintenance contract with Hartselle Utilities. Chief Fox mentioned the only change is the number of hydrants that the City is paying for. A brief discussion was held between the Chief and City Attorney about removing a 60-day renewal clause in the contract. City Attorney Madison advised the Mayor to get with the General Manager of Hartselle Utilities and work out the details. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the contract renewal and grant Mayor Garrison authority to execute the contract; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mayor Garrison to discuss the request for a Special Events Permit the City had received from Hartselle First United Methodist Church (HFUMC). Mayor Garrison explained the permit was submitted by HFUMC to host a Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival on October 28, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. HFUMC has requested to close Hammitt Street from Short Street to Hickory Street, and Hickory Street from Hammitt Street to Sloss Street for the festival. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Special Events Permit; Council Member Broom second the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Ms. Lee again to discuss the request for the Council's consideration of approval for year-end budget transfers from all departments. Ms. Lee reviewed the transfer request for all departments. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the year-end budget transfers for all departments; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. The Mayor and each Council Member thanked Ms. Lee and all the department heads for their help in the budget process.

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

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Kenny Thompson

Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller