

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

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

Robbie Cantrell with NARCOG 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, October 23, 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 Jeremy Griffith, Hartselle City Planner, to discuss Ordinance 1489. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council this ordinance, which was introduced at the last meeting, was for final consideration and if adopted, would amend and update the current noise ordinance to clarify current regulations, as well as exceptions for city-sanctioned special events and for business zones within specified hours. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Ordinance 1489; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to discuss Resolution 18-1113. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council that if approved, this resolution would authorize the execution of a design and construction agreement for a new restaurant between the City of Hartselle and Bentley's at the Outhouse, LLC. The amount the City agrees to reimburse the company for the construction of the infrastructure for the project is \$22,407.34, to be reimbursed from the non-educational sales tax collected by the company. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 18-1113 and grant Mayor Randy Garrison the authority to execute the contract; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Robbie Cantrell, North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG), to discuss Resolution 18-1113A. Mr. Cantrell explained to the Council that the resolution, if approved, would allow the City to obtain Section 5307 funds from the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for operation, planning and capital expenses for a public transportation program. Mr. Cantrell then stated in order to obtain these funds, the City would have to provide a 50% match for operation expenses and a 20% match for planning and capital expenses. He stated it was his understanding that the City had budgeted \$5,000.00, in its current budget, as local non-federal match funds for operation, planning and capital expenditures under Section 5307 Urbanized Area Public Transportation Program to be known as NARCOG Transit in FY2019. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 18-1113; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss the next item on the agenda, the consideration of the 2019 Safe Workplace Guidelines with Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that in order to receive a three (3) percent discount on premiums, the City must adopt the following:

- 1) commit to certain safety guidelines
- 2) establish a medical protocol

3) adopt a drug and alcohol testing program

Mr. Griffith explained a three (3) percent discount would be given for each program, but for those who adopted all three programs, a ten (10) percent discount would be given instead of nine (9) percent. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the 2019 Safe Workplace Guidelines; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Parks and Recreation Director Tom Chappell to address the next item on the agenda. Mr. Chappell explained to the Council that Parks and Recreation received a \$30,000.00 donation several years ago from Hartselle Dixie Baseball to be held by the City for future improvements at the ballpark. He was requesting to use these funds to make the following improvements to the baseball facilities:

- 1) restrooms at the lower fields
- 2) backstop nets
- 3) shade/cover over seating areas
- 4) complete metal roofing on brick structures
- 5) soffit/eaves repairs where needed
- 6) re-key all press boxes, equipment rooms, concession stands and changing rooms

Council Member Broom motioned to approve using the donated funds for improvements to the baseball facilities; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then said the City had received a Special Event Permit application and called on Hartselle Police Chief Ron Puckett to discuss it with the Council. Chief Puckett explained the Hartselle Kiwanis Club had submitted the permit request to host the annual Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Chief Puckett also told the Council the parade will take its normal route starting at J.P. Cain Stadium and ending at the parking lot of Tractor Supply. Chief Puckett also stated the Kiwanis Club was requesting permission for food trucks to be allowed to park on City owned property during the parade, either the parking lot across from the Depot on Railroad Street or in the parking lot on Main Street next to LifeChurch. After a brief discussion, Council Member Tankersley motioned to allow food trucks to park on City property during the parade as long as the parking lots were not closed to the public; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mayor Randy Garrison to discuss the last item on the agenda. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council that due to the holiday schedule in December, they should consider moving the second regular Council meeting in December to Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Council Member Tankersley motioned to change the second regular meeting in December; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the audience. Hugh Brewer, 3511 Hwy. 31 South, came forward to ask why the weight room at the Civic Center was being closed to the public. Travis Smith, 1406 Mt. View Circle, came forward to ask for further clarification of the noise ordinance that was passed. No other comments from the audience were made.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Mayor Garrison reminded the Council that Police Chief Ron Puckett would be leaving office in January to be sworn in as the Morgan County Sheriff. He asked the Council if they would approve the position of Police Chief to be advertised to internal candidates of the Police Department only. Council Member Gill made a motion to that affect; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The Mayor introduced Chuck Branch from NextSite who came forward to make a presentation to the Council concerning the marketing analysis that his company is doing on the City's behalf. Each of the Council Members wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Gill motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller