

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 8, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. Milan Dekich, Pastor of Fairview Church of God gave 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, December 18, 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, Ordinance 1490, set for introduction only to update the zoning ordinance. He called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to come forward and present the ordinance, which update several antiquated provisions in the residential sections of the zoning ordinance, including updating the list of zones, updating the table of standard specifications, and removing several conflicting provisions in the R4 and R5 zones. The ordinance also further clarifies maximum building heights in residential zones and better defines “story” for building height interpretation. He noted a public hearing is scheduled for January 22, 2019. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1490; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item, Ordinance 1491, also set for introduction only to expand and further clarify the provision of the recently adopted RP (Residential and Professional) zoning designation. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance amends the entire RP section to maintain context, and addresses a number of revisions requested by the Planning Commission following public comments from owners in the proposed Main Street rezoning area. He also mentioned a public hearing is scheduled for January 22, 2019 as well on this ordinance. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1491; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item, Ordinance 1492, also set for introduction only, would rezone Main Street East from R1/R2 to RP (Residential and Professional), from Hammitt Street to the Hartwood House (excluding the fire station and First Methodist Church parking lot). Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance was necessary in order to allow for a mixture of residential and limited professional office uses. He also noted a public hearing would be held on January 22, 2019. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1491; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 19-0108, which would amend section 490 of the Personnel Policy related to lateral transfers within the Police and Fire Department and management positions within the City. Acting Police Chief Justin Barley came forward to address the Council concerning the change in policy that the Police Department had requested and was prepared by Melee Laney, HR Administrator. Chief Barley reviewed the request that was discussed in the work session prior to the meeting. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 19-0108, Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 19-0108A, which would formally accept Guire Road as a city street with prescriptive right-of-way. City Planner Griffith came forward to explain the road is within an area annexed by the City in 1987, and affidavits have been received by the owners of all lands crossed by the road, attesting to their consideration of Guire as already being “public” for roadway and drainage improvements for public maintenance even though it is a sub-standard road. The issue has come forward due to a request to sub-divide the property. City Attorney Madison advised the Council that the property can be sub-divided without acceptance of the road and cautioned the City as to their obligation once the road is accepted as public. He advised that if the Council moved ahead with the acceptance of the road that the right-of-way be conveyed to the City now, instead of the property having to be purchased in the future for road improvements. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Resolution 19-0108A; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. After further discussion, between City Attorney Madison and members of the Council, Council Member Gill withdrew his motion and Council Member Tankersley withdrew his second of the motion. Council Member Alexander motioned to table Resolution 19-0108A at this time; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a recommendation from the Mayor to establish the salary for the Acting Police Chief. Mayor Garrison recommended Chief Barley’s pay be increased from Step 16, Grade 23 to Step 8, Grade 28, due to the additional responsibilities he will be performing as well as moving from a hourly to salaried position. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the recommendation from the Mayor for the Acting Police Chief’s salary; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on City Clerk – Controller Rita Lee to review a budget transfer request for insurance expense for all City departments. Ms. Lee stated the insurance premium for the City’s liability and auto insurance through AMIC came in \$12,340.00 over budget. She requested the amount be transferred from the Worker’s Compensation line items in each department, which to date are over-budget, to cover the shortage. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer request; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item, a request from the Police Department to declare a vehicle surplus and remove a vehicle from surplus that was needed. Acting Police Chief Barley requested a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 6434) be declared surplus and remove a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 8629) from surplus back to service. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the surplus request; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next recognized Parks & Recreation Director Tom Chappell to come forward with a budget transfer request. Mr. Chappell requested that \$400.00 be transferred from his Supplies line item to Vehicles to cover a shortage on the recently purchased new fleet pickup truck. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the budget transfer request; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried in unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson announced the following board openings:

- Central Business District, one expired term, four-year appointment
- Library Board, three expired terms, four-year appointment
- Airport Board, one expired term, five-year appointment
- Park & Recreation Board, one expired term, five-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, February 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, City Attorney and City Clerk – Controller. Mayor Garrison presented certificates of appreciation to Lieutenant Patrick Griffith for 20 years of service with the Police Department and Lieutenant Steve Vaughan with 25 years of service with the Fire Department. He thanked both men for their

many years of service. He also mentioned that all parties involved had finally approved the landfill expansion, which had been applied for several years ago. He also mentioned that sales tax this month was up six percent from last year. Each Council Member, as well as City Attorney Madison and City Clerk – Controller thanked Lieutenant Griffith and Lieutenant Vaughn for their many years of dedicated service to the City.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Gill motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Broom seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller