

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 18, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Hartselle Police Chief Ron Puckett 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 and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. City Attorney Larry Madison was absent. Having a quorum present, Council President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes from the work session held on Monday, December 10, 2018. Council Member Virginia Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called for the approval of the minutes from the work session held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes from the work session; Council Member Tankersley 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, December 11, 2018. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Hartselle Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss the first item on the agenda, Resolution 18-1218, which was a request to accept/reject bids for a pickup truck for Hartselle Fire & Rescue. Chief Fox explained to the Council the City had solicited sealed bids for a new pickup truck for the Fire Department, and had received one bid meeting the specifications from Eddie Preuitt Ford for \$28,800.00. Council Member Alexander motioned to accept the bid from Eddie Preuitt Ford; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Chief Fox to discuss his request to declare item surplus. Chief Fox explained that Hartselle Fire & Rescue was requesting permission to declare the following items surplus, offer some equipment to the Morgan County Volunteer Association, and place some equipment on GovDeals.com:

- 1) Hurst rescue tool
- 2) Honda power unit
- 3) combo-tool (cutter & spreader)
- 4) two (2) 25' hoses
- 5) two (2) Whelen strobe power supplies

Council Member Gill motioned to approve declaring the items surplus; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Mayor Randy Garrison to discuss the next item on the agenda, a request for a budget transfer for the Public Works Department. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council the Public Works Department had requested a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,529.64 from Sanitation Minor Equipment to Sanitation Vehicles. Mayor Garrison explained the transfer was necessary to cover the shortage in the purchase price of a new recycling vehicle and grant funding that the City had been awarded. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget transfer; 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. Mayor Garrison thanked everyone for attending the Christmas Breakfast that had preceded the meeting. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and wished outgoing Police Chief Ron Puckett best of luck in his new position as Sheriff of Morgan County. Each Council Member thanked Chief Puckett for his many years of service and wished him well.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the audience. Byron Turney, former Public Works Director thanked the Council for the retiree bonus that was approved as part of the FY2019 budget. Chief Puckett came forward and stated he hoped he had brought honor to the Police Department through the years, he also stated it had been a privilege to serve the City for over 30 years, 13 of those as the Chief. He stated he was excited about his new position as Sheriff, but was leaving with mixed emotions.

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 9:11 a.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller