

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 22, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. John Ninke, Pastor of Christ our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 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 work session held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council President Thompson next called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson recognized Council Member Alexander. Ms. Alexander introduced Ms. Jeanie Pharis, as the new E-911 Director for Morgan County to the Council and audience. Ms. Pharis made a few comments about her excitement of relocating from Enid, Oklahoma for the position and that she looked forward to working with the Council. Council President Thompson and Council Members welcomed Ms. Pharis to Hartselle.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1490, set for final consideration and a public hearing to update the zoning ordinance. He called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to come forward and present the ordinance, which would 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. Planning Commission recommended adoption of the ordinance 5-0-1. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open for comments on the ordinance. No comments were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Ordinance 1490; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item, Ordinance 1491, also set for final consideration and a public hearing, 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 of property in the proposed Main Street rezoning area. Planning Commission recommended adoption of the ordinance 5-0-1. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open for comments on the ordinance. Dallas Nicholson, 1807 Main Street, came forward to voice her concerns over the proposed ordinance. She mentioned problems with the traffic on Main Street and that she felt businesses should be located downtown and not in a residential zone. No other comments were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt 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 final consideration and a public hearing, which 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. Planning Commission recommended adoption of the ordinance 5-0-1. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open for comments. Amanda Wallace Walker, 403 Main Street, came forward to express her concerns over the ordinance. She mentioned there should have been more public notice before the vote and that she felt parking would be an issue. Steven Quattlebaum, 714 Enslin Street, a former Main Street resident came forward to express his support for the ordinance. He stated he thought the change would have a very positive effect on Main Street. No other comments were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. At this time, Council President Thompson called for a motion to table the ordinance for further review. No such motion was forthcoming. Mayor Garrison at this time voiced his support of the ordinance as a effort to further clean up Main Street. He mentioned several other cities, including Cullman, had the same zoning in place and that it had worked well for them. Council President Thompson expressed his disapproval of the ordinance at this time and said he misunderstood the intention of the rezoning. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Ordinance 1492; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote:

Council President Thomspson	No
Council Member Tankersley	Yes
Council Member Gill	Yes
Council Member Alexander	Yes
Council Member Broom	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of 4-1.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 19-0122 which would adopt the 2017 Morgan County Mitigation Plan. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that Morgan County EMA had requested the Council adopt the resolution, which thereby would adopt the mitigation plan and would allow Morgan County jurisdictions to continue to qualify for FEMA mitigation grant assistance programs for the entire county. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Resolution 19-0122; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion.

Council President Thompson next addressed a request for a revision to the lateral transfer provision that was adopted at the last meeting. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the lateral transfer addition to the compensation policy made at the January 8th meeting has the capacity to create disparity in the pay rate of police officers hired within the last 30 months. Mayor Garrison recommend pay adjustments be made to officers affected when an officer is hired using the lateral transfer provision as outlined in Personnel Policy #490 – Compensation. The adjustment would not be retroactive but only for future earnings from the date of the adjustment. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the request as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item, a request from the Police Department to declare a vehicle surplus. Acting Police Chief Barley requested a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 9557) be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the surplus request; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed a request to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with G-Squared for 2019 aerial imagery and GIS data update. City Planner Jeremy Griffith came forward to inform the Council that the Morgan County GIS consortium, of which Hartselle is a member, is contracting for the update of GIS data in 2019. Based on the number of members participating in the project, the Hartselle share of the project cost should not exceed \$21,591.00, of which \$15,000.00 is currently budgeted. The remainder of the balance will be payable in the

2021 budget year. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the request; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Thompson next addressed a request to approve the safety award winners for the quarter and approve their one-time \$50.00 award payment. Winners were:

Sherry Reagin – City Hall
Ryan Kaser – Fire Department
Brian Mitchell – Park & Recreation
Robert Finn – Police Department
Charles Woodard – Public Works

Council Member Alexanders motioned to approve the safety award winners as presented; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson recognized Council Member Gill who motioned to remove Resolution 19-0108, the formal acceptance of Guire Road as a City street, (tabled at the last regular meeting) from the table for consideration; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. City Attorney Madison informed the Council that all the right-of-way and easements for the Guire Road properties had been signed with the exception of one. After a brief discussion, Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Resolution 19-0108; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by 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 to the following employees:

Police Sergeant Alan McDearmond – 20 years
Acting Police Chief Justin Barley – 20 years
Senior Fire Fighter Jonathan Warren – 10 years

Each employee was congratulated and thanked for their dedication and service to the City. No other comments were made.

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 7:40: p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller

