

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. Jimmy Watson, Pastor, Hartselle First Assembly 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, and Virginia Alexander; Mayor Randy Garrison, City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. Council Member Matt Broom was absent from the meeting. Having a quorum present, Council President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson next called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. 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 1493, set for introduction only to update the current Central Business District Ordinance. He called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to come forward and present the ordinance, which, if adopted would update the CBD ordinance to clarify that the CBD Design Review Board may approve fencing of any material/style deemed appropriate by the board for the requested location/purpose. The Design Review Board has recommended approval for the amendment, and the Planning Commission recommended its adoption 6-0. He also noted a public hearing is scheduled for the February 26th meeting. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1493; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 19-0212 which would authorize the Mayor to implement a program for the rental of roll-off dumpster for solid waste services for residential and commercial customers and to set and adjust rates charged for such services from time to time. David VanKoughnett, Supervisor for Public Works, came forward to present the program to the Council and review the written agreements for the program. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Resolution 19-0212; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 19-0212A, which would authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of “stream credits” for the expansion of the landfill. David Vankoughnett, Public Works Supervisor, reviewed the request with the Council, relaying to them that this was the next step in the proposed landfill expansion that was started approximately three years ago. The cost to purchase the credits, \$76,500.00, is within the budget for the project. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 19-0212A; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed several Special Events Permits request by Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers for a Bee Line Highway Cruise-In, the second Saturday of each month April – October of 2019. The group requested that Railroad Street and the parking lot across from the Depot be closed for these events. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the request; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Thompson next addressed a request declare several items surplus for Public Works. Mr. Vankoughnett requested the following be declared surplus:

1. 1998 Ford Tractor (Serial #081172B)
2. 1994 Ford Tractor (Serial #BD58525)
3. 2003 Bushwhacker Tri-Fold Bush Hog (Serial T-180-2161-03)

Mr. VanKoughnett advised the equipment was not operable any longer and after being surplus would be offered on GovDeals for sale. Council Member Gill motioned to surplus the equipment as requested; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed an appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board. He noted that Mr. Robby Cantrell had reapplied to the board for a five-year term. Council Member Gill motioned to reappoint Mr. Cantrell to the board; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed he next item, the appointment to the CBD Design Review Board. He mentioned that Mr. Lee Y. Greene was the only applicant, having reapplied for the four-year appointment. Council Member Tankersley motioned to appointment Mr. Greene; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed he next item, the appointment to the Library Board. He mentioned that Mrs. Kathleen Stapleton was the only applicant, having reapplied for the four-year appointment. Council Member Alexander motioned to appointment Mrs. Stapleton; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice.

Council President Thompson next addressed a request for a budget adjustment for five (5) new welcome signs for the City. Mayor Garrison requested a budget adjustment of \$26,318.75 to the Administration Building and Grounds line item for the construction of the signs, which he reviewed with the Council. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget adjustment as requested; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Library Board, three expired terms, four-year appointment
Airport 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 22, 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 mentioned that sales tax was up 8% for last month and also mentioned the upswing in activities downtown with the grand opening of the expanded Something Blue Shoppe and the opening of two (2) new restaurants downtown. He also presented Mr. Bill Evans an award for a combined total of 60 years service to the City serving both on the Board of Zoning Adjustments and the Planning Commission. Council Members Gill Tankersley and Alexander commented on the increase in business downtown, especially in the evenings and thanked Mr. Evans for his service and dedication to the City. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for any comments from the audience. Mr. Ed Cunningham, 503 Williams Street spoke to the Council concerning unsightly properties in the City and the need for stricter enforcement of those laws governing yards not maintained.

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 7:21 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller