

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
MARCH 26, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. Phillip Hines, Pastor of Hartselle Church of Christ, gave the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Thompson, Council Members Chuck Gill, Dwight Tankersley, 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 of the work session held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Council Member Broom 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 1494, set for final consideration and a public hearing. City Planner Griffith came forward to explain the request, which if approved, would rezone 1.76 acres on Celia Drive from AG-1 to R-1 in order to allow the area to be divided off from a larger AG tract. He explained the request is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission recommended the approval of the rezoning 5-0-1. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open for comments. No comments were made. Council Member Broom 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 1494; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed a request to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents to purchase property at 214 Chestnut Street. The Mayor informed the Council that the seller of the parking lot property had accepted the City's offer and requested the Council authorize the purchase and give him the authorization to sign the necessary documents to close on the property. Council Member Gill motioned to purchase the property at 214 Chestnut Street and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary paperwork; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, which would approve a budget adjustment to the General Fund of \$50,000.00, and associated closing cost for the purchase of the property at 214 Chestnut Street. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustment; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed a request to approve a job description for a Code Enforcement Officer for the City. Mayor Garrison reviewed the description for the part-time position. Mayor Garrison informed the Council the position would fall under the Police Department, but provide enforcement for all City departments such as checks for business

license, enforcement of solid waste ordinance, providing Court Bailiff duties for Municipal Court and assisting the DOD with nuisance abatement issues. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the job description for Code Enforcement Officer as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then addressed a request to authorize the new position for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Garrison indicated the proposed position would be for roughly 20-24 hours per week, and would be a great help to several City departments. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the new position; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed a request by the Police Department for a budget transfer. He recognized Acting Chief Justin Barley to present the request, which was to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Radio and Repairs (01-201-5307) to Physical & Drug Screenings (01-201-5106) due to a shortage in that line item for the year. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the budget transfer as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed a request by the Administration Department for a budget transfer. City Clerk- Controller Lee requested a \$500.00 transfer from Other Staff Development (01-101-5206) to Physicals, Screens & Drug Testing (01-101-5106) to cover a shortage in the line item due to recent staff changes in City Hall. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the appointment of Acting Police Chief Justin Barley to Chief of Police. Mayor Garrison expressed to the Council his great satisfaction with the job performance of Acting Chief Barley since the Council had appointed him to the position in December. It was the Mayor's recommendation that his appointment be changed from "Acting" to Chief of Police. Council Member Broom motioned to appoint Justin Barley as Chief of Police; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 19-0326, commending Hartselle Police Officers and a Hartselle Utilities employee for their outstanding heroic efforts in rescuing a disabled woman from a house fire on February 22, 2019. The Mayor told the Council that he would read the resolution later in the meeting. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Resolution 19-0326; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson at this time recognized Mayor Garrison who came forward, swear in Police Chief Justin Barley, and congratulated him on his appointment. After administering the oath, Chief Barley's wife, Mandy Barley, came forward to pin the Chief's badge on her husband. He was given a standing ovation from the audience. Chief Barley thanked everyone for their support, especially his family and fellow officers.

At this time, Chief Barley called three (3) new police officers to the front and administered the oath of Police Officer to Richard Herrera, Justin Hood and Keith Sheppard. He read a short bio on each officer before they were sworn in to their position.

Chief Barley next recognized the three officers that had rescued the disabled woman from the house fire and asked them to come forward. He shared the story of the rescue with the audience and presented the Medal of Valor to Lieutenant Robert Finn, Police Officer Roger Speake and Police Officer Robert Baker. He also presented a Citizens Award to Stephen Johnson, a Hartselle Utilities employee that assisted with the rescue effort as well. He also shared a video clip of the rescue, shot from the officer's body cam, with the audience. At this time, Mayor Garrison read aloud the Resolution recognizing the Officers and Mr. Johnson for their heroic deeds. The men were also given a standing ovation from the audience.

Next, Chief Barley announced that after interviews were conducted, Lieutenant Robert Finn had been selected to become the next Captain of the Police Department. After reading a short bio, he administered the oath of officer, of Captain of the Police Department to Officer Finn. Captain Finn's wife Sherri came forward and pinned the Captain badge on her husband. He was also given a standing ovation from the audience.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, City Attorney and City Clerk – Controller. Mayor Garrison congratulated the new Police Officers, Captain Finn and Chief Barley on their promotions in the Police Department. He also thanked the Police Officers and Mr. Johnson for their acts of bravery in rescuing the disabled woman from the fire. Each member of the Council, as well as City Attorney Madison and City Clerk – Controller Lee congratulated and thanked each one as well. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for any comments from the audience. Tom Chappell, Parks & Recreation Director came forward to give an update on the the Farmer's Market, he announced the opening date would be April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the tentative hours were Monday –Saturday 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. He also said other dates for special events were being planned. No other comments were made.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Broom motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller