

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JUNE 11, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. Andrew Nuss, Associate Pastor of Son Rise Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Chuck Gill, Virginia Alexander, Dwight Tankersley, 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 recognized Senator Author Orr, who came forward to make a presentation of an Alabama Senate Resolution recognizing Police Captain Robert Finn, Officers Robert Baker and Roger Speake and Hartselle Utilities employee Stephen Johnson for their heroic efforts to rescue a citizen from a house fire in February of 2019. Senator Orr read a portion of the resolution and called the men forward to present each a copy. Those in attendance gave the Officers and Mr. Johnson a standing ovation.

Council President Thompson next recognized Ms. Rajane Hampton, as a representative of State Representative Scott Stadthagen to present an Alabama House Resolution to the Police Officers and Mr. Johnson as well. They were again thanked for their bravery and service to the citizens of Hartselle.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Council Member Tankersley 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, Resolution 19-0611, and called on Hartselle Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley explained this resolution would authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Board of Education for a School Protection Officer Program (SPO) for the next school year. Chief Barley explained that the agreement would allow retired officers in the school to act as protection officer, while keeping in place the current SRO officers in the school system. Under the new program, the BOE has stated they wanted to begin with two officers, one for the Intermediate School and one to split their time between the Elementary Schools. The salaries of the two new officers would be paid by the BOE with the City paying for all equipment, uniforms, vehicles and training expense. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 19-0611; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed next item on the agenda and called on Andrea Owensby, Executive Director of the Harstelle Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss her request for Special Events Permits for the following events:

- 1) Serve Day, July 13
- 2) Cotton Pickin' BBQ Cook-Off, July 26-27
- 3) Depot Days Festival, September 14-22
- 4) Christmas Open House, November 3

After a brief review by Ms. Owensby, Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Special Events Permits as requested; Council Member Alexander seconded the motioned. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed next item on the agenda, which was to consider the acceptance of September 30, 2018 fiscal year financial audit. Mayor Garrison told the Council that he and Ms. Lee had met with Darrel Wates, a partner with Tucker, Scott and Wates, the firm who conducted the audit, and was proud to announce the City's audit had no discrepancies and no recommendations for change. Mayor Garrison thanked Ms. Lee and all the City employees that work hard to keep the City finances in order. Council Member Gill motioned to accept the audit as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motioned. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 19-0611A Appointment of Financial Underwriter. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that due to the fact the City's long time financial underwriter/advisor, Mr. Johnny Dill, had recently joined The Frazer Lanier Company, it was necessary for the City to adopt a resolution to appoint the firm as the Financial Underwriter for the City. He explained it was necessary to have this in place, should the opportunity arise for any refunding of current bonds issued by the City. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Resolution 19-0611A; Council Member Gill seconded the motioned. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, City Attorney and City Clerk – Controller. Mayor Garrison presented a certificate and flowers to City Clerk – Controller Rita Lee in recognition of Municipal Clerk's Week and thanked her for her service to the City. He also mentioned that several streets had been paved recently with hopefully more to follow. Council Member Gill, Tankersley, Broom and Alexander, along with City Attorney Madison and Council President Thompson congratulated Ms. Lee for Municipal Clerk's week and for the "clean" financial audit. Ms. Lee thanked the Mayor, Council, the Administration Staff and all the City employees for their dedication as a team to work together to ensure that the City is run in the most efficient manner possible.

Council President Thompson asked for any comments from the audience. School Board Member Daxton Maze thanked the Council for their commitment to the new SPO program. Police Chief Barley invited everyone to a special event to meet and greet the first responders of Hartselle, the Police, Fire and Ambulance Service on June 15, 2019, 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. at the Sherrill Street Training Center. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Gill seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller