

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
July 23, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. Ken Blackwood, Director of Mission, Morgan Baptist Association, 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 called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson announced he would move down the agenda to item number eleven, Ordinance 1503, and called on Mr. Heyward Hosch, Bond Attorney with Maynard, Cooper & Gale, Birmingham, to come forward and discuss the Ordinance with the Council. Mr. Hosch explained the ordinance was for authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation Warrants 2019 Series (advance refunding of the 2010C) and reviewed the details of the refunding with the Council. Council Member Gill motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1503; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

Council President Thompson: Yes  
Council Member Tankersley: Yes  
Council Member Gill: Yes  
Council Member Alexander: Yes  
Council Member Broom: Yes

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Council Member Alexander then motioned to adopt Ordinance 1503: Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed item number twelve on the agenda, Resolution 19-0723, and called on Mr. Hosch again to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Hosch explained the resolution would authorize policies for compliance of tax-exempt bonds with the IRS Code and policy for continuing disclosure under SEC rule 15c2-12. Mr. Hosch again discussed the details of the policies with the Council. Council Member Broom motioned to approve Resolution 19-0723; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson at this time returned to unfinished business on the agenda, Ordinance 1498, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance was for a public hearing and final consideration, and would rezone a parcel on Cedar Cove Road from R-1 to R-2. Mr. Griffith explained it would rezone an approximately 2-acre parcel (Cedar Cove Road) from R-1 to R-2 in order to divide the property into three lots. He further explained that per frontage requirements, R-1 would permit only two lots. He stated the rezoning is not specifically called for in the current comprehensive plan, but the property adjoins R-2, and the detached single-family residential use is not changing. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing. No comments were made. Council Member

Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1498; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1499, and called on Mr. Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this as a rezoning on Parker Road from M-1 to M-2 and if adopted, this ordinance would rezone a proposed lot of less than one acre (Parker Road) from AG-1 to R-1. This rezoning is required, as the lot will fall below the 5-acre AG minimum. This rezoning is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing. No comments were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Ordinance 1499; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1500, and called on Mr. Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this rezoning on Parker Road from AG-1 to R-1. Mr. Griffith explained it would rezone an area of less than one acre (Parker Road) from AG-1 to R-1. This rezoning is required as the area is being consolidated with an R-1 lot that falls below the 5-acres AG minimum. This rezoning is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing. No comments were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1500; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1501, and called on Mr. Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance was for introduction only and if adopted, it will rezone a portion of Highway 31 South (Thompson Road vicinity) from M-1 to B-2. This rezoning has been initiated by the city staff since this area is best suited for non-industrial use, and a number of established businesses are no longer operating in conformance with M-1 standards that were revised a few years ago. No proposed change is shown in the current comprehensive plan, but the B-2 uses are in keeping with the uses that have historically been present in this area, and were previously permitted to operate with the M-1 designation. The Planning Commission will review this at its August meeting to make a recommendation prior to August 13th Council consideration. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1501; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1502, and called on Mr. Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance was for introduction only and if adopted, it will rezone 30 acres at the end of Mallone Road from M-1 to B-2. This owner is requesting this change in order to locate a family-owned towing service on the property. Such businesses are not allowed in the M-1 zone, but are permitted with screening provisions in the B-2. No proposed change is shown in the current comprehensive plan, but the trucking uses are existing in the area and recent changes to the FEMA flood hazard areas have made the property less likely to develop for industrial use. The Planning Commission will review this request at its August meeting to make a recommendation prior to August 13th Council consideration. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1502; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1504, and called on City Attorney Larry Madison to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Madison stated it was his suggestion that the Council adopt a more formal public records request policy and explained he had prepared an ordinance amending the City Code Article V, Chapter 2 Public Records and Information to adopt a public request policy and other related documents. Council Member Alexander motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1504;

Council Member seconded the motion. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

Council President Thompson: Yes  
Council Member Tankersley: Yes  
Council Member Gill: Yes  
Council Member Alexander: Yes  
Council Member Broom: No

The results was 4 -1 in favor of amending the City Code Article V, Chapter 2 Public Records. Council Member Tankersley motioned to adopt Ordinance 1504; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 19-0723A, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the resolution would approve changes to the City's Personnel Policy being an updated and revised Computer Policy. Mayor Garrison explained that IT Administrator Shawn Woods and City Attorney Madison had worked together several months on the changes. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 19-0723A; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to present the third quarter Department Safety Award Winners to the Council. Mr. Griffith announced a drawing was held from eligible employees in each department and the winners are as follows.

Sherry Reagin - City Hall  
David Knox - Fire Dept.  
Greg Reeves – Park/Rec  
Lynn Dean – Police Dept.  
Greg Ray – Public Works

Council Member Gill motioned to approve the safety winners and payment for the quarter; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to present a budget transfer request to the Council. Chief Barley requested a budget transfer of \$10,000.00 from Workers Comp (01-201-5104) to Supplies and Equipment (01-201-5508). This transfer of money is needed to cover the expense of equipping two (2) new School Protection Officers. Items purchased includes handguns, tasers, body cameras, portable radios, rifles, badges, ballistic vests, uniforms and duty gear. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer request; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, and called on Mayor Randy Garrison to present a budget transfer request for Public Works to the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the budget transfer of \$13,000.00 from Sanitation Minor Equipment (01-303-5503) to Shop Vehicles (01-301-5700) in order to purchase a 2014 Dodge Ram Pick-up Truck from the Alabama State Surplus yard in Eva. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the budget transfer; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, considering appointments to the Hartselle Utilities Board. Mr. Thompson announced that the two individuals that were presently serving on the board were the only two applications received. He recommended the Council reappoint Mr. Jimmy Moore and Mr. Mike Gunter, for another six- year term on the board. Council Member Alexander motioned to reappoint Mr. Moore and Mr. Gunter; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, City Attorney or City Clerk – Controller. Mayor Garrison announced the FY2020 General Fund

budget would be ready to be presented at a Work Session next month. He also recognized Charles “Boonie” Russell for 25 years of service with Park & Recreation and wished him well on his retirement. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Police Chief Barley came forward to inform the Council that new police officers that had been attending the Police Academy had graduated and would be joining the force soon. He also mentioned the School Protection Officers (SPO)’s had been hired and were ready to begin the first day of school. He also made mention that Sgt. Amy Crouch was selected as “Officer of the Quarter” for the second quarter of 2019. Chief Barley thanked Sgt. Crouch for her help with implementing a new policy and procedure manual along with her regular duties. He also mentioned she was very instrumental in the development and implementation of the new SPO program. City Attorney Madison also thanked Chief Barley and Sgt. Crouch for their work in preparing the agreement between the City and Board of Education to begin the SPO program.

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

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller