

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Larry Madison, City Attorney, 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, 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. Council Member Dwight Tankersely was absent from 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, August 27, 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, authorizing Mayor Randy Garrison to renew a Memorandum of Understanding with Hartselle Board of Education for School Resource Officers (SRO's) for the school system. Police Chief Justin Barley came forward to present to the Council. He mentioned the agreement was just a renewal of the existing agreement between the organizations to provide two SRO's to the system. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the agreement with the Board of Education for the SRO's; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with GB Planning and Design for a downtown connector park, and called on Mayor Randy Garrison to discuss it with the Council. The Mayor mentioned the professional services agreement would allow the firm to prepare the preliminary design for the Park from Main Street to the Farmer's Market. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the agreement with GB Planning and Design; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution #19-0910, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained the resolution was the first step in the City acquiring an air curtain incinerator, to be located at 1321 Industrial Drive for the purpose of burning vegetative wastes such a limbs, brush and leaves. He noted the resolution was for introduction only with a Public Hearing scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the introduction of Resolution # 19-0910; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution # 19-0910A, recognizing Lieutenant Linda Fox for her bravery in rescuing a citizen from their flooding vehicle on July 18<sup>th</sup>. He announced that Mayor Garrison would read the Resolution aloud later in the meeting. Council Member Broom motioned to approve Resolution #19-0910A; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a budget adjustment request from the Parks & Recreation Dept. Director Tom Chappell came forward to discuss his request with the Council to adjust his Minor Equipment line item for the amount of \$7,677.55, the total of surplus items sold on GovDeals earlier in the year. He stated he wished to purchase an attachment to aerate the ballfields. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget

adjustment; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a budget adjustment request, and called on DOD Director Jeff Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the request would cover paving, patching, sealing, and striping for eight downtown parking lots recently completed by Quality Paving. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustment request as presented; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, approval of the FY2020 General Fund Budget, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison reviewed the budget with the Council and asked that they approve the budget as presented. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the FY2020 General Fund Budget; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, the approval of the FY2020 Other Funds Budget, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison reviewed the funds for the other minor funds for the City and asked for the Council's approval as presented. Council Member Gill motioned to approve FY2020 Other Funds Budget; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson called on Mayor Garrison and Police Chief Justin Barley for several recognitions within the Police Department. Investigator Chip Reynolds was recognized for 20 years of service with the City. Officer Reynolds received a certificate and thanks from the Mayor and Council. Mayor Garrison and Chief Barley swore in Police Officer Randy Denney and welcomed him to the force. Lieutenant Alan McDearmond was recognized and pinned for his recent promotion. Chief Barley at this time shared with the audience the brave rescue of a citizen by Lt. Fox, as caught on her car video. Representative Scott Stadthagen presented Lieutenant Linda Fox with resolutions from both himself and Senator Arthur Orr in recognition of her brave actions. Mayor Garrison read aloud the resolution passed by the Council to commend Lieutenant Fox and Chief Barley presented her with the Medal of Valor and Purple Heart. Lieutenant Fox was given a standing ovation from the audience for her actions.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison thanked Lt. Fox again for her act of bravery and congratulated the individuals within the police department for their accomplishments. He thanked the Council for approving the budget and thanked City Clerk – Controller Lee and other department heads for their help with the budget. Each of the Council Members congratulated the members of the Police Department for their accomplishments and acts of bravery and thanked the Mayor and Ms. Lee for the successful preparation of the budget for the next fiscal year.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. None were made.

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 7:44 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller

