

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Police Chief Justin Barley gave the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Dwight Tankersely, Chuck Gill, Virginia Alexander, and Matt Broom, Mayor Randy Garrison, and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. City Attorney Larry Madison 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, September 10, 2019. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 19-0910, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. The resolution would approve the installation and operation of an air curtain incinerator to be located at 1321 Industrial Drive, within the City limits. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments on the subject. 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 Gill motioned to approve Resolution 19-0910; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1504, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to come forward and present it to the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance was for introduction only and if approved would annex a single-family residence and a lot at 1620 Vest Road into the city limits. He explained the property is contiguous to the current city limits on two sides, and is within a priority two-(2) annexation area in the current comprehensive plan. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1504; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1505, and called on Mr. Griffith to present it to the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance was for introduction only and if approved would zone the annexed property at 1620 Vest Road as R-1 (Single Family Residential). Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1505; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1507, and called on Mr. Griffith again to present it to the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance was for introduction only and if approved would annex approximately 43 acres on Bethel Road into the city limits. He explained the property is contiguous to the current city limits on three sides, and is within a priority two (2) annexation area in the current comprehensive plan. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1507; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1508, and called on Mr. Griffith to present it to the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance was also for introduction only and if approved will zone the annexed property on Bethel Road as R-1 (Single Family Residential). Council Member Broom motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1508; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 19-0924, and called on Jeff Johnson, DOD Director, to come forward and discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the considering preliminary engineering agreement with ALDOT for Hwy/Vaughn Bridge Road Improvements. He informed the Council that the total project is estimated at \$100,000.00 with federal and state funding at \$80,000.00 and the City's match at \$20,000.00. Council Member Gill asked Mr. Johnson when the project would start. Mr. Johnson replied that the engineering should begin in the next twelve months with the construction beginning in 2021. Council Member Tankersley inquired as to what was the scope of the project. Mr. Johnson replied that the project included new LED traffic signals for the intersection, offsetting turn lanes from Hwy. 31, and a turn lane from Vaughn Bridge Road onto Hwy. 31 South. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 19-0924; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 19-0924A, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained establishing this policy for funds from the sale of surplus assets would be returned to department budgets without the Council approving each adjustment. He noted any funds over \$10,000.00 would still have to be brought before the Council. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 19-0924A; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a request to consider declaring item surplus for Administration, and called on City Clerk – Controller Rita Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee explained the items were from the IT Department and included some phones that were recently replaced when the City changed cell phone carriers. She explained that any items of value would be placed on GovDeals for sale. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the surplus items; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider request to declare items surplus for the Police Department, and called on Chief Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley reviewed the following items with the Council that are no longer of any value to the Police Department:

- 1) 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 1GNEK13Z93J230013
- 2) (22) Sierra Wireless modems, model number GX440
- 3) (4) Sierra Wireless modems, model number GX450
- 4) (17) Veho MUVI pro Micro DV Camcorders
- 5) (16) Cell Phones w/one charger

Council Member Gill motioned to approve items surplus; Council Member Alexander second the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider year-end budget transfers for all funds and departments, and called on Ms. Lee to discuss with the Council. Ms. Lee reviewed the items with the Council and asked for any questions. None were made. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the year-end budget transfers request; Council Member Broom second the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice

Council President Thompson announced City of Hartselle is accepting applications for positions on the following board:

- 1) Central Business District, one expired term, four year appointment

Applications are available at 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, October 11, 2019 at 4:00p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison thanked everyone in the City for their help with Depot Days and said in his discussions with the Chamber Directors and merchants downtown, all thought it was a very successful festival. He also asked everyone to keep Public Works Administrative Assistant

Lissa Pressley and Amanda Freeman, wife of Police Office Brad Freeman, in their prayers as both ladies battle cancer. Council Member Gill thanked the Police Department for their hard work during the recent robbery and manhunt in town and congratulated them for making an arrest in the case. All other Council Members thanked the Police Department as well and offered their comments on the success of Depot Days and their well wishes to the families suffering illnesses.

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

At this time, Council President Thompson called on City Clerk – Controller Lee to read a statement from the City Attorney Larry Madison. Ms. Lee read the following statement: “I have been consulted and it is my opinion that it is appropriate for the City Council and Mayor to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the possible sale of municipal owned property. No other items shall be discussed.” Mayor Garrison suggested the Council close the meeting and not reconvene. Council Member Gill motioned for the Council to go into an Executive Session to discuss the possible sale of municipal owned property and to dismiss the regular meeting as well; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller