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

City Attorney Larry Madison 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 Tankersley, Virginia Alexander, Chuck Gill 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 from the work session held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes: Council Member Broom 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, November 12, 2019. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1510, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to present it to the Council. Mr. Griffith explained that if adopted, this ordinance would annex a 15-acre tract on Parker Road into the city limits. The parcel adjoins the current city limits on three (3) sides and is within a Priority Two (2) annexation area in the current comprehensive plan. He advised the Council that the Planning Commission recommended annexation 5-0-1. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comment. No comments were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1510; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1511. Mr. Griffith explained that this ordinance was for final consideration and if adopted, would zone the property annexed by Ordinance 1510 as AG-1. He also told the Council the current comprehensive plan shows this property being zoned to single-family residential, but AG is an appropriate transition zone until such time that the owner desires to develop the property. He also said the Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comment. No comments were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1511; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1513 with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, would establish a limit on the amount of time that campers, boats, RVs and similar such items may be parked within any public right-of-way. Mr. Griffith stated as drafted, that limit would be no more than one day within any 7-day period, and that since this is not a zoning matter, no public hearing is required. Council Member Alexander motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration; Council Member Broom 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 to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Council Member Tankersley motioned to adopt Ordinance 1513; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Curtis Self, Public Works Director, to discuss the request from Public Works to authorize Mayor Garrison to sign the FY2020 Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program application. Mr. Self explained to the Council that the new grant program would allow for the City to apply for a maximum of $250,000.00 to mill, pave and stripe Railroad Street. He noted the grant had no match, but the estimated cost of the project was $253,436.00. He also noted that Dr. Dee Dee Jones, Superintendent of Education and Ms. Leigh Chappell, Housing Authority Director, had written letters in support of the grant application. Council Member Alexander motioned to authorize Mayor Garrison to sign the grant application; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson announced the next item under new business, a request for an alcohol license from Yashu, LLC dba Lion’s Pride. Mayor Garrison explained that Yashu, LLC dba Lion’s Pride had applied for a license for the store located at 1804 East Main Street. The application requested the convenience store be granted a license to sell retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only). Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application and made the recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. No comments were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the alcohol license for Yashu, LLC dba Lion’s Pride as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Tom Chappell, Parks and Works Director, to discuss Resolution 19-1126A with the Council. Mr. Chappell explained to the Council the City had recently requested bids for a Tow Type Top Dresser for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Chappell said the City had only received one bid from Ladd’s for $17,809.00, but it did meet all specifications and was within budget. Council Member Broom motioned to accept the bid and approve Resolution 19-1126A; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss his request for a budget adjustment for the Police Department. Chief Barley explained to the Council he was requesting a budget adjustment of $17,000.00, with $14,500.00 to be added to line item Minor Equipment 01-201-5503 and $2,500.00 added to Uniforms line item 01-201-5107. Chief Barley also told the Council the funds would be used to cover the expenses of equipping two new School Protection Officers, which the Board of Education had just approved and were not in the budget approved by the Council for FY2020. The equipment needed included handguns, tasers, body cameras, car radios, portable radios, rifles, badges, ballistic vests, uniforms and duty gear. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustments requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Council President Thompson then asked Chief Barley to discuss his request to declare property surplus. Chief Barley told the Council he was requesting to declare a Treadlok Legacy Gun Safe as surplus and sell it on GovDeals. Council Member Tankersley motioned to declare the gun safe surplus; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for any comments from the Mayor, Council Members or Attorney. Mayor Garrison discussed a possible partnership with Hartselle Utilities to purchase car chargers to be placed in downtown Hartselle. He mentioned how good the downtown Christmas lights looked and thanked everyone for their help in getting the lights hung. He also announced the Hartselle Christmas Parade set for Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 P.M. and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Each Council Member wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as well. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson then asked for any comments from the audience. Mr. Stan Curnel, 1996 Springdale Drive, came forward to ask the Council’s help in having turn lanes construction on Highway 31 at Hayes Street due to the amount of traffic and residential growth. The Council and Mayor advised Mr. Curnel they would look into the matter. Curtis Self, Public Works Director came forward to made the Council aware of a new requirement with ADEM concerning industrial waste at C & D Landfills. He said the new requirement would take effect in 30-60 days. No other comments were made.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley motioned to adjourn; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimously by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson,
Council President

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller