

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

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

Rev. Caleb Kellar, Associate Pastor, Son Rise Baptist Church gave the invocation. Boy Scout Grif Knox 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 26, 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 26, 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 1512, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to present it to the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance was for introduction only, with a public hearing and final consideration scheduled for January 14, 2020. If adopted, it would establish a minimum off-street parking area requirement for new single-family residential dwellings. As drafted, the requirement would be one space per bedroom with a minimum of two spaces. Garage and driveway are of at least 9'x18' would count as a "space". This provision would be checked at the plot plan stage, prior to issuance of a building permit, and confirmed prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy. his ordinance requires only the provision of space; it does not prohibit on-street parking in these zones. The Planning Commission requested that the ordinance previously discussed in the Council work session be expanded to apply to all zones (not only R4 and R5 as previously discussed). With that change, the commission recommends approval 5-0-1. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1512; 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 1514. Mr. Griffith explained that this ordinance is for introduction only, with a public hearing and consideration scheduled for January 14, 2020. If adopted, the ordinance would update the full B-3 (Central Business District) section of the zoning ordinance to include permitted uses and sign regulations. The Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1514; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1515 with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance, set for introduction only, and if adopted, will update the full general sign ordinance that is applicable to all areas outside of the Central Business District. Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0, with some minor tweaks to be made before the final vote. (Mr. Griffith presented the changes to the ordinance to the Council Members.) Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1515; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice votes.

Council President Thompson next called on Mr. Griffith to discuss the Ordinance 1516 with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, would clarify that temporary construction and/or sales trailers are allowed in certain circumstances without requirement of a variance. Sales trailers for new subdivision developments would be limited to six months after final plat approval. Additionally, the ordinance would extend existing “shipping container” regulation to commercial zones. Shipping containers and enclosed trailers would still be permitted for commercial structures in these zones, but would not be allowed to remain in the front of the building. Placement in front of the building could still be approved by the BZA for temporary sales events. Planning Commission recommended the approval by a vote of 5-0-1. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1516; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson announced the next item on the agenda, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained this letter of intent from Wells Fargo Bank to sell the old Wells Fargo Bank building, located at 611 Chestnut Street N.W. to the City for the sales price of \$675,000.00. After a brief discussion, Council Member Alexander motioned to accept the letter of intent with Wells Fargo and authorize the Mayor to sign; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Police Chief Justin Barley to come forward and discuss changes he is seeking to the Sergeant job description for the department. Chief Barley came forward to inform the Council that he wished to combine the Patrol and CID Sergeant into one job description and update the minimum requirements and a few of the job duties. He noted the pay grade level would not change, as it would remain in a grade 20 of the pay plan. Council Member Gill motioned to approve new job description for Sergeant as recommended; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Tom Chappell, Parks and Rec Director, to discuss surplus items with the Council. Mr. Chappell explained he would like to sell two items on Gov Deals a Metermatic III topdresser, which had recently been replaced with a new one, and one (1) 5’x14’ utility trailer that is no longer road worthy and too costly to repair. Council Member Gill motioned to approve declaring the items surplus; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison thanked everyone that helped with the Christmas Tree Lights in E.A.R.T.H. Park and especially to HBA Director Carolyn Wallace for taking on the project. He reminded everyone the Christmas Parade was Thursday night, December 12th. He also asked that everyone keep our Police Officers and Firefighters in their prayers. Council Member Tankersley thanked the Police Department for their professionalism in handling a situation recently at his office. Council Member Alexander thanked the Boy Scout that led the Pledge of Allegiance, as did City Attorney Madison. Council President Thompson thanked everyone for their attendance.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Police Chief Barley reminded the Council that his appointment to Chief happened one year ago and he wished to thank them for their confidence in appointing him to the position. Chief Barley was given a round of applause from Council Members and audience for his outstanding service over the past year.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Gill motioned to adjourn; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller