

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 17, 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, and Chuck Gill, Mayor Randy Garrison, City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. Council Member Matt Broom 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, December 10, 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, Ordinance 1517, 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, the ordinance would annex 43 acres on Lando-Cain Road into the city limits. This property is within a priority two-annexation area in the current comprehensive plan. He noted the Planning Commission will make a formal recommendation at its January 7, 2020 meeting. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1517; Council Member Tankersley 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 1518. Mr. Griffith explained that this ordinance was also for introduction only, with a public hearing and final consideration scheduled for January 14, 2020. If adopted, the ordinance would zone the 43 acres annexed on Lando-Cain Road as R-4 (townhouse) and R-5 (patio home). Townhouses would be on the north half of the annexed area and patio homes on the south half. The current comprehensive plan (2012) recommended this area be a future mixture of commercial, multi-family, and R-1 single family uses. He advised the Council that the Planning Commission will make a formal recommendation at its January 7, 2020 meeting. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1518; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Melee Laney, HR Administrator, to discuss Resolution 19-1217 with the Council. Mrs. Laney explained this resolution would approve coverage for Firefighter Cancer and Disability Insurance Program as mandated by the Alabama Legislature under Act 2019-361. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 19-1217; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice votes.

Council President Thompson then asked Mrs. Laney to discuss the next item on the agenda, to consider a one-time amendment to vacation accrual policy with the Council. Mrs. Laney explained this year has been very trying as to maintaining staffing at the City. There have been personnel shortages in nearly every department; this has made it extremely difficult for some employees to take their vacation leave. Mrs. Laney asked the Council for an exception for this year only to the Vacation Policy 303 (specifically annual accruals) waiving the maximum accrual of 400 hours and the grandfathered amounts for the end of the vacation calendar year only so employees who have not used their vacation would not be penalized. Council Member

Alexander motioned to approve the one time change to the vacation policy; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson announced the next item on the agenda, consider authorizing Mayor to sign a renewal contract with RiverTree Systems, and called on City Clerk – Controller Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee recommended the Council renew the contract for the auditing firm that handles business license and sales tax audits for the City. Council Member Tankersley motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mayor Garrison to discuss a budget adjustment for Administration in order for the City to partner with Hartselle Utilities to purchase two car charging station for downtown. The total cost would be \$9,100.00 split between the two entities. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the budget adjustment and the purchase of the stations; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison and all Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

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 unanimously by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller