

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
MAY 12, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Mayor Randy Garrison 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, April 28, 2020. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1523, the rezoning of Lane Road and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the ordinance was for introduction only and was scheduled for a public hearing and final consideration on May 26th. If adopted, it will rezone the vacant portion of the property on Lane Road from R-1 to a mixture of R-5 (patio home) and B-1 (local shopping). The B-1 portion of this rezoning will be consolidated with the vacant lot at the corner of Hwy. 31 and Lane Road for inclusion in the future Lifeworks Physical Therapy office project. The R-5 portion is planned to be divided into two patio home lots. The current comprehensive plan does not reflect this as a proposed change. There is B-1 existing to the east and R-3 apartments across the street to the north. Staff has no opposition to approval. Planning Commission recommendation will be on record prior to the public hearing and final consideration. Council Member Tankersley motioned to introduce Ordinance 1523; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a budget transfer from the State Capital Improvement Fund. Mayor Garrison informed the Council one of the HVAC units at the Police Department was beyond repair and needed to be replaced. He was asking for a transfer within the same line item, Building and Grounds Maintenance, within the State Capital Improvement Fund, transferring funds from the Landfill Expansion Project to replace the HVAC system at a cost of \$5,450.00. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer with the State Capital Improvement Fund; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, an appointment to the E-911 Board. Three applications were received for the appointment, Virginia Alexander, Dwight Neal Smith and Samantha Miley-Collins. Council Member Tankersley motioned to re-appoint Virginia Alexander to a four-year term expiring April 1, 2024; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander abstained from the vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, an appointment to the Central Business District Design Review Board. Applications were received from Daxton Maze and Samantha Miley-Collins. Council Member Alexander motioned to re-appoint Daxton Maze to a four-year term expiring May 1, 2024; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, appointment to the Cemetery Board. Applications were received from Lavonne Vernon Collier, Samantha Miley-Collins, and Chris Warnick. Council Member Gill motioned to appoint Laverne Verne Collier, Samantha Miley-Collins and re-appoint Chris Warnick to five-year terms expiring on May 1, 2025; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, declare item surplus for Administration, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the refrigerator in the City Hall break room had suddenly stopped working, and that he had contacted Lowe's about a discount and was pleased to announce the Manager of the local store was donating one to the City. The Mayor asked the Council to declare the old one surplus where the employees from Lowe's could haul it away when they delivered the new one. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve declaring the item surplus for Administration; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Mayor Garrison to address the final item on the agenda to accept an offer to purchase property. Mayor Garrison had contacted the owner of the property adjacent to the Farmer's Market, on Hickory Street, that the City was interested in buying and made an offer. The owner had counter offered the amount of \$60,000.00, the Mayor was requesting the Council accept the offer and allow him and City Attorney Madison to begin the legal documents for the sale. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the purchase of the property on Hickory Street for \$60,000.00; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison gave an update on the delayed opening of the Aquatic Center, Library and Civic Center and the cancellation of spring sports due to COVID-19. He also presented City Clerk – Controller with a proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerk's Week. He presented her with a flowering basket, the proclamation and card from himself and the Council Members. Each Council Member thanked Ms. Lee for her dedication to the City and thanked her for a job well done, as did City Attorney Madison. Ms. Lee thanked the Mayor, Council, City Attorney and her members of her department that were present for their support. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Missy Evans, Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce Director, gave a brief update of chamber activities. No other comments were made.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Gill motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous by voice vote and meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller