

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JUNE 23, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 23, 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 and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Dwight Tankersley, Chuck Gill, Virginia Alexander, 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 of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1524, rezoning-Old Hwy 31, and called on Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance was for introduction only, and would be for public hearing and final consideration at the July 14th meeting. If adopted, it would rezone two lot areas on Old Hwy. 31 SW from AG-1 to R-1 so that they can be divided off from a larger AG acreage parcel. This request is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning 7-0. Council Member Tankersley motioned to introduce Ordinance 1524; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution #20-0623, FY2021 TAP Grant Application, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the resolution would authorize him to file a grant application to receive funding to rehabilitate and construct new handicapped accessible sidewalks along Sparkman Street, Chestnut Street, and Sycamore Street in downtown Hartselle. He informed the Council the bid ceiling was \$640,000.00 with a 20% cash match. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution #20-0623; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, budget adjustment for Public Works, and called on Curtis Self, Public Works Director, to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained his request that having sold (3) three 2013 Mack Garbage trucks and (1) one 2006 Wilkens walking floor trailer on GovDeals for a total of \$125,600.00, he would like to use the surplus funds in the following line items:

- \$68,000 to 01-301-5300 Buildings and Grounds to be used to pave the parking lot, road and public unloading area at the public works facility
- \$12,000 to 01-301-5315 Street Repair to be used for much needed street striping around the City
- \$15,000 to 01-301-5700 Vehicles to purchase a used ½ ton pickup truck which would replace a worn outdated truck
- \$10,000 to 01-301-5304 Drainage to help with needed repairs and replacements to our dated drainage infrastructure
- \$10,000 to 01-301-5315 Street Repairs to go towards a continual list of road repairs that need to be performed

- \$10,600 to 01-301-5317 Vehicle Maintenance to help cover major repairs to equipment.

Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustment for Public Works as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a request to declare items surplus for Public Works and called on Mr. Self again to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained his request to surplus several old bearings, gears, cables, brake shoes and pads that no longer fit equipment and sell the items on GovDeals. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the request by Public Works to surplus the items; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addresses the next item on the agenda, Special Event Permit application for Hartselle Area Chamber, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the Special Event Permit application was for a Serve Day Rally and asked Chamber President Missy Evans to speak on the Chamber's plan for the event. After a brief discussion, mainly concerning issues with crowd control due to the COVID-19 situation, Council Member Gill motioned to give conditional approval to the Special Event Permit, with the final approval coming from the Mayor and City Attorney Madison after a review of the Chamber's final plans for the event; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the final item on the agenda, a change in voting delegates for the ALM Convention. The Council discussed that due to concerns with the COVID-19 virus, the League Convention has been reduced to a one day event. Due to the changes and health concerns, none of the Council Members were planning to attend, but Mayor Garrison was planning to go. Council Member Alexander motioned to appoint Mayor Randy Garrison as the Voting Delegate; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Utilities Board, one unexpired term, two-year appointment

Airport Board, one expired term, five-year appointment

Applications are available at the 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, June 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison gave more details on the TAP Grant that was approved earlier in the meeting. He also reviewed a meeting held with Senator Arthur Orr concerning issues with ALDOT on new business construction on Highway 31 in the City. He also discussed the recycling situation and assured the Council that he and Public Workers Director Self were still working on the situation. He also gave the Council details on the new EV Charger that had been installed downtown in partnership with Hartselle Utilities. He gave an update on the new City Hall building renovations and informed the Council of the closing date on the purchase of the Henry property downtown. Council Member Gill thanked Chamber President Missy Evans for the great job on putting together the recent Chamber Annual Meeting. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Chamber President Missy Evans gave an update on Chamber activities, including Depot Days. No other comments were made.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller