

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
AUGUST 11, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Curtis Self, Director of Public Works, 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, 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 work session minutes held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the work session minutes as presented; Council Member Gill 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, July 28, 2020. Council Member Broom 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, Resolution 20-0811, vacating unimproved ROW for East Byrd Road, and called on Jeff Johnson, Director of Development, to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the resolution vacates a portion of unimproved ROW for East Byrd Road located between Lando-Cain and I-65. This segment of the road has long been considered a private farm access, but it shown as a public ROW on county tax records. It crosses the new Cain Park Development, and must be vacated to accommodate that project. The Planning Commission has approved layout and engineering plans that overlay this segment of unimproved ROW. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 20-0811; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 20-0811A, approving contract for voting machine setup and maintenance, and called on City Clerk – Controller Rita Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee explained the contract was with Mr. Eddie Hicks for delivery, setup, poll worker training and testing of said machines at the cost of \$300 per machine, with respect to the Municipal Election to be held in the City of Hartselle, Alabama on August 25, 2020, and in the case of a run-off election to be held October 6, 2020. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 20-0811A and approving the Mayor signing the contract; 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 consider a budget transfer request for Police Department, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison addressed the Council at this time to inform them they were to hear several request from Department Heads for budget transfers to purchase new pickup trucks. He explained that during budget hearings he was made aware that several 2020 trucks were available for purchase at a much lower cost than the projected price of new 2021 models. He had instructed several departments to go ahead and request budget transfers to purchase needed vehicles out of the FY2020 budget to take advantage of the cost savings. Chief Barley explained he is requesting a transfer of \$1,247.08 from Radio Repairs (01-201-5307) to Computer Expense (01-101-5600). The funds are needed to cover the replacement of two (2) shared computers used in the Patrol workroom at the PD. Chief Barley also requesting a transfer

of \$32,961.00 from Capital Projects (01-103-5711) to Vehicles (01-201-5700) for the purchase of a Ford F-150 Crew Cab Truck. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the budget transfer for the Police Dept.; 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 request for Public Works, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained Public Works has sold various surplus equipment and miscellaneous surplus on GovDeals for a total of \$13,463.00 and would like to request this be designated to Vehicles (01-301-5700). He also requested \$1,175.00 from Sidewalks (01-301-5312) to Vehicles (01-301-5700) this money will be used to purchase a 2020 Ford F-150. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer requests for Public Works; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider budget transfer request for DOD, and called on Mr. Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained he is requesting \$27,000.00 from Grant Match Airport 2020 Lighting (01-501-5944) to Vehicles (01-501-5700) and \$2,500.00 Engineering Expense (01-501-5406) to Vehicles (01-501-5700) for a purchase of new truck. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the budget transfer for DOD; 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 request for Administration, and called on Ms. Lee to discuss with the Council. Ms. Lee explained the Library would like to request a transfer of \$610.67 from Meeting & Conferences (01-103-5203) to Library Books & Materials (01-103-5500) and \$420.30 from Meeting & Conferences (01-103-5203) to Office Supplies (01-103-5502). Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer requests for the Library; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the final item on the agenda, appointment to Hartselle Utilities Board. Council Member Tankersley motioned to appoint RaJane Hampton to the unexpired term on the Hartselle Utilities Board; motion died for lack of a second. Council Member Broom motioned to appoint Barry Hampton to the Board; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote of 4-1.

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

- Personnel Board, one (1) expired term, six (6) year appointment
- Airport Board, one (1) expired term, five (5) year appointment
- Board of Zoning Adjustment, one (1) unexpired term until March 2021

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, August 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Council Member Tankersley read a statement from the Alabama Ethics Commission that stated it would not be an ethics violation for him to nominate or vote for his business partner, Ms. RaJane Hampton, for the Hartselle Utilities Board. He asked the email from the Ethics Commission be made a part of the official minutes of the meeting. Council Member Gill motioned to accept the request of Council Member Tankersley to make the email a part of the official meeting minutes; Council Member Alexander seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Garrison requested the Council reopen the work session after the regular meeting was dismissed to further discuss the upcoming FY2021 budget. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Michael Ferguson, new American Legion Commanding Officer introduced himself to the Council and thanked them for their service to the community. 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 Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller