

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
AUGUST 25, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Spencer Bell 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, August 11, 2020. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the work session minutes as presented; 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, August 11, 2020. Council Member Tankersley 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 1526, declaring property surplus at Hwy. 36 and Lando Cain Road, and called on Mayor Randy Garrison to discuss it with the Council. City Attorney Madison explained the need for the ordinance declaring certain real property to be surplus and not needed for any municipal or public purpose. Council Member Gill motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration; Council Member Broom second the motioned. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote and the result were as follows:

Council President Thompson	Yes
Council Member Tankersley	Yes
Council Member Gill	Yes
Council Member Alexander	Yes
Council Member Broom	Yes

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1526; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 20-0825, Rebuild Alabama Transportation Plan FY2021, and called on Director of Public Works, Curtis Self, to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained this resolution required by the Rebuild Alabama Act provides that the municipal governing body of each city within the state adopt an annual Transportation Plan by August 31st of each year detailing projects for which expenditures from the gas tax will be used for transportation, infrastructure, improvement, preservation and maintenance of roads and bridges within the municipality. Mr. Self explained to the Council that Pattillo Street and Corsbie Street, two of the streets that were in the plan the previous year that have been put on hold due to sewer rehab projects not completed by Hartselle Utilities, were included in the plan. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 20-0825; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 20-0825A, appointment of Frazier Lanier as Bond Underwriter, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it

with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained that if approved, this resolution would put the City in the best position to take advantage of favorable bond market conditions, the City appoints The Frazer Lanier Company Incorporated as Underwriter, for any Warrants, including the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement. He informed the Council that when the City administration directs the Underwriter to market the Warrants, the Mayor is authorized to sign a Warrant Purchase Agreement with the Underwriter, which will be subject to ratification and approval by the City. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 20-0825A; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 20-0825B, approve Purchase and Sales Agreement with Mapco, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the resolution was authorizing the Mayor, along with the assistance of City Attorney Madison and DOD Director Jeff Johnson, to negotiate final language, and execute a contract with Mapco Express, Inc. for the sale 5.86 acres of land from the City; real property adjacent to the I-65/Alabama 36 Interchange. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 20-0825B; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 20-0825C, accept/reject bids for a truck for DOD, and called on Mr. Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the City received two (2) bids for a 2019 or 2020 ½ ton pickup truck from Eddie Preuitt Ford for \$28,900.00 and Donohoo Chevrolet for \$31,875.10 and requested the Council approve the bid from Eddie Preuitt Ford that met all specifications. Council Member Broom motioned to approve Resolution 20-0825C; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider Cooperative Agreement with the Alabama Mountains Rivers and Valley's Council RC & D Council for a Downtown Greenspace Walkway Grant, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the Grant of \$50,000.00 would go toward the proposed Downtown Greenspace Walkway connecting the Farmer's Market with Downtown Hartselle. He explained the total estimated cost of the project would be \$70,000.00. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Agreement with RC & D and authorize the Mayor to sign; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider a contract with Leonard Design of Cullman, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the contract is for the renovation of the 21,000 square foot former bank building to accommodate the City of Hartselle municipal functions assigned to the facility. Renovations include modifications to building exterior as well as interior layout. Renovations apply to exterior/interior finish materials, exterior glazing, parking area lighting, exterior building lighting, interior partitions, interior lighting, mechanical/plumbing systems modifications to meet code, electrical system modifications to meet code, and structural modifications to accommodate space needs requirements assigned to building. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve contract with Leonard Design and authorize the Mayor to sign; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider Alcohol License for Family Dollar, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison announced that Family Dollar Store 20408, located at 501 W. Main Street, had requested an alcohol license for the retail beer and retail table wine sales. He announced the ARC Committee had approved the license request. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Broom motion to close the public hearing; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the alcohol license as requested; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider acceptance and approval of FY 2019 Audit, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the City had a clean or “unqualified” audit, meaning the financial statements were fair, transparent and in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Council Member Tankersley motion to approve the FY2019 Audit; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the final item on the agenda, consider appropriation increase for Chamber, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained Missy Evans, Executive Director for the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce, has made a request for special funding due to the cancellation of Depot Days. The Mayor recommended that the Council approve a onetime \$5,000 appropriation for the year. This will include the normal \$1,800 that is appropriated to the Chamber for Depot Days each year. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve a onetime increase appropriation for the Chamber; Council Member Gill 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:

- 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
- EMS Committee, one (1) expired, four (4) year term

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, September 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Council Member Tankersley congratulated Council President Thompson and wife Revenia on 50 years of marriage and congratulated the City on the good audit. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Missy Evans, Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce Director, thanked the Council for the additional appropriation. Matthew Thomas, 1201 Bonds Drive, asked questions to the Mayor and Council about the cancelling of Depot Days and expressed his displeasure in the decision that was made. 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

