

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
September 22, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Council Member Chuck Gill 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, and Virginia Alexander. 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, September 8, 2020. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1527, the annexation of Lando Cain Road, and called on Director of Development, Jeff Johnson to discuss with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance was for introduction only and if adopted, will annex 14.83 acres of currently vacant property off Lando Cain Road into the city limits. The area comprises the planned second phase of Cain Park Subdivision. This property is within a priority two annexation area in the current comprehensive plan. He explained the Planning Commission will make a formal recommendation at its October 6th meeting. Council Member Tankersley motioned to introduce Ordinance 1527; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Mr. Johnson to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1528, the zoning of the Lando Cain property. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance was for introduction only, and if adopted, will zone the property annexed by Ordinance 1527 as R-5 (Patio Homes). He informed the Council the zoning was in keeping with the use approved in the master layout plan approved by the Planning Commission for Cain Park. Also the current comprehensive plan shows this area as a mixture of residential densities. He also noted the Planning Commission would make a formal recommendation at its October 6th meeting. Council Member Tankersley motioned to introduce Ordinance 1528; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Mr. Johnson to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1529, the rezoning of Hwy. 31 South. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance was for introduction only, and if adopted, will rezone approximately one acre and a single family residence on Hwy. 31 South from B-1 (local shopping) to R-1 (single family residential). He noted the current comprehensive plan does not show a proposed zoning change at this location, but the division of this area off from the Hwy. 31 frontage (creating two lots fronting only on residential streets) creates the need. He also noted the Planning Commission will make a formal recommendation at its October 6th meeting. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1529; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1531, a request to consider changes to the Wrecker Rotation Ordinance, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison reviewed the ordinance again that was discussed at the work session prior to the meeting and explained the ordinance amending Chapter 54, article III of the

code to classify wrecker types, add additional requirements for wreckers and further revised wrecker regulation generally. After a brief discussion concerning more details of the ordinance changes and its effect on local wrecker company owners, Council Member Alexander motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1531; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Council Member Tankersley motioned to adopt Ordinance 1531 as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider 2020 year-end budget transfer for all departments and funds, and called on City Clerk-Controller, Rita Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee explained no budget adjustments would be necessary, but a few line items would require transfers between line items to balance for the year-end. She also explained that due to the time frame between the last Council meeting of the fiscal year and the actual year end, a few more transfers may be necessary than those presented to the Council, once the books were closed. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the year-end budget transfers as presented and authorized Ms. Lee to make any other transfers necessary to balance the year-end budget; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider declaring items surplus for the Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox explained he was requesting to declare surplus a 1987 Ford E-One Fire Truck. The informed the Council that the City's mechanic thinks the injector pump has went out; the cost of fixing is not worth the value. The new fire truck that will purchased in the next fiscal year would replace this truck. The truck will be placed on Govdeals. The Fire Department will remove all equipment except for the following:

- 2- 5" piston intakes
- 1- deluge gun
- 1-VHF mobile radio
- Ground ladders: 1-16ft roof ladders, 1-24ft extension ladder, 1-10ft attic ladder
- Assorted equipment brackets

Council Member Gill motioned declare the truck and equipment listed as surplus; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider approval to apply for a 2020 ADECA Law Enforcement Equipment Grant for Police Department, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley explained the grant amount would be \$23,000.00 with no matching amount due from the City. The grant would seek funding for nine (9) stalker radar units. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the application for the ADECA Law Enforcement Equipment Grant; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider a lease agreement with Diamond Pro Corp., and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained Diamond Pro Corp. will be leasing a portion of the old Dencraft building located at 100 College St. NW. This lease shall be for a period of six (6) months. He explained City Attorney Madison had reviewed the lease agreement and gave it his approval. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the lease agreement with Diamond Pro; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider a contract proposal with CDG Engineering to provide a traffic signal analysis for Hwy. 31 improvements, and called on Mr. Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained CDG Engineer & Associates submitted this proposal for a signal warrant analysis associated with the application to ALDOT for funding through the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, Phase II (ATRIP II). He noted as part of the ATRIP II application, a warrant analysis is required to be included in the application for a signal to be considered. The cost of the study would be \$7,840.00 and would be paid out of current 2020 fiscal year budget. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the traffic signal contract proposal; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed next item on the agenda, an appointment to EMS Board. Two applications were received for the appointment and the Council interviewed Jacob Pfeiffer and Will Waters during the work session prior to the Council meeting. Council Member Tankersley motioned to appoint Jacob Pfeiffer to a four-year term expiring September 22, 2024. Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the final item on the agenda, an appointment to the Board of Zoning. Two applications were received for the appointment, Spencer Bell and Terry Kay. Spencer Bell withdrew his application during the interview process that was held prior to the meeting. Council Member Tankersley motioned to appoint Terry Kay to fill an unexpired term until March 1, 2021; Council Member Gill 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 the Council updates on various projects, including the new LED lights recently installed at I-65, which was a joint project with the City and ALDOT. He also mentioned that he would be meeting soon with ALDOT officials concerning the ATRIP II funding. He reminded the Council of a celebration at Lowe's on Oct. 2 to celebrate the store's 12th Anniversary. He also mentioned that he along with City Planner Jeremy Griffith, were reviewing the Cemetery Board rules and would be bringing some revisions before the Council once the Cemetery Board met to approve. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Mr. George Herring, 1454 Marks Drive came forward to ask that the streetlight on Marks Street be checked because it was very dark in his neighborhood. Missy Evans, Hartselle Chamber of Commerce gave an update on Council events. 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 Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller

