

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

The Boy Scouts Troop 92 was in attendance, one member of the group led the invocation and others 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 Member Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the work session held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1532, to approve 2020 Bond Refunding Warrants, and called on Mr. Heyward Hosch, Bond Consul with Maynard, Gale and Cooper, Birmingham to discuss the details of the bond refunding with the Council. Mr. Hosch explained the refunding of the 2010A, 2010D and 2012 bond issue into the 2020 Bond Warrants resulted in substantial savings to the City in future interest payments on the bonds. The interest rate range of the refunded bonds were 2.50% to 6.20%, the interest rate on the new bonds being 1.96% with a net present value savings of 18.09% over the life of the bonds. Council Member Tankersley motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1532; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Council President called for 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 voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1532: Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1527, the annexation of Lando Cain Road, and called on Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance 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. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council

Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1527; Council Member Broom 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 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. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Broom motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Ordinance 1528; Council Member Broom 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 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. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Broom motioned to adopt Ordinance 1529; 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 1530, to clarify recent changes to sign regulations for B-3 Central Business District. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, it will clarify recently updated signage regulations for the B-3 CBD district. The current ordinance does not state a maximum building sign size to govern in the event of an unusually wide lot frontage. This amendment establishes that maximum size as 32 SF when not otherwise limited to a smaller size. It also clarifies that the Design Review Board may approve signage placement on any visible exterior wall, and that wall signs are to include the name of the business and/or board approved graphics only (not individual product advertisements). Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0-1. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1530; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider renewal of Fire Hydrant Maintenance Contract with Hartselle Utilities, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. However, due to issues that were disclosed in the work session prior to the meeting that needed to be worked out with Hartselle Utilities, Mayor Garrison requested the Council table the contract. Council Member Broom motioned to table the contract; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, to consider addendum for additional services to the architect's contract with Leonard Design for the new Municipal Building. Mayor Garrison requested the Council approve the document, (discussed at the work session prior to the meeting) that would allow for the redesign of the City's logo as part of the contract for the renovation of the Hartselle Municipal Building. The project would include the services of Peters Design Company for the design. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the addition to the Leonard Design contract; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer for Police Department, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley explained he is requesting a transfer of \$365.00 from Minor Equipment (01-201-5503) to Consulting Fees (01-201-5404). The funds are needed to cover a 3% price increase

from the vendor. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget transfer for Police Department; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the final item on the agenda, to consider Special Events Permit for Veterans Day Parade, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison requested the Council table the Special Events Permit, as was discussed in the work session prior to the meeting. He explained he was working with organizers to hold an event that would not include a parade or close any streets. Council Member Gill motioned to table the Special Events permit; 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 following boards:

- Personnel Board, one expired term, six-year appointment
- Airport Board, one expired term, five-year appointment
- Library Board, two expired terms, four-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, October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison reminded the Council of the November 2nd organization meeting and mentioned the meeting may need to be moved in order to hold a reception due to social distancing requirements. He thanked Parks & Recreation and Public Works Employees for their help in cutting down trees and shrubs at the new municipal building. He also thanked Public Works Director Curtis Self for the City Wide Maintenance budget coming in under budget for the past fiscal year. He also mentioned that the City had two hotels interested in the interstate property and announced that Mapco had agreed to the changes that the City was seeking for that project to move forward. Council Member Alexander thanked Boy Scout Troop 92 for their attendance at the meeting and for their service to the community. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. No other comments were made. Parks and Recreation Director Tom Chappell thanked Boy Scout Troop 92 for the many projects they have done for his department.

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 7:24 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller

