

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Clif Knight gave the invocation. Boy Scout Daniel Hunter 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. City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. Mayor Randy Garrison was absent from 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, October 13, 2020. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the 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, October 13, 2020. Council Member Gill 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 1530, to clarify recent changes to sign regulations for B-3 Central Business District, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained it will clarify recently updated signage regulations for the B-3 CBD. 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 President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1530; Council Member Tankersley 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 Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox reviewed the changes that were made and requested the Council approve the contract as presented. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Fire Hydrant Maintenance 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 adjustment for Fire Department (Fire Hydrant Rental), and called on Chief Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox informed the Council that the amount for the hydrant repairs was not included in the budget when presented and requested the budget adjustment in order to comply with the contract terms. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the budget adjustment for Fire Department; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider an Alcohol License request from Murphy's Oil USA, Inc. and called on City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee announced that Murphy Oil USA, Inc. Store 7770, located at

1213 Hwy 31 NW, had requested an alcohol license for retail beer and retail table wine sales. She announced the ARC Committee had approved the license request. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Tankersley motioned to issue alcohol license; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed next item on the agenda, to consider request to approve quarterly Safety Award Winners, and called on Mr. Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained a drawing was held in each department with eligible employees, and the Safety Winners for this quarter are as follows:

- Tommy Wimberly – City Hall
- Jacob Holladay – Fire Dept.
- Thomas Phillips – Park/Rec
- Robert Baker – Police Dept.
- Colton Gibson – Public Works

Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Safety Award Winners; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider request item surplus for Public Works, and called on Ms. Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee explained the Public Works Department would like to ask the Council's permission to surplus a 2006 Bobcat 334 Mini X Excavator. We are in the process of ordering a new Mini X to replace the machine. Due to some continuing intermittent problems and hydraulic leaks we believe it is our best interest to surplus the machine and list on Govdeals. Council Member Gill motioned to surplus item for Public Works; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, an appointment to the Library Board. One application was received from Cynthia Roberts, whose term has expired. Council Member Alexander motioned to reappoint Ms. Roberts to Library Board; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the last item on the agenda, to approve moving location for the November 2nd Organizational Meeting to The Burlson Center. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve moving meeting to Burlson Center; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Council Members Gill, Tankersley, Alexander and Thompson expressed their appreciation to Council Member Broom for his dedication to the City while he served on the City Council, this being his last meeting to serve. They, along with City Attorney Madison and City Clerk- Controller Lee, wished him well on his future endeavors. Council Member Broom thanked each one for their well wishes and expressed it had been an honor to represent the citizens of Hartselle during the last four years. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Jason Gault, 407 Crescent Drive addressed the Council about the City's website. 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 7:15 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller