

**MINUTES OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday 2, 2020, inside the Fine Arts Center. City Attorney Larry Madison called the meeting to order.

Reverend Bobby Ray Halbrooks led the invocation. Mr. Ron Hodgen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Attorney Larry Madison administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Randy Garrison as well as the following Council Members:

Kenny Thompson - Place 1
Dwight Tankersley - Place 2
Charles "Chuck" Gill – Place 3
Virginia Alexander –Place 4
Ken Doss- Place 5

After the Oath of Office were administered, each Council Member took their seat. The following were present for the meeting: Council Members Kenny Thompson, Dwight Tankersley, Chuck Gill, Virginia Alexander, and Ken Doss, 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, Mr. Madison declared the proceedings open for business.

Mr. Madison announced the first item on the agenda was for the Council to elect a Council President. Council Member Alexander made a motion to elect Council Member Thompson as City Council President; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda was for the Council to elect Council President Pro-Tempore. Council Member Gill motioned to elect Council Member Tankersley as Council President Pro-Tempore; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson introduced Ordinance 1534, which if adopted, would establish rules and orders of procedures for the City Council for the upcoming four-year term. Council Member Gill motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of the ordinance; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called and the results were as follows:

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

Motion carried to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1534; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for a motion to re-appoint the following City Officers: Rita S. Lee as City Clerk-Controller, Daryl Fox as Hartselle Fire Chief and Justin Barley as Hartselle Police Chief. Council Member Gill motioned to re-appoint the City Officers for the 2020-2024 term; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked for a motion to re-appoint Larry Madison as City Attorney. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the re-appointment of City Attorney Madison; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked for a motion to re-appoint David Langston as City Prosecutor. Council Member Alexander motioned to re-appoint City Prosecutor Langston; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss Resolution 20-1102. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council that if approved, this resolution would confirm the continued use of current depositories for City funds and would establish the following as signers on the account:

- 1) Mayor Randy Garrison
- 2) City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee
- 3) Council President Kenny Thompson
- 4) Council Member Pro-Tempore Dwight Tankersley

Council Member Doss motioned to confirm the depositories and the authorized signers on the accounts; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda concerning regular business of the Council, Ordinance 1533, zoning Hwy 36 from Ag-1 to R-1, and called on Director of Development, Jeff Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, it will rezone two proposed lot areas (each being approx. two acres in size) from AG-1 to R-1 in order for them to be divided off from larger parcel. This request is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan. Planning Commission will make a formal recommendation prior to public hearing and council consideration on November 24, 2020. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1533; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider tennis court agreement with Hartselle City School, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the tennis court agreement with Hartselle City School; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Melee Laney, Human Resource Administrator, to come forward and discuss her request for the Council to consider revised job description for two accounting positions. Ms. Laney explained this will be dividing the accounting position into two different positions accounting/payroll technician and accounting/finance technician. Council Member Gill motioned to approve revised job description for account positions; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Ms. Laney to address the last item on the agenda, to consider extending vacation time carryover due to COVID, and discuss it with the Council. Ms. Laney explained due to the COVID -19 Pandemic several employees have not been able to take vacation due to staffing consideration and travel restrictions. She recommended that the Council vote to allow employees to carry over at least one additional week of vacation over their normal carry limit. (Additional 40 hours; 56 hours fire dept). This is not to increase anyone's maximum amounts past 12/31/2021 at which time carry over amounts will not be above any grandfather amounts or maximum amounts of 400 hours or 560 hours extended shift. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve extending vacation time carryover due to COVID; Council Member Doss 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 expired term, six-year appointment
- Airport Board, one expired term, five-year appointment
- Library Boards, one expired term, 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, November 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison thanked all his friends and family who came out for the swear-in ceremony, thanked all those responsible for helping with the reception that preceded the meeting and thanked the Council both the previous Council and the newly sworn-in group for their support and dedication to the City and expressed his optimism for the next four years ahead. Council Member Gill thanked everyone as well and announced he and his wife's new baby girl should arrive the following day! Council Member Tankersley thanked everyone and expressed his excitement to for the next four years ahead. Council Member Doss stated he was honored to be back on the Council and looking forward to the future. Council Member Alexander expressed her gratitude to the voters for keeping the Council in place and stated she was excited about having Council Member Doss on board. Council President Thompson thanked everyone as well and stated expressed his excitement to work with the Mayor and Council to move Hartselle forward. City Attorney Madison informed the Council that Joe Wheeler Co-Op was moving forward with a fiber network and would be approaching the City very soon with a franchise agreement. He also informed the Council that Municipal Judge Mike Broom would not be seeking reappointment. The Mayor also reminded everyone of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Open House. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Representative Scott Stadthagen came forward to thank the Mayor and Council for their willingness to serve and congratulated them on the progress made in Hartselle over the last four years. 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 7:35 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller