

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 24, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 24, 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. 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 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, 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, October 27, 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 organizational and regular meeting held on Monday, November 2, 2020. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, 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 the ordinance would 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 a larger parcel. The request is in conformance with the current Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Doss motioned to close public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1533; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Johnson to address the next item on the agenda, Resolution 20-1124, TAP Grant Funding Agreement approval. Mr. Johnson explained the City wishes to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for a grant to fund the construction of sidewalks along Sparkman St. NW from Pine St. to Main St. W, along Sparkman St. SW from Sycamore St. SW to Rodgers St. SW, along Chestnut St. from Sycamore St. NW to Sparkman St. NW, and along Sycamore St. NW from Chestnut St. NW to Main St. The total grant amount would be \$800,000.00 with \$640,000.00 in Federal TAP Funds and the City would be responsible for 20% or \$160,000.00. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 20-1124 and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant agreement; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 20-1124A, tax abatement for Cerro Wire, LLC and called on Jeremy Nails, President and CEO of the Morgan County EDA, to come forward and discuss it with the Council. Mr. Nails, along with company executives joining the meeting by way of cellphone, gave the Council details on the proposed project. The expansion project would total 6.7 million, creating 92 new jobs at an average rate of \$26.63 per hour with estimated \$500,000.00 in new payroll. The requested abatement would be for 10 years, including non- educational sale and use tax along with property tax. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 20-1124A granting the requested abatement; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 20-1124B, accept/reject bids for heart monitors for the Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox explained the City accepted bids for three (3) Cardiac Monitors from Zoll Medical, Physio Control, and American Emergency Product. The low bidder meeting the specifications for the monitors was American Emergency Products with their bid being \$50,383.69. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 20-1124B; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider a budget adjustment, in order for the Council to make the appropriation of the alcohol tax to School Board for FY2020, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the budget adjustment of \$1,320.00 in addition to \$45,000.00 already budgeted, would make the total appropriation of \$46,320.00 to the Board to be used to install awnings for the special needs bus area at Hartselle High School. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the School Board adjustment; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider adopting the 2021 Safe Workplace Guidelines from the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, and called on Mr. Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained in order to take full benefit of premium discounts offered through the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, workplace guidelines must be adopted annually. Guidelines are almost identical to those adopted in 2020. Approval authorizes the Mayor to sign acknowledging that the city accepts the guidelines. Council Member Doss motioned to adopted 2021 Safe Workplace Guidelines; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed next time on the agenda, to consider revised job description for Parks & Recreation Supervisor, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained only two small changes were made to the job description, to bring it current before a promotion was made in the position. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Parks & Recreation Supervisor revised job description; 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 budget adjustment request for the Police Dept, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley explained he is requesting a transfer of \$8,000.00 from the line item Conference Expense to Miscellaneous Expense. Both of these lines are in our donation account and need to be transferred within the account to cover an invoice for exercise equipment purchased from Diamond Pro. Council Member Doss motioned to approve budget adjustment for Police Dept.; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next time on the agenda, to consider budget adjustment request for Library CARES funding, and called on City Clerk-Controller, Rita Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee explained the Library received \$1,000.00 of the Cares Act PPE Grant from APLS through the Decatur Public Library and requested the be added to the budget. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget adjustment for Library; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Ms. Lee to address next item on the agenda, to consider budget adjustment request for Library for the LSTA Grant. Ms. Lee explained The Alabama Public Library Service agrees to provide from the funds available under the Library Services and Technology Act a grant to William B. Huie Library for \$20,000. Council Member Gill motioned to approve budget adjustment for Library; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider donating Fire Engine #3 to a Volunteer Fire Department, and called on Chief Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox explained they had surplused a 1987 Ford E-One fire truck and to be placed on govdeals.com. Ebenezer VFD has reached out for a donation of this apparatus. They wish to repurpose the truck for their department. The Fire Dept. has removed all usable equipment except for the following:

- 2) 5” piston intakes
- 1) deluge gun
- 1) VHF mobile radio
- 16ft roof ladder
- 1) 24ft extension ladder
- 1) 10ft attic ladder
- assorted equipment brackets

Council Member Doss motioned to approved donating 1987 Ford E-One fire truck to the Ebenezer Volunteer 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 Council appointment to the Planning Commission. Council Member Tankersley motioned to reappoint Mr. Chuck Gill as the Council representative on the Planning Commission; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, an appointment to the Airport Board. One application was received for the appointment from Mr. Charles Hall. Council Member Gill motioned to appoint Mr. Hall to a five-year term expiring May 1, 2025; 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 Personnel Board. One application was received for the appointment from Ms. Christine Wright. Council Member Alexander motioned to appoint Ms. Wright to a 6-year term expiring July 1, 2026; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the final item on the agenda, to discuss changing the date for the second regularly scheduled meeting in December. Council Member Tankersley motioned to change the meeting date to December 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson announced the City of Hartselle is accepting applications for the following:

- Library Board, one expired terms, four-year appointment
- Accepting resumes for Municipal Judge

Applications are available at the City Clerk’s office in City Hall or on the City’s website. Applications or resumes must be turned into the City Clerk’s office or emailed by Friday, December 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison announced the Chamber still planned the City Appreciation Luncheon for Thursday, December 10th, but would deliver meals to work locations instead of bringing employees together. Council Member Tankersley asked that everyone check out the FACES auction on their website, this being a fun raising event for the charity. Each Council Member wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. 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 7:25 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller