

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Mayor Randy Garrison gave the invocation and 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 and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. City Attorney Larry Madison and Council Member Ken Doss were 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, December 8, 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 addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1535, an annexation request on Vest Road and called on Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance was for introduction only. If adopted, it would annex two single-family residences on Vest Road into the city limits. He explained the properties are within a priority two-annexation area in the current comprehensive plan. Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1535; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1536, request for zoning on Vest Road, and called on Mr. Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained this ordinance was for introduction only as well and if adopted, it will zone the properties annexed by Ordinance 1535 as R-1 (single family residential). He explained the zoning is consistent with the current comprehensive plan and that the Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1536; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, to consider alcohol license for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store located at 1909 Uncle Hershel Way in Hartselle. Mayor Garrison explained the license request was for a restaurant, retail liquor license and that the Alcohol Review Committee had recommended the license be granted. 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 Gill motioned to approve the alcohol license for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the final item on the agenda, to consider waving the City's building permit fees for renovation of the new City Hall, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the building permit fees would normally be included as part of the bid processes and was requesting the fees be waived for this municipal project. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve waving building permits fees for the renovation; Council Member Tankersley 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 asked the Council for their direction to move forward with the

Municipal Judge appointment. After a brief discussion, it was decided that introduction interviews would be held at a work session on January 12th, allowing each applicant five minutes to introduce themselves to the Council. The Mayor announced the pre-bid meeting for the new building had been held and bids were due January 7th with the bids to come before the Council at the January 26th regular meeting. He also gave a brief COVID update and announced that plans were moving ahead for the downtown Greenway Project. 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 Tankersley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller