

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 12, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Council Member Dwight Tankersley 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, were present for 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 15, 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 City Planner, Jeremy Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance 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 President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close public hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1535; Council Member Gill 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. Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance 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 President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close public hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1536; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0112, accept/reject bids for Parks & Recreation youth sports uniforms, and called on Director of Parks & Recreation Tom Chappell to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Chappell came forward to request the Council reject all bids and allow the department to rebid, with bidders being required to submit bids for the entire uniform package, not as individual team orders. After a brief discussion, Council Member Gill motioned to reject all bids for Parks & Recreation youth sports uniforms; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Chappell to address the next item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0112A, accept/reject bids for photography services for youth sports. Mr. Chappell explained the City received one (1) bid for photography the bid meeting the specification was Hot Shots Sports. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution # 21-0112A and accept the bid for photography services for youth sports; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider request to declare items surplus for Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox explained the Fire Department is requesting the Council to declare the following items surplus:

- 5) Zoll cardiac monitors/defibrillators
- 1) Zoll battery charger
- Zoll accessories (AED pads, BP cuffs, SpO2, EKG cables)
- 2) Phillips Heartstart FR2 AED with Cases
- Phillips accessories cases and AED pads

The Zoll monitors were originally donated to the Fire Department by Lifeguard EMS and have been replaced by new equipment through the budget and CARES funding. The Fire Department is requesting to donate to the Morgan County Volunteer Fire Association and offer first to our neighboring Fire Departments. Council Member Gill motioned to approve items for Fire Department surplus as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider request to declare items surplus for Public Works, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained Public Works would like to surplus the following items:

- 1994 GMC 3500 with service body
- 1997 Trail King 20 ton trailer
- 2018 Pintle hook tilt deck trailer
- 2) non-working pressure washer
- 3) non working saws
- 6) used 22.5 steel wheels

Council Member Doss motioned to surplus items for Public Works as presented; 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 Worker's Compensation, and called on City Clerk-Controller Rita Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee explained that the modification rate for Worker's Compensation citywide was raised, which affected the overall rates for the City, after the budget was complete. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget adjustment request for Worker's Compensation for all departments; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed next item on the agenda, to consider refund request from Lektron for late business license penalties and interest and he called for a motion to remove from table. Council Member Gill motioned to remove the Lektron request from table; Council Member Alexander motioned to second. Motion carried unanimous voice vote. He called on Ms. Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee explained that Lektron was requesting a refund of penalties and interest remitted for a late business license for their 2400 building on the south end of town. After a brief discussion of the details of the refund request, Council Member Doss motioned to deny the refund request from Lektron; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed an appointment for Municipal Judge. Seven applicants for the appointment had introduced themselves via a zoom meeting at the work session held prior to the meeting. Those submitting applications for the appointment were: Wendy Lopez, Wayne K. "Chip" Alexander, Jr., Joseph W. Propst II, R. Eric Summerford, Ta'Kisha L. Guster Gholston, Glenn E. Thompson and Christine Wyatt Wright. Council President Thompson stated he thought all applicants had done well with their introductions and asked the Council if they were ready to make an appointment at this time. Council Member Tankersley motioned to appoint Ta'Kisha L. Guster Gholston for Municipal Judge; Council Member Gill 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 shared a few announcements with the Council. He shared that the City had been approved by the State of Alabama for the ATRIP Phase II funding to add turn lanes on Hwy. 31. He also shared that the Greenspace project for downtown was moving ahead. He also mentioned the bids for the new City Hall would be opened Thursday, January 14th at 2:00. He thanked City Clerk – Controller Lee for her determination and persistence in securing the CARES funding for the City that was disbursed from the Alabama Finance Department. He also mentioned the Police Department would be helping with traffic control at the Morgan County Health Department as the COVID vaccine were to begin on Monday, January 18th. Each Council member thanked Ms. Lee for her dedication in securing the City’s appropriation from the CARES funding and expressed their appreciation for the ATRIP grant approval as well. 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 7:35 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller