

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 26, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 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, 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. Council Member Alexander was absent due to the death of her Mother. Having a quorum present, Council President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the work session held on Tuesday, January 21, 2021. 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 called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2021. 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, Resolution 21-0126, 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 inform the Council that after having the Council reject bids at the previous meeting and rebidding as a total package, five (5) bids were received, with the lowest bidder being Pro-Sports, with a low bid of \$36,840.00 for uniforms covering all sports. Mr. Chappell informed the Council that by rebidding as a total package bid, his department had saved around \$4,000.00 on the cost of uniforms. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 21-0126 and approve the bid as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0126A to accept/reject bids for the renovation of the building located at 611 Chestnut Street as the new Hartselle City Hall. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that eight (8) bids were received on January 14<sup>th</sup> and after reviewing for compliance with all bid stipulations, Woodward Construction & Design submitted the low bid of \$3,073,673.00 and it was his recommendation that Council approve the bid and move forward with the renovation project. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution # 21-0126A accepting the bid for building renovation as presented; 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 to declare items surplus for Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox explained he was requesting the Council declare as surplus a 2004 Sportsman Travel Trailer (28ft camper), that was purchased from FEMA surplus after Hurricane Katrina for a command post, but was no longer of any use to the department. Chief Fox was requesting the unit be sold on GovDeals and the use of funds go to the Fire Departments Supplies & Equipment line item. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the item as surplus as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed a request by the Fire Department to update the current Volunteer Firefighter roster. Chief Fox presented the list to the Council and requested their approval. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the list as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider a request to declare items surplus for the Library and called on City Clerk – Controller Lee to discuss with the Council. Ms. Lee explained the Library was requesting the following be declared as surplus:

- Broken Desk Chair
- Several sections of green metal bookcases
- Various broken Christmas decorations

Council Member Gill motioned to surplus items for the Library; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to approve the safety award winners from each department and called on DOD Director Jeff Johnson to present. After the presentation from Mr. Johnson, Council Member Doss motioned to approve the safety winners for the past quarter as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson called on City Attorney Madison and newly appointment Municipal Judge Ta’Kisha Guster Gholston to come forward. City Attorney administered the oath of office to Judge Gholston as her husband held the Bible. The new Judge received a standing ovation.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison shared a few announcements with the Council. He mentioned some items being considered by the Alabama League of Municipalities to present to the state legislature, one being limiting the COVID liability that businesses could be charged with, possibility changing the date of the municipal elections so they do not coincide with national elections, and possible changes to the SSUT law. He also mentioned upcoming meetings with ALDOT. He informed the Council that plans were moving forward to open the pool and spring registration for youth league ball was in progress. He, along with each Council Member, congratulated and extended a warm welcome to the new Municipal Judge. Council Member Tankersley also congratulated Woodward Construction for being the low bidder on the municipal building and to Pro-Sports for being the low bidder on the youth ball uniforms for Parks & Recreation.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. No 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 7:17 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson,  
Council President

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller