

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 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, Virginia Alexander, 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. 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, February 9, 2021. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution # 21-0223, authorize Mayor to sign letter of commitment for a railroad crossing on Tabernacle Road and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the City would enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Improvements on Tabernacle Road. The preliminary estimated cost of improvements is \$340,000 per ALDOT estimates and that the City would commit to a 5% match for the improvements, with Morgan County providing the other 5% match. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 21-0223; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution # 21-0223A, authorizing the Mayor to sign an application for Airport Assistance Grant, and called on Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the City has been awarded a \$13,000.00 grant, offered through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-260) (CRRSA). Mr. Johnson also stated these are federal funds to be used toward operational and maintenance expenses at the Hartselle-Morgan County Regional Airport, to be distributed by the FAA under the new Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP). Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 21-0223A; 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 request from the Fire Department to apply for a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, and called on Fire Captain Toby Houser to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Houser explained the Fire Department is requesting permission to apply for two (2) 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA. The applications would be for an aerial platform truck and a micro grant for radio equipment. The City will have a 5% match and the total amount, if approved by FEMA, would be \$1,561,810.00 for both grants.

- Aerial Platform: \$1,532,440.00
City's 5% Match: \$72,973.33
- Equipment-Handheld radios: \$29,370.00
City's 5% Match: \$1,398.57

If awarded both grants the City will be responsible for \$ 74,371.90. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the application for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a request for the City to accept and the Mayor to sign a Community Services Grant for the Police Department, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley explained the Police Department had requested the funding in the amount \$2,000.00 to be used for updates to their facility. Council Member Doss motioned to accept and approve the Mayor to sign the Community Services Grant; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Thompson addressed the last item on the agenda, to consider request to declare IT items surplus for Administration and called on City Clerk-Controller Rita Lee to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Lee explained that the IT Department has several items they wished to declare surplus, and sell on GovDeals, as follows:

- 1 Lenovo ThinkCentre M91p PC
- 1 HP Elite 7100 MT PC
- 1 HP Compaq Elite 8300 PC
- 1 Lenovo ThinkCentre M93p PC
- 1 HP Compaq Elite 8300 PC
- 1 Dell Optiplex 790 PC
- 1 Asus M32AD PC
- 1 Generic PC
- 1 Dell Vostro 200
- 1 Acer Aspire Z3 715 AIO
- 1 HP Pro One 400 G1 AIO
- 1 Dell ATG Laptop

Council Member Gill motioned to declare items surplus; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison presented a 20 year certificate to Fire Captain Toby Houser and thanked him for his service to the City. Mayor Garrison gave updates on several City projects including the downtown Greenway Project, the new City Hall Building, Mapco and MPO projects. Council Member Chuck Gill thanked the Chamber for the recent Cinderella Ball they sponsored. Several Council Members thanked Captain Houser for his 20 years of service to the City. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. No comments were made. None 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 7:19p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller

