

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

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Clif Knight, Hartselle Enquirer, 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, 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 work session minutes held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the work session minutes as presented; Council Member Alexander 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, March 9, 2021. Council Member Tankersley 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 21-0323, accept/reject bid for audio-video-automation-surveillance control for the new Municipal building, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained that only one bid was received that met all the guidelines for the project, that being Diversified with offices in Birmingham and Huntsville, with a bid of \$255,473.80. He explained it had been reviewed by our consultant and recommended the Council approve the bid. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Resolution 21-0323; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, authorize Mayor to sign contract for new personnel classification and compensation study, and called on HR Administrator Melee Laney to discuss it with Council. Ms. Laney explained the quotes from Evergreen Solutions, LLC \$18,500.00 and Condrey and Associates, Inc. \$37,000.00, and after reviewing the proposals, she recommended Evergreen Solutions. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Mayor signing a contract with Evergreen Solutions for the study; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, authorize Mayor to sign new contract with Spectrum for phone and internet usage, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained this proposed 3-year agreement with Spectrum would provide a digital PRI line with 6000 minutes of long-distance voice service. This agreement also includes high speed internet at the new City Hall. The phone service is consumed by all City departments while the internet is consumed by all except Parks & Rec and Fire Station 2. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the contract with Spectrum and authorize the Mayor to sign; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, authorizing the Mayor to sign an ADECA Grant Agreement for the Police Department, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley explained the Department of Economic and Community Affairs awarded the Police Department \$23,760.00 for a stalker

radar project. He explained no match was required and requested the Council approve. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Mayor to sign the ADECA Grant Agreement; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

- Library Board: one expired position, four year appointment
- Board of Zoning Adjustment: three expired positions, three year appointments
- Central Business District: one expired position, four year appointment and one unexpired, two years remaining

Application are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or on the City's website. Applications must be turned into the City Clerk's office or emailed by Friday, April 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison gave a brief update to the Council on the new building renovations, he discussed the latest developments with the Mapco project and gave an update on the Aquatic Center still needing lifeguards to apply in order to open. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Ashley Thompson with Habitat for Humanity came forward to explain a request for a Special Events Permit for an event on May 15, 2021 in the parking lot located behind Bentley's downtown. He acknowledged the permit information was turned in after the deadline for the meeting, but requested the Council consider the request so they could begin advertising. After a brief discussion, Council Member Doss motioned to approve a conditional Special Event Permit for the event that would only become final once approved by the Police and Fire Department; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No other comments from the audience were made.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Doss motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller