

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
APRIL 27, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 27, 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, April 13, 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 21-0427, the request for a Special Use Permit for AT&T, and called on David Andrews, a consultant with The Center for Municipal Solutions to come forward and discuss it with the Council. Mr. Andrews explained AT&T has submitted an application for a special use permit to modify equipment on the existing monopole tower located at 2910 B Highway 31 NE. He informed the Council this would upgrade the cellular service from 4G to 5G for AT&T customers, and replace all six existing antennas with newer models. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 21-0427; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0427A, to consider a Professional Services Agreement with CDG Engineers for an ATRIP II Design Project on Hwy 31, and called on Jeff Johnson, Director of the Dept. of Development to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the City has received funding through the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program II (ALTRIP) for Hwy 31 improvements for access management improvements on SR-31(US-31) from Curry Street to Sparkman Street, including modifications to the existing median to add left turn lanes and deceleration lanes. The Alabama Department of Transportation requires the City contract with a professional engineering firm to provide construction engineering services, and the City has selected CDG Engineers to provide engineering design services for the project. Mr. Johnson did point out a clause for arbitration in the contract that City Attorney Madison objected to, and stated he would contact CDG and advise them the City would only sign if that wording was changed to a mediation clause, which CDG has agreed to in the past. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 21-0427A subject to the change as stated by Mr. Johnson; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Johnson to address the next item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0427B, to consider a funding agreement with ALDOT for an ATRIP II Construction Project on Hwy 31. Mr. Johnson explained the City has entered into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to the above referenced project for access management improvements on SR-31(US-31) from Curry Street to Sparkman Street, including modifications to the existing median to add left turn lanes and deceleration lanes. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 21-0427B; 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 budget adjustment for a donation of \$29,093.00 received for the Downtown Green Space stage area and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison announced the donation came from The Community Foundation of Great Decatur and thanked Senator Arthur Orr and Senator Scott Stadthagen for their work to secure the donation. Council Member Doss motioned to approve a budget adjustment to accept the donation to the Downtown Green Space; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer for Public Works, and called on Curtis Self, Director of Public Works, to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained that he would like to request a budget transfer of \$100.00 from Landfill Supplies (01-302-5508) to Landfill Association Dues (01-302-5200) to cover a shortage in that line item. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer for Public Works 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 budget transfer and adjustment for Parks & Recreation and called on Director of Parks & Recreation, Tom Chappell, to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Chappell explained that he would like to request a budget transfer of \$500.00 from Meetings & Conferences (01-401-5203) to Physicals, Screens, & Drug Testing (01-401-5106) and a budget adjustment of \$20,000 to Revenue Tournament & League (01-401-4062) to Concession Stand Supplies (01-401-5501). He explained when the budget for those two line items were set, things were very uncertain with COVID and how that would affect the events for the department, therefore the amounts were projected low. Now that things were improving, the budget needed to be adjusted for both revenue and expense to reflect the increase in activity. Council Member Doss motioned to approve both the budget transfer and adjustment for Parks & Recreation; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider an appointment to the Library Board. Council Member Alexander motioned to appoint Ms. LuJeanne Howell to an unexpired term on the Library Board; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider an appointment for an unexpired term to the CBD Board. Two applicants were interviewed at the work session prior to the meeting, Chandra Gwin and Nick Letson. Council President Thompson called for a motion to appoint Ms. Gwin to the board. Council Member Tankersley made the motion; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the last item on the agenda, authorizing the Mayor to sign a change order for the new building renovation, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained that the change order is recommend by the City architects, Leonard Design, due to unforeseen site conditions to correct fire rated existing partitions and new curtain wall. He explained that gaps in fire protection were discovered during demolition and need to be sealed to maintain fire rating. The total amount of the change order is \$17,719.24. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the change order for the new building renovation; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison gave a brief financial update to the Council and reviewed the status of several municipal projects. City Attorney Madison gave an update on Joe Wheeler's request to run fiber to its existing customers in the City and told the Council that all details had been worked out and an ordinance should be on an upcoming agenda to approve soon. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Jason Gonella, 417 Crescent Drive SW, came forward to request the Council consider replacing the bridge over Thompson Road. Mayor Garrison explained the project to replace the bridge was on the City's long-term capital plan to replace, but due to the cost, the City would require the help of Morgan County, MPO, grants or a combination of funding sources to complete the project. No other comments from the audience 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 7:30 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller