

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

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

City Attorney Larry Madison 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 minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Council Member Doss 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 1546, rezoning of Parker Road and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance, if adopted, would rezone 17 acres on Parker Road from R-1 to AG-1. The current comprehensive plan does not show this change, but the owner wishes to have livestock for personal benefit once his home is constructed on the property. No division or further development of the property is planned. The Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Ordinance 1546; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1541, amend zoning ordinance for accessory structures. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only and if adopted, it will redefine the definitions of yard areas and accessory structures to allow for the placement of a detached accessory structure in the side yard of a house. Currently, such structures are allowed when attached, but must be behind the rear wall of the house when detached. Under the revised provisions, the detached accessory structure would still be prohibited from coming closer to the street than the front wall of the house. The Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council Member Tankersley motioned to introduce Ordinance 1541; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1542, revisions to permitted uses for AG-1 zoning. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only and if adopted, it will make several revisions to the permitted uses of the AG-1 zone. These changes include the allowance of a detached in-law or guest house on an AG zoned parcel, and expanding the list of permitted agricultural activities to include tree farms/orchards and the sale of associated items (previously, this provision was limited to “fruits and vegetables”). The Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1542; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0727, the appointment of Frazer Lanier as bond underwriter, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained in order that the City be in the best position to

take advantage of favorable bond market conditions, the City appoints The Frazer Lanier Company Incorporated as Underwriter for the warrants, and authorizes the firm to begin preliminary work on the warrants. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 21-0727; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, to consider acceptance of FY2020 Audit. Mayor Garrison reviewed the FY2020 audit, which was performed by Tucker, Scott and Wates, in which the City received an “unqualified” opinion, which is the best that can be obtained, meaning there were no findings. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the FY2020 Audit as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a Special Event Permit request for the Depot Days Festival, and called on Chamber of Commerce Director Missy Evans to discuss with the Council. Ms. Evans came forward and explained the Depot Days festival will be September 18, 2021. After several meetings and discussions with Department Heads, she was requesting the Council approve the permit as requested. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for Depot Days; 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 a housing contract for a new police officer to attend the Law Enforcement Academy, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss with the Council. Chief Barley explained he is requesting approval for Mayor Garrison to sign the housing contract for Officer Joseph Harris during his training at the Law Enforcement Academy in Tuscaloosa. The dates for the academy are August 16, 2021 through November 18, 2021 and the contract mirrors those dates. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Mayor Garrison to sign the housing contract for new officer to attend Law Enforcement Academy; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Chief Barley to address the next item on the agenda, budget adjustment and transfer for Police Department. Chief Barley explained he is requesting a budget adjustment of \$14,000.00 to be added to Prisoner Expresses (01-201-5504). The additional funds are needed to cover projected prisoner expenses for the remainder of this budget cycle. The Morgan County Jail announced a pricing increase in their daily rates shortly after the FY2021 budget was approved causing the shortfall. Chief Barley also requested a budget transfer of \$1,000.00 from SUI (01-201-5105) to Physicals Screens & Drug Testing and \$8,000.00 from Utilities (01-201-5316) to Gas and Oil (01-201-5306). Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve budget adjustment for Police Department; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, budget transfer for Public Works, and called on Director Curtis Self to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained he would like to request a transfer of \$10,000.00 from Sanitation Gas and Oil Account (01-302-5306) to Shop Gas and Oil (01-301-5306). Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer for Public Works; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, budget transfer for Parks & Recreation, and called on Parks & Recreation Director Tom Chappell to discuss with the Council. Mr. Chappell explained he would like to request a transfer of \$ 210.00 from Recreational Events (01-401-5506) to Physicals, Screens & Drug Testing, and \$2,000.00 from Farmers Market (01-401-5305) and \$3,000.00 from Recreational Events to Concession Stand Supplies (01-401-5501), \$1,500.00 from Recreational Events and \$2,000.00 from Supplies (01-402-5204) to Training & Education. Council Member Doss motioned to approve budget transfer for Parks & Recreation; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, authorize quarterly Safety Award Winners, and called Mr. Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the following drawings from eligible employees in each department, Safety Winners for this quarter are as follows:

- Lakeshia Collier-City Hall
- Jonathan Warner-Fire Department
- Brian Mitchell-Parks & Rec
- Cody Hardin- Police Department
- Roger Aldridge-Public Works

Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Safety Award Winners; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the last item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0727A, and called on City Attorney Larry Madison to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Madison informed the Council that the resolution was necessary to call for a public hearing to vacate Uncle Herschel Way and publish the notice of such hearing on September 14th. He further explained to the Council the need for the hearing and answered questions. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 21-0727A; Council Member Doss 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 informed the Council about a new economic development training class put on by the Alabama League of Municipalities and explained that at least two Council Members must attend. Council Member Virginia Alexander and Council Member Ken Doss volunteered to attend the class along with the Mayor and two City staff members. After a discussion concerning next year's budget, it was decided that the Council would meet in a special called work session on Monday August 23rd to discuss the budget for FY2022. Mayor Garrison gave an update on the new municipal building renovations, updated the schedule for the anticipated paving of Pattillo Street and encouraged everyone that had not received the COVID vaccine to do so since the numbers of cases are increasing in our area. Council Member Tankersley thanked City Clerk – Controller Lee for her dedication to assure the City had a good audit, he also thanked the Police Chief for the Leadership Conference he recently brought to the high school. Council Members Doss and Alexander also thanked Ms. Lee for her role in securing a clean audit once again for the City.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. No other comments from the audience were made. Parks & Recreation Director Tom Chappell invited everyone to the Civic Center on Saturday night July 31st, 7:00 P.M. for an Olympic Watch party to support Hartselle's own Quanesha Burks as she competes in the long jump competition. Missy Evans came forward to give an update on Chamber activities. Mr. Jake Knapp, 801 Parker Road, came forward to thank the Council for their actions in approving his request for rezoning of his property.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Doss motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller

