

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
AUGUST 10, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Public Works Director Curtis Self 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 work session held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the work session minutes; 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, July 27, 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, Ordinance 1541, amend zoning ordinance for accessory structures. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance 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 President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Doss motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1541; Council Member Alexander 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 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 President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Doss motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1542; 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 1547, rezoning Barkley Bridge Road from AG-1 to R-1. Mr. Griffith explained this is for introduction only and if adopted, it will rezone a proposed 1.15 acre parcel area on Barkley Bridge Road from AG-1 to R-1 in order to divide it off from the larger AG-1 tract. This request is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan and the Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce

Ordinance 1547; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to address the next item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0810, vacate easement in Hickory Heights Subdivision. Mr. Griffith explained the resolution will vacate a 10' DU&T easement segment in Hickory Heights Subdivision. Per Hartselle Utilities and Public Works, this easement segment is not needed for any current or foreseeable public purpose. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 21-0810; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 21-0810A, authorizing participation in the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) Economic Development Academy, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the Alabama League of Municipalities has created the ALM Economic Development Academy which is a year-long training and certification program. The ALM is designed to educate and engage municipal officials on the essential elements and phrases of economic development while specifically highlighting their vital role in economic initiatives and projects. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 21-0810A; 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 21-0810B, accept/reject bids for Landscape Maintenance. The lower bidder meeting the specifications for Mowing & Landscape Maintenance for the Administration Department was Hannah's Lawn & Landscape Service, Inc. with their bid being \$150,000.00 for lump sum bid and \$21,600.00 for additive alternate # 1. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 21-0810B; 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 lease agreement with Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the City will lease the gravel parking lot, pavilion, and surrounding areas of the Hartselle Farmer's Market located at 206 Sparkman Street SW to the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce for a Special Event Permit. The term of the lease is for one (1) day, beginning at 4:00 AM on September 18, 2021 and ending at 4:00 PM. City agrees that Chamber will be required to make no payment for use of the leased premises. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Mayor Garrison to sign the lease agreement with Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the last item on the agenda, to consider an alcohol license for Shree Radhe, Inc. dba Main Street Food Mart located at 121 Main Street East. Mayor Garrison explained the license request was for retail beer and table wine off premises only and that the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had recommended the license be granted. 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 second the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the alcohol license for Shree Radhe, Inc. dba Main Street Food Mart; 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 gave an update on the Mapco project and the new municipal building. He also mentioned the conference call with the bond rating agencies would be taking place soon. He also gave an update on COVID concerns, sales tax update and the announcement of the new elementary school to replace Crestline. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Jason Gonella, 417 Crescent Dr., asked about the status of his request for public records. He was informed the City is still waiting on the information to be forwarded by Morgan County E-911. No other comments from the audience were made.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller