

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
AUGUST 24, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 24, 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 and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting, were present for the meeting. City Attorney Larry Madison was absent. 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, August 10, 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 1547, rezoning Barkley Bridge Road from AG-1 to R-1 and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to come forward and present to the Council. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance is for introduction only and if adopted, would 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. He noted the request was in conformance with the current comprehensive plan and that the Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open for discussion on the ordinance. No comments were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1547; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1548, a request to annex a one acre tract and single family residence on Hwy. 36 West into the City limits. Mr. Griffith informed the Council that this ordinance is for introduction only, and that this area is a priority two in the current Comprehensive Plan and that the Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1548; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to review the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1549, for introduction only. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance would zone the tract annexed by Ordinance 1548 as R-1. He noted the current comprehensive plan shows eventual zoning for this parcel to be B-1, but the current owner has no commercial plans and prefers to maintain the residential zoning at this time. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1549; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Ordinance 1550; a rezoning request. Mr. Griffith explained the ordinance, if adopted, would rezone a proposed 4.5 acre parcel area on Nanceford Road from AG-1 to R-1 in order to divide it off from the larger AG-1 tract. He noted the request, for introduction only, was in conformance with the current Comprehensive Plan and the Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1550; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Ordinance 1551, an extension of the education sales tax presented by Mayor Garrison. The Mayor explained the Board of Education had requested the Council extend the one cent education tax for ten additional years to help with the funding of the new Crestline Elementary School and recommended the rules be suspended for the immediate consideration of the ordinance. Council Member Alexander motioned to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of Ordinance 1551; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was as follows:

Council President Thompson	Yes
Council Member Tankersely	Yes
Council Member Gill	Yes
Council Member Alexander	Yes
Council Member Doss	Yes

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1551; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed Resolution 21-0824C; authorizing preliminary action for and reimbursement for the upcoming 2021 bond issue. Mayor Garrison reviewed the resolution which authorizes and approves the Preliminary Official Statement of the City and a Funding Agreement between the City and the Hartselle Board of Education. It also authorizes the engagement of professional services for underwriter and bond attorney as well as other details regarding the bond warrants. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 21-0824C; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 21-0824; which would grant a non-educational tax abatement to Lektron, Inc. for a period of ten years for a major addition to their existing facility. Morgan County Economic Development Director Jeremy Nails came forward to present the resolution and discuss the request. He informed the Council that the new construction would allow Lektron to employ, over a three year period, 24 new employees at a projected salary of 1.3 million. After further discussion, Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 21-0824; Council Member Tankersely seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed Resolution 21-0824A, to approve or reject janitorial bids for City Hall, Library, Police Department and Parks & Recreation. The Mayor presented the resolution and informed the Council that only two bids were received, the lowest being from Oak Ridge Cleaning Service, who also met all requirements of the bid and he recommended the janitorial contract be awarded to them for a period of three (3) years. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 21-0824A; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 21-0824B, to approve or reject bids for solid waste disposal for the City. Mayor Garrison presented the resolution and informed the Council that only one bid was received, that being from Republic Services, their bid being \$24.97 per ton. He noted the bid also conformed to all other requirements and recommended the Council approve. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 21-0824B and accept the bid from Republic Services; Council Member Tankersely seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Thompson moved on to Resolution 21-0824D, to amend the Personnel Policy under the Vacation Benefits, section 303. Mayor Garrison reviewed the requested changes with the Council that would allow newly hired employees to use accrued vacation leave after all other leave has been exhausted for medical emergencies and quarantine purposes, with written documentation. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Resolution 21-0824D; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed a request to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Fire Hydrant Maintenance contract with Hartselle Utilities for FY 2022. Mayor Garrison presented the contract and reviewed the changes from the previous year. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed a request to consider a Special Event Alcohol License for the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce for Depot Days. Mayor Garrison presented the request that had been reviewed and approved by the Alcohol Review Committee. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open for comments concerning the license. No comments 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 Gill motioned to approve the Special Event Alcohol License as requested; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed a budget transfer request from the Police Department and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to come forward and present the request. Chief Barley requested the following to cover shortfalls within the Police Department Budget: \$1,985.00 to be transferred from Radio Repairs to Vehicle Maintenance; \$1,315.00 transferred from Insurance Expense to Vehicle Maintenance; \$550.00 transferred from Insurance Expense to Telephone Expense and \$2,150.00 transferred from Utilities to Telephone. Another transfer of \$2,850.00 from Utilities to Training and Education and \$450.00 from Uniforms to Training and Education. He also requested \$6,000.00 from Uniforms to Minor Equipment to fund a pending project. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer request as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item, a request for a budget transfer from Public Works and called on Director Curtis Self to come forward to present his request. He requested that \$8,000.00 be transferred from Sanitation Vehicle Maintenance and \$8,000.00 from Public Works Vehicle Maintenance to cover a shortfall in Sanitation Permits and Fees. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed a request from the Department of Development for a budget transfer and called on Director Jeff Johnson to come forward and present the request. He requested a transfer of \$250.00 from Engineering to Office Supplies to cover a shortage in that line item. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the request as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the last item on the agenda, a budget transfer request from the Fire Department and called on the Mayor to present in the absence of the Fire Chief. The request was to transfer \$5,008.09 from Vehicles and \$3,500.00 from Building and Grounds to Minor Equipment for the purchase of a new fire hose for the department and the new fire truck that is on order. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the request as presented; 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 an update on the new municipal building, the Mapco project and an update on recycling. Council Member Alexander thanked the Mayor and Public Works Director Self for their hard work to get recycling started back. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Doug Chapman, 1614 Barkley Bridge Road, came forward as a member of the Airport Board and thanked DOD Director Johnson for his help with that board and told the Council he planned to get more

involved with the Airport now that he was retired. 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 7:28 p.m.

Kenny Thompson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller