

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, inside the Assembly Room at the Hartselle Municipal Building, located at 611 Chestnut Street NW. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Nathan Green gave the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members 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 for the meeting, were present for the meeting. Council Member Dwight Tankersley was absent from 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, February 8, 2022. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0222, abatement Infinity Playgrounds, LLC and called on Ms. Penny Townson with Morgan County Economic Development to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Townson explained to the Council that the company was looking to open up a manufacturing facility in Hartselle and was seeking an abatement for 10 years of all state and local noneducational property taxes and sales taxes. The project construction amount would be 1.3 million dollars and would provide 18 new jobs. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 22-0222; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0222A, a request to accept/reject bids for the final phase of the 2017 CDBG Program (in conjunction with Hartselle Utilities) to drainage and street improvement to the Rhodes Street area and called on Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss with the Council. Mr. Johnson informed the Council that the low bid meeting all specifications was from Cypress Contracting, LLC for \$444,440.00. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the resolution and accept the low bid as requested; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0222B, a request to establish a fire lane in the City parking lot-Sparkman and Hickory Street and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss with the Council. Chief Fox informed the Council that after receiving complaints from business owners in the area and after investigating the issue he was recommending the Council authorize a fire lane along the City parking lot west of Sparkman Street and North of Hickory Street. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 22-0222B; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider alcohol license application for Moe's Original BBQ, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained BMH Hartselle LLC dba Moe's Original BBQ at 200 Main Street West had applied for a Restaurant, Class I retail liquor license. The Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had reviewed the application and recommended the license be granted pending final inspections from the Building and Fire Department. 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 approve the alcohol license for Moe's Original BBQ pending the final inspections; Council Member Gill 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 contract with Hannah's Landscaping for municipal building landscape maintenance. Mayor Garrison reviewed the contract that would include mowing, edging, weed eating, weed control, mulching and other services at a cost of \$500.00 per month. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the contract with Hannah's as presented; Council Member Doss 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 Special Events Permits for Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers 2nd Saturday Cruise-In (May-October 2022). Mayor Garrison explained the Bee Line Highway Classics & Cruisers would like to have a car show every 2nd Saturday May thru October 2022, in the downtown area. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Cruise-In Special Events Permit as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer request 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 budget transfer of \$5,000.00 from line item Concessions to Vehicle Maintenance and \$5,000.00 from Tournament and League to Vehicle Maintenance. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Parks & Recreation budget transfer; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider request to declare items as surplus for Public Works, and called on Public Works Supervisor David Vankoughnett to discuss with the Council. Mr. Vankoughnett explained they have some equipment parts for vehicles or equipment that had been declared surplus and sold, therefore there is no longer a need for the part and requested they be declared as surplus and sold as well. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Public Works items surplus; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Vankoughnett to address the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer request for Public Works. Mr. Vankoughnett explained he would like to request a budget transfer of \$900.00 from Shop Right of Way to Advertising Expense to cover additional cost of a recycle calendar insert at Hartselle Utilities. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Public Works budget transfer; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed next item on the agenda, to consider appointment to Parks & Recreation Board. Council Member Gill motioned to reappoint Mr. Brian Williams to the Parks & Recreation Board for a five year term; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget adjustment request for Administration, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the company that had insured the City last year for cyber insurance declined to renew any municipal policies, so a new quote was necessary. The premium has tripled in cost from \$5,658.28 to \$18,836.80. He stated that he along with City-Clerk Controller Lee and System Administration Shawn Woods feel like the coverage is something we must have to protect the City's information systems. A budget adjustment to Insurance of \$12,500.00 to cover the overage is requested. Administration would also like to request a budget adjustment of \$7,000.00 to Furniture and Fixtures and \$3,000.00 to Court Furniture and Fixtures, this would cover additional furniture and fixtures that were needed for the new municipal building and for the Court operations in the new Public Safety Building. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustments for Administration; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider request to declare items surplus for Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Fox to discuss with the Council. Chief Fox explained he is requesting the Council to declare approximately 100 textbooks surplus. The textbooks are fire subject related and outdated. The Alabama Fire College requires newer editions for current classes. Council Member Gill motioned to approve items surplus for Fire Department; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, appointments of voting delegates to ALM Convention. Council Member Gill motioned to appoint Ken Doss as voting delegate, Virginia Alexander as first alternate and Kenny Thompson as second alternate for ALM Convention; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the last item on the agenda, a request to approve the application for a Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Grant for an outdoor gym, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained he was only asking permission to apply for the grant to build two outdoor gyms, on City owned property, with Blue Cross/Blue Shield providing \$50,000.00 each toward the funding. The total estimated cost of the gyms are \$165,000 each. Council Member Doss motioned to authorize the Mayor to apply for two Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Grants; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson read the following announcement:

The City of Hartselle is accepting applications for positions on the following board:

Parks & Recreation Board, three expired vacancies, five-year terms

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or on the City's website. Applications or resumes must be turned into the City Clerk's office or emailed by Friday, March 11th, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison asked everyone to remember the family of Sarah Onks in their prayers. Ms. Onks, who was employed by Leonard Designs and was the project manager for the interior design of the new municipal building was tragically killed in a car accident on February 14th. She will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure to know and work with her. Council Members Doss welcomed the new Moe's BBQ restaurant to Hartselle; Council Member Alexander thanked the exchange students that were in attendance for their visit and invited them back. City Attorney Madison also thanked the students in attendance and welcomed back Public Works Director Curtis Self who had missed a few meetings due to multiple surgeries. Council President Thompson welcomed the students as well and also expressed thankfulness for Mr. Self being able to attend the meeting. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. No comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller