

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
March 8, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 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.

Mr. Curtis Self, Public Works Director, 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 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 for 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, February 22, 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 22-0308, to consider professional service selection for Hwy. 36 & Lando Cain intersection engineering and called on DOD Director Jeff Johnson to present it to Council. Mr. Johnson explained the City has received an ALDOT-MPO Agreement to design and implement intersection improvements at SR36 (Main St. East) and Lando Cain Rd and has contracted with Garver Engineers to provide all project design services. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 22-0308; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0308A, to consider a maintenance agreement with ALDOT for Tabernacle Road railroad crossing warning devices. DOD Director Johnson came forward and explained the agreement was a joint venture with the State of Alabama, Morgan County and the City to provide warning devices on Tabernacle Road. The City's matching funds for the project would be \$19,374.29. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the Resolution 22-0308A; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The 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 boards:

Parks & Recreation Board, two expired positions, five-year terms

BZA Board, two regular positions and two alternate positions, three-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 18th, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison gave an update on several projects including the Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant and presented cost estimates on several projects that had been discussed recently. Council Member Tankersley questioned the City Attorney about some recent developments with the Opioid class action lawsuit that the City had been a partner on. City Attorney Madison explained his concerns and those of the Police Chief about the City's responsibilities to move forward to be eligible to receive any funds from the lawsuit may be cost prohibited, even going as far as setting up a separate department to handle the funds. After a brief discussion, Council Member Tankersley made a motion that the City withdraw from the litigation effective

immediately; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. 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 7:29 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller