

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
April 12, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 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.

Public Works Director, Curtis Self, gave the invocation. A local Boy Scout 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 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 Chuck Gill 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, March 29, 2022. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the second item on the agenda, a budget adjustment for Administration, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained that the City wrote a building permit for Gray Construction, Inc. for Cerro Wire expansion and collected \$116,615.00 for permit fees, with \$33,130.00 being the CICT fees for the State of Alabama. These fees will be reflected on the April report and remitted to the State of Alabama in May. Due to this large CICT collection fee, a budget adjustment to both revenue line-item Building Permits and CICT Fee expense line item is needed in the amount of \$33,130.00 to offset the changes. This is a fee the City is required to collect and forward to the State of Alabama. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget adjustment as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider Parks & Recreation Board appointments. He explained there were two vacancies on the board and the City had only received one application for those positions. Council Member Tankersley motioned to appoint Jaime Hatcher to the board; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1569, general obligation School Warrants 2022, and called on Mr. Heyward Hosch, partner with Maynard, Cooper and Gale of Birmingham to come forward and discuss it with the Council. Mr. Hosch reviewed with the Council the Bond Issue that was requested by the Board of Education to help with the budget shortfall for the construction of the new Crestline Elementary School and other capital projects. The 30-year bonds netted proceeds of \$15,075,568.39 at an average interest rate of 3.72%. Mr. Hosch also reviewed the funding agreement with the school system that was part of the Bond Issue, and stated it would mirror the one adopted with the 2021 Bond Warrants. Council Member Doss motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1569; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote and results were as follows:

Council President Thompson	Yes
Council Member Tankersley	Yes
Council Member Alexander	Yes
Council Member Doss	Yes

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance

1569; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Chuck Gill joined the meeting at 7:11 P.M.

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, one expired position, five-year term

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, April 22th, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Garrison read aloud a proclamation declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that a company was being considered for a new City website. He reminded everyone of the Open House for the new Municipal Building on Sunday, April 24th. He also thanked Tom Chappell and the employees at Parks and Recreation for their help in laying sod and other maintenance items around the new building. Council Member Tankersley announced that the Hartselle Baseball team had beat Cullman. Council Member Alexander thanked the Boy Scout that led the pledge for his attendance. City Attorney Madison discussed the recent vote by the Council to withdraw from the Opioid class action lawsuit and shared a conversation he had with one of the attorneys handling the suit and asked the Council to reconsider their action and rejoin the lawsuit. After a brief discussion, Council Member Doss motioned to rejoin the Opioid class action lawsuit; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Randy Sparkman, Hartselle Board of Education Chairman, thanked the Council, Mayor and Ms. Lee for their support of the bond warrants issued on behalf of the school system and expressed his excitement of the new elementary school that would soon be built. No comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller