

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 9, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 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.

Mayor Randy Garrison gave the invocation and 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 and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary for the meeting, were present for the meeting. Council Member Chuck Gill and City Attorney Larry Madison were 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, July 26, 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 first item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0809, Rebuild Alabama Act, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss with the Council. Mr. Self explained to the Council that this resolution, if approved, would adopt the FY2023 Transportation Plan required by the Rebuild Alabama Act. The City anticipates expending funds received to the following projects:

- Mill and pave a portion of Stewart Street NW from Chestnut to Hwy. 31 N
- Pave a portion of Railroad Street from Hickory Street South to Petain Street

Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 22-0809; 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 renewal of Fire Hydrant Maintenance contract with Hartselle Utilities, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss the renewal of the contract with the Council. Mayor Garrison presented the contract with Hartselle Utilities and the City's portion is \$2,917.76. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Fire Hydrant Maintenance contract for FY 2023 with Hartselle Utilities; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, to consider acceptance of FY2021 Financial Audit. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the prior year audit had been completed by the firm of Talley, Mauldin, Peete and Wates with Mr. Darrel Wates as the lead auditor. He stated the audit had no findings and was an unqualified opinion which was a favorable report. Council Member Doss motioned to accept the FY2021 Financial Audit; 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 a Special Events Permit for Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce for Depot Days, and called on Jaime Hatcher with the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss with the Council. Ms. Hatcher explained Depot Days will be September 17, 2022 and would like to request road and parking closures starting September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Mayor Garrison pointed out one request by the Chamber that was not a necessary consideration by the City since the Chamber by virtue of the permit would have control over the parking lot in question. He also presented his concerns that the Chamber using Pepsi as a sponsor of Depot Days was a violation of the City's contract with Coco-Coca. He asked the Council to approve the permit conditionally until City Attorney Madison was back in town and could make a decision on the possible conflict. After a brief discussion about the issue Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Special Events Permit; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous

voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Ms. Hatcher to address the next item on the agenda, to consider lease agreement with Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce for Depot Days. Ms. Hatcher explained the Chamber would like the City to 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 to use as a beer garden during the Depot Days event. The term of the lease is for one (1) day, beginning at 4:00 AM on September 17, 2022 and ending at 4:00 PM. Council Member Tankersley motioned to authorize Mayor Garrison to sign the lease agreement with Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer for Public Works, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss with the Council. Mr. Self explained he would like to transfer \$3,500.00 from Landfill Engineering Expense and \$1,900.00 from Shop Engineering Expense to Landfill Permits and Fees. These transfers would cover the cost of the Solid Waste Disposal Permit Application which must be paid a year in advance. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer for Public Works; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the last item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer for Parks and Recreation, and called on Parks and Recreation Director Tom Chappell to discuss with the Council. Mr. Chappell explained he would like to transfer \$7,974.94 from Supplies to Minor Equipment. This is for a freezer and refrigerator bought for the Aquatic Center. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer for Parks and Recreation; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison recognized Dr. Dee Dee Jones, Superintendent of Hartselle City Schools, for her accomplishments and presented her with a certificate. Mayor Garrison then recognized Parks and Recreation Director Tom Chappell for five (5) years of service and presented him with certificate to recognize his accomplishments. Mayor Garrison reviewed the sales tax collections for July, which was up by 8.1%. A discussion was held concerning a possible work session to discuss the budget, but no decision was made. Mayor Garrison also reminded the Council that a portion of street lights on Highway 31 north would be removed at ALDOT's direction, in preparation for the beginning of the ALTRIP project for that location. Council Member Tankersley asked for an update on the drainage issues at the softball field and on the situation concerning trailer violations on city streets. All Council Members and Ms. Lee thanked Superintendent Jones for her dedication to the City of Hartselle School System and wished her well in her future endeavors. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Mr. Rick Chandler, a candidate for Alabama Senate for district 3 with the Libertarian party, introduced himself and asked for the Council's support. No comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller