

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
AUGUST 23, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 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.

City Attorney Larry Madison 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 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.

At this time Council President Thompson recognized Mayor Garrison who asked Staci Wells with Parks & Recreation to come forward and introduce the Shining Stars Archery Team that had recently won top honors in a state competition. Mayor Garrison called each winning team member to the front and presented them with certificates and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 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, Ordinance 1575, rezoning 38.79 acres on Higdon Road, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, it will rezone 38.79 acres on Higdon Road (west and north of Turtle Pond Estates) from AG-1/R-1 (split zoning) to R-5 for a proposed patio home development. This change is not specifically shown in the current comprehensive plan, but the use does remain “detached residential,” as proposed. Mr. Griffith also explained that this item is scheduled for public hearing and final consideration at the September 13th meeting and the Planning Commission will make a formal recommendation at its meeting on September 6th. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1575; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1576, rezoning Hwy. 31 North. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, it will rezone 1.16 acres and a commercial building on Hwy. North (former foundation repair business) from B-1 to B-2 in order to allow a proposed towing service at this location. Mr. Griffith also said this change is not specifically shown in the current comprehensive plan, but there are other B-2 zoned parcels in the vicinity. Under the current B-2 ordinance, screening is required for auto storage in conjunction with a towing service, if the requested rezoning is approved. This item is scheduled for public hearing and final consideration at the September 13th meeting and the Planning Commission will make a formal recommendation at its meeting September 6th. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1576; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1577, establishing a Reserve Police Officer Program, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley explained the program and informed the Council that the ordinance was modeled after one that AMIC (the City’s insurance carrier) recommended. City Attorney Madison also added that the ordinance was written to provide the best protection

to the City from liability. Council Member Tankersley motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration; Council Member Doss 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 Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1577; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0823, authorize purchase of Aerial Apparatus (Ladder) Truck for Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss with the Council. Chief Fox explained that as part of the budget process, it was the recommendation from himself along with the Mayor and City Clerk – Controller that funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 would be used to invest in a new Aerial Apparatus (Ladder) Truck to replace the 1997 Aerial Apparatus (Ladder) Truck being used at a cost of \$1,600,000.00. Chief Fox was requesting immediate authorization to issue a purchase order due to an anticipated price increase. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 22-0823 to approve the purchase; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Chief Barley to address the next item on the agenda, to consider Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hartselle City Schools for the School Resource Officers (SRO) & School Protection Officers Programs (SPO). Chief Barley explained the MOU between the Hartselle Police Department and Hartselle City Schools was a renewal of existing programs with the school system and would continue to assign five (5) seasonally employed police officers as SPO's and two (2) full time SRO's officers to the Hartselle School Resource Officers Program. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the MOU with Hartselle City Schools for the SRO & SPO Programs; 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 budget transfers for Public Works, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss with the Council. Mr. Self explained that he would like to make the following transfers:

- \$2,750.00 from Shop Drainage to Shop Right of Way Maintenance
- \$2,000.00 from Shop Vehicle Maintenance to Landfill Vehicle Maintenance
- \$2,000.00 from Sanitation Minor Equipment to Sanitation Buildings & Grounds

Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfers for Public Works; 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 the Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox explained he would like to transfer \$10,050.00 from Building & Grounds to Minor Equipment to cover three (3) sets of turnout gear. Chief Fox said they have received two (2) sets and expect another set before FY2022 budget year ends. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer for Fire Department; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfers for the Police Department, and called on Chief Barley to discuss with the Council. Chief Barley explained he would like to make the following transfers:

- \$650.00 from Radio Repairs to Training
- \$2,500.00 from Workers Comp. to Uniforms
- \$2,500.00 from Workers Comp. to Supplies and Equipment
- \$500.00 from Workers Comp. to Physicals and Screenings

Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfers for the Police Department; 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 budget transfer for Administration, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor

Garrison explained Administration is requesting a budget transfer of \$3,000.00 from Consulting Fees to Office Supplies to cover line item for the remainder of the budget year, due to the increasing cost of supplies. He also stated that Administration added two new employees this year that had to have all essential office items and additional small things we need for the building. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve budget transfer for Administration; Council Member Tankersley 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 budget transfers for Parks and Recreation. Mayor Garrison explained he would like to make the following transfers:

\$22,000.00 from Property Purchase to Utilities

\$8,500.00 from Property Purchase to Concession Stand Supplies

\$7,974.94 from Minor Equipment Parks & Recreation to Minor Equipment Aquatic

Center. This same transfer was requested at the last Council meeting, but there were not sufficient funds in the account at the time to cover the transfer. This transfer request was made to purchase a freezer and refrigerator for the Aquatic Center.

Transfer a total of \$10,000.00 from the following line items to Concession Stand Supplies:

\$1,251.60 from Allowances Uniforms

\$ 1,000.00 from Telephone

\$ 1,200.00 Marketing

\$1,300.00 Fiscal Agent Fees

\$5,248.40 Property Purchases

Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfers for Parks and Recreation; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the last item on the agenda, to authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal with Game Day Athletic Surfaces, Inc. for softball field and authorize transfer to cover the cost. Mayor Garrison explained that Game Day Athletic Surfaces, Inc. would improve drainage, top grade and fraze mow the softball field and that the softball field would be closed 4 to 6 weeks. Council Member Tankersley motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal with Game Day Athletic Surfaces, Inc.; Council Member Doss 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 gave an update on the ADECA project and a status update on the new City's website design.

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 7:22 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller