

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
MARCH 22, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Michael Whitaker, Associate and Youth Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, led the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Billy Buckelew, Tom Chappell, Ken Doss, Mike Roberson, Mayor Bill Smelser, City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk – Controller Rita S. Lee, who acted as Secretary of the meeting. Having a quorum present, Council President Thompson declared the proceeding open for business.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes from the work session held on March 8, 2016. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1440, adoption of the current NFIP Flood Damage Prevention Model Ordinance. Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, came forward to explain that this ordinance was introduced at the previous meeting and was ready for final consideration. Mr. Johnson also said that if adopted, this ordinance would adopt updated regulations related to floodplain and flood hazard management within the City so as to be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. Council Member Roberson motioned to adopt Ordinance 1440; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on City Planner, Jeremy Griffith, to discuss Ordinance 1436, for final consideration. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that if adopted, it would zone a recently annexed two-acre tract and single family residence on Parker Road R-1 (single family residential). Mr. Griffith also said that this zoning is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan and the Planning Commission had recommended approval 5-0-1. At this time Council President Thompson called for a public hearing. No comments were made. Council Member Chappell motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1436; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1438, for introduction only. Mr. Griffith explained that if adopted, this ordinance would update the permitted uses sections of the B1, B2 and B4 zoning ordinance sections. He also told the Council that the Planning Commission recommended adoption 5-1-1. Council Member Chappell motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1438; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1434, also for introduction only. Mr. Griffith told the Council that if adopted, this ordinance would update the permitted sections of the M1 and M2 zoning Ordinance sections, and the Planning Commission had recommended adoption 6-0-1. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1434; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Danielle Gibson, Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce President, to discuss the next item on the agenda. Ms. Gibson came forward to discuss Special Event Permits requested for the following events:

- 1) Spring Fling - This is an annual event to be held May 2 – May 21, 2016, and is designed to get people in Hartselle to shop with merchants inside the City limits. Local merchants donate door prizes for the drawing held on May 21st, the final day of the event. The main event will begin on Saturday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m. and end 8:00 p.m.
- 2) Cotton Pickin' BBQ Cook-off - This BBQ cook-off will be held July 29-30, 2016. Set up will begin at noon on Thursday, July 28th and end late afternoon on Saturday, July 30th.
- 3) Depot Days Festival - This annual event will be held the week of September 10-17th, and will celebrate the 36th Anniversary of the Depot Days Festival. Set up will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16th and the festival will end at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17th.
- 4) Christmas Open House - This event will be held on Sunday, November 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with set up beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Council President Thompson then called on Emily Love, Library Manager, to discuss her request for approval for a grant application. Ms. Love came forward and asked the Council for approval to write a 2017 L.S.T.A. Grant for large print books for \$4,000.00 and explained that the large print collection is one of the oldest in the Library and needs updating. She informed the Council that the \$1,000 grant match would come from the Friends of the Library Organization. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the 2017 L.S.T.A. Grant application; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Ms. Love to discuss her request to declare items surplus. Ms. Love explained that the Library is requesting to declare 617 discarded library books as surplus. She also told the Council most of these books are outdated and were replaced with their 2015 L.S.T.A. Grant, and will be donated to Friends of the Library to be sold in the used book room or donated. She also requested that three broken paperback bookracks be declared surplus and taken to the landfill. Council Member Doss motioned to declare the requested items as surplus; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time Council President Thompson told the Council that the City had received applications for the Airport Board from Jason Wisener, Brad Parker and D.J. Dixon. The Council had interviewed Mr. Wisener and Mr. Parker at the work session prior to the meeting. Council Member Chappell motioned to appoint Jason Wisener to the Airport Board for a five- year term; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Bill Smelser to discuss the bid the City had received for a 1973 Chevrolet Dump Truck. Mayor Smelser said that the dump truck belonged to the Parks and Recreation Department and had been declared surplus and bids had been taken for the truck. Only one bid had been received, from Chris Gandy for \$250.00. Council Member Chappell motioned to accept the bid; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Smelser to discuss the ad for the Hartselle Educator Hall of Fame banquet program. Mayor Smelser explained that this being the first program for the organization, he would like to recommend the City purchase an ad in the program as a show of support. He suggested the black and white half page ad that was \$100.00. Council Member Roberson motioned to purchase the \$100.00 ad for the program as suggested by the Mayor; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. However, Council Member Chappell in discussion stated he thought the City should purchase the full one page color ad at a cost of \$300.00. Motion failed by a unanimous voice vote. Council Member Chappell motioned the Council purchase a full page color ad for \$300.00; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time Council President Thompson announced that the City was accepting applications for the following board:

- 1) Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA): two (2) regular positions, two (2) alternate positions – each serving a three (3) year term

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or on the City's website. The applications must be turned in to the City Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016.

At this time, Mayor Smelser read aloud a proclamation declaring the month of April 2016 Autism Awareness Month.

Council President Thompson then called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Council Member Roberson informed the Council that he had attended some ALM meetings last week in Montgomery and urged the Council Members to contact their legislative delegation concerning bills that were currently being considered that would take revenue away from cities. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson then called for comments from the audience. Mrs. Roberta Hartman, 1410 Mountain View Circle came forward to ask the Council's help in getting Mountain View Road cleaned up. She stated the area around the soccer fields were covered with trash. Council President Thompson stated he was sure that someone would take care of that problem. Don Sanders, 301 Hickory Street came forward to ask questions concerning recycling in the City and questions about the one way streets planned for downtown. Mayor Smelser and Jeff Johnson replied to his questions.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Roberson motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller