

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Milam Dekich, Pastor of Faiview Church of God, led the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Billy Buckelew, 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. Council Member Tom Chappell was absent. 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 regular meeting held on February 9, 2016. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Mayor Bill Smelser recognized Robert Fricks who recently retired from the Public Works Department. Mayor Smelser presented Mr. Fricks with a certificate to acknowledge his 37 years of employment with the City and thanked him for his service. Mr. Fricks was given a round of applause and congratulated by all of the Council Members for his many years of service to the City.

Council President Thompson next addressed Ordinance 1435. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that this ordinance was introduced at the previous meeting and was up for public hearing and final consideration. He told the Council that if adopted, this ordinance would annex a single family residence into the City limits. He also said that the property is within a priority two annexation area in the comprehensive plan, and the Planning Commission had recommended annexation approval 5-0-1. Council President Thompson called for a public hearing. No comments were made. Council Member Doss motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1435; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to come forward and discuss Resolution 16-0223. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council that the City had received a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to implement a flood reduction project. Mr. Johnson also said that in accordance to FEMA regulations, the City had solicited and received bids from qualified construction companies to construct the flood reduction project according to the approved plans and specifications, and had determined that Reidco General Contracting had the lowest responsive bid for the project. Mr. Johnson explained that another bidder, Rick Hall Construction, submitted a lower bid of \$167,370.00 but he did not hold the necessary license with the State of Alabama to bid on the project. City Attorney Madison reminded the Council that they could not award a bid if the bidder was not qualified. Mr. Johnson informed the Council that if approved, this resolution would grant Mayor Smelser the authority to award the construction contract to Reidco General Contracting in the amount of \$172,215.00, which includes the base bid plus add alternates 1-4 to complete all flood reduction activities associated with the project. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 16-0223; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Johnson to discuss his request for the Council to consider Garver, LLC as the engineering consulting firm for Airport Projects for the next five (5) years. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council that the Federal Aviation Administration and the Alabama Aeronautics Bureau require periodic selection procedures, whereby Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) are requested from a number of consultants to ensure open and free

competition. Mr. Johnson then told the Council that the Airport Advisory Board met in a called meeting on February 11, 2016 to review and discuss SOQ's from two interested consulting firms: Garver, LLC and Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood. Mr. Johnson said that after reviewing and scoring each submittal on pre-determined criteria, the Board recommended that Garver, LLC be selected as the engineering and planning consultant for the Airport for the next five (5) years. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the selection of Garver, LLC as the engineering consultant for the Airport; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Fire Chief Daryl Fox to step forward and discuss his request for the Council to consider the updated Volunteer Firefighter Roster. Chief Fox explained to the Council that he was requesting to add Shawn Baner to the roster, who had served previously but had moved out of town, and had just recently relocated back to Hartselle. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the updated Volunteer Firefighter Roster; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thomson then called on City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee to discuss a request to appoint Mayor Bill Smelser to the Morgan County Industrial Park and Economic Development Cooperative District. Ms. Lee informed the Council that the former Mayor Don Hall, who served on the board, had recently resigned and requested the Council appoint Mayor Smelser to fill out the term on the board. Council Member Roberson motioned to appoint Mayor Smelser to the Morgan County Industrial Park and Economic Development Cooperative District; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then addressed the last item on the agenda, which was a request to declare items surplus for the Public Works Department. Council President Thompson called on Public Works Director Daxton Maze to discuss his request. Mr. Maze came forward and requested that the following items be declared as surplus and listed to be sold at government auction to the highest bidder:

- 1) 1993 GMC Top Kick Brush Truck, VIN #1GDM7H1J511089
- 2) 2005 Sterling Garbage Truck, VIN #49HHBVCY95RU92640
- 3) 1974 John Deere 1120 Tractor, VIN #181059

Council Member Doss motioned to declare the items surplus and list them to be auctioned on GovDeals. Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time Daxton Maze came forward to read his resignation letter. He indicated he had accepted a position with Hartselle Utilities. He expressed his appreciation to the City for the opportunity to serve as Public Works Director for fourteen months.

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

- 1) Cemetery Board: one (1) expired position, five (5) year term
- 2) Airport Board: one (1) expired position, five (5) 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, March 4, 2016.

At this time, Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Mayor Smelser thanked Daxton for his service to the City and wished him well in his new position. Council Member Bucklelew had questions about the old armory building the City owns, and asked about the Council looking into an ordinance to limit the number of dogs a resident can have. Council Member Roberson thanked Daxton for his service as did City Attorney Madison, Ms. Lee and Council President Thompson.

Council President Thompson then called for comments from the audience. None were made.

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 7:20 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller