

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
MARCH 8, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Nathan Green, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, led the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Billy Buckelew, Tom Chappell, Ken Doss, Mayor Bill Smelser, City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk – Controller Rita S. Lee, who acted as Secretary of the meeting. Council Member Mike Roberson 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 23, 2016. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 16-0308 to approve a tax abatement for Busche Enterprise Division, Inc. Mr. Nails explained to the Council in the preceding work session that if approved, the tax abatement for Busche was for a major addition to their existing facility. Mr. Nails explained the request was for an abatement of 1.4 million in non-educational, local sales and use tax and property tax over a 10-year period. The 26 million dollar expansion would create an additional 75 jobs. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 16-0308; Buckelew 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 Ordinance 1440. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council that this ordinance, for introduction only, 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 Chappell motioned to introduce Ordinance 1440; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then addressed the next item on the agenda, a Special Event Permit application from Hartselle First Assembly of God to host “Speed the Light”, a 5K fundraiser for their Youth Mission Program. Dustin Black, Coordinator of the event, came forward to explain the event would begin at 6:30 a.m., Saturday July 23, 2016, and end at 10:00 a.m. The 5K run would start at Sparkman Civic Center and end at the baseball field parking lot, the same route as the annual Depot Days 5K run. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for Hartselle First Assembly of God; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed a Special Event Permit application from the Morgan County Sherriff’s Office for their annual Morgan County Sherriff’s Rodeo Parade. If approved, the event will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning at the Posse Grounds on Vest Road, down Sparkman and Main Street then back to Vest Road. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for the Morgan County Sherriff’s Rodeo Parade; Council Member Chappell 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 for a budget adjustment for Administration - Library. Ms. Lee requested a \$1,995.00 budget adjustment be approved for the William B. Huie Library Fund in order to purchase new bookcases for the children’s department. Member Doss motioned to approve the budget adjustment for the Library; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then explained to the Council that the City had received an application from Jimmy Doyle Day for the vacant position on the Cemetery Board. Council Member Doss motioned to appoint Mr. Day to the Cemetery Board for a five- year term; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Smelser to address the last item on the agenda, which was a request to consider making changes to the Public Works Director's job description. Mayor Smelser explained the main change to the description was the residency requirement be changed to a ten (10) mile radius of the City Limits of Hartselle to be established within one (1) year of hire. Council Member Doss motioned to approve making the changes to the Public Work Director's job description; Council Member Chappell 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, Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Council Member Buckelew requested that a discussion be held at the next work session concerning limiting the number of dogs a resident can have. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson then called for comments from the audience. Nora Glenn, 308 Acadia Street, came to ask the Mayor to pass a proclamation to declare the month of April as Autism Awareness month in the City of Hartselle. City Attorney Madison explained he would be happy to draft a proclamation for the Mayor.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Chappell motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller