

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
APRIL 26, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Mayor Bill Smelser led the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members 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. Council Member Billy Buckelew was absent. Having a quorum present, Council President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 12, 2016. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1439 and asked City Planner Jeremy Griffith to explain to the Council that this ordinance was introduced at the previous meeting and up for final consideration. If adopted, the ordinance would update the permitted uses sections of the AG and R-2 zoning ordinance sections and revise the side yard setback provisions of the R-5 (patio home) section. He informed the Council the Planning Commission had recommended adoption 5-0. Council President Thompson declared the Public Hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Chappell motioned to close the Public Hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Council Member Roberson motioned to adopt Ordinance 1439; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1442. Mr. Griffith explained that this ordinance was for introduction only, and if adopted, will annex approximately five acres and a single family residence at 1618 Tunsel Road S.W. He also said this property is a priority two in the Comprehensive Plan, and that the Planning Commission will make a recommendation at its May 3rd meeting. Council Member Chappell motioned to introduce Ordinance 1442; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1443. Mr. Griffith informed the Council that Ordinance 1443 was for introduction only, but if adopted, it would zone the property annexed by Ordinance 1442 as R-1. He also said this zoning is in conformance with the current Comprehensive Plan, and the Planning Commission will make a recommendation at its May 3rd meeting. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1443; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Mr. Griffith to discuss the Safety Award Winners for the third quarter. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that drawings were held in all departments to select safety winners from eligible employees, and they are as follows:

Sherry Reagin – Administration
Zachary Mc Gee – Fire Department
Mark Edmondson – Park & Recreation
Chip Reynolds – Police Department
Greg Mayfield – Public Works

With the Council's approval, Mr. Griffith explained that each employee would receive a check

for \$50.00. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the third quarter safety winners and the issuance of checks; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Jeff Johnson, Department of Development Director, to step forward and discuss Resolution 16-0426. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council that this resolution, if approved, would set a Public Hearing for May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., to consider adopting the new standards for building codes. Council Member Doss motioned to approve setting the date for a public hearing for Resolution 16-0426; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Public Works Supervisor David Vankoughnett to discuss his request for the Council to authorize the purchase of a new garbage truck through NJPA contract, and grant Mayor Smelser authorization to sign the lease agreement with Bancorp South. The purchase price of the new truck will be \$201,507.00 set up for a one year lease with no penalty with early payment. Council Member Roberson motioned to authorize the purchase of the new garbage truck and to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Police Chief Ron Puckett to come forward and discuss his request for a budget adjustment. Chief Puckett explained that he had requested a budget adjustment for the Police Department's Donation Account to increase the Alabama Women in Law Enforcement (AWILE) Conference Revenue line item #06-000-4606 and Expense line item #06-000-5632 by \$3,000.00 each. Chief Puckett also told the Council that this conference is hosted by the Hartselle Police Department each year, but that it is totally funded by the attendees. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget adjustment; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Chief Puckett to discuss his request to declare items surplus. Chief Puckett told the Council he had requested to declare four cell phones as surplus property in hopes to sell them on Govdeals.com to purchase new phones. He also said he had requested the funds from the sale of the surplus phones be put into the Police Donation Account to be used to replace older phones. Council Member Doss motioned to approve declaring the phones surplus property, Council Member Roberson 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 boards:

- 1) Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA): one (1) alternate position, three (3) year term
- 2) E-911 Board: one (1) regular position, four (4) 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, May 6, 2016.

Council President Thompson then called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Mayor Smelser thanked the citizens of Hartselle for their outpouring of support shown in the recent death of three young people from the area. He asked everyone to remember the families in their prayers. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson then called for comments from the audience. Mr. Bob Francis, Decatur, addressed the Mayor and Council and thanked them for their support, both financial and for in-kind services over the past nine years for the SNAP project. Council President Kenny Thompson thanked Mr. Francis for his contribution to make the SNAP project a success.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Doss motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller