

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
MAY 10, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Stephanie Pitts, GracePoint Church, 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 proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes from the work session held on April 26, 2016. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 26, 2016. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce President Danielle Gibson to come forward and discuss the first item on the agenda, which was a request to make changes to the contract between the Chamber and the City of Hartselle. Ms. Gibson informed the Council that in the current contract, the Chamber acts as the rental agent for the City, and that the rental fee is currently \$100.00 for the first four hours. However, in the past, they have had a NARCOG worker available to open and close the Depot for rentals. Ms. Gibson then explained that they have not had a NARCOG worker since February and they are requesting to increase the rental rate to \$150.00 to pay for a worker to open and close the Depot. The additional \$50.00 per rental will be returned to the Chamber by the City so they may hire or contract with someone to cover the rentals. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the requested changes be made to the contract and authorize Mayor Smelser to sign the amended contract; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Jeff Bass, a representative for the City's consultant, The Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS), to come forward and discuss Resolution 16-0510. Mr. Bass explained to the Council that if passed this resolution would enable AT&T to modify equipment on an existing 190' monopole located at 999 A Railroad Street. Mr. Bass also stated CMS recommends the granting of a Special Use Permit for the modification of the equipment and that both the City and AT&T customers will benefit from the improved service and upgraded technology. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 16-0510 and grant the Special Use Permit; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a request for a Special Event Permit from GracePoint Church. A representative from the church informed the Council that the church had applied for the permit to host One Great Night Outdoor Gospel Concert on Saturday, June 4th. The event would be held at the church, located at 1109 Main Street from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and that she was expecting four to five gospel groups to perform that evening. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to waive Code Section 38-81 (noise ordinance) from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the event. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the Special Event permit for GracePoint Church; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Human Resource Administrator Melee Laney to come forward and discuss her request for the Council to approve changes to the job description

for the Director of Parks and Recreation. Ms. Laney reviewed the changes and updates with the Council and informed them the Personnel Board, Mayor and City Attorney had approved the changes. After a brief discussion, Council Member Doss motioned to approve the job description as presented; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Public Works Supervisor, David Vankoughnett, to discuss the request to fill a vacant position in the Public Works Department. Mr. Vankoughnett explained to the Council that an employee had moved to the Mechanic II position, leaving the Operator 1 position vacant. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve filling the vacant position; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Rita S. Lee, City Clerk – Controller, to discuss the financial audit for the 2015 fiscal year. Ms. Lee informed the Council the City received a clean audit with no findings from Tucker, Scott and Wates. She thanked the administrative staff, Department Heads and all the City employees that work together to keep the city in compliance. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the audit; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a position on the E-911 Board. Council President Thompson told the Council the City had received applications from Ms. Virginia Alexander and Mr. David Andrews. After a brief discussion, Council Member Doss motioned to reappoint Ms. Alexander to the E-911 Board for a four year term; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then announced to the Council the City had also received two applications for an alternate position on the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board from Mr. Andy Faulk and D.J. (Joe) (Hound Dog) Dixon. Council Member Roberson motioned to reappoint Mr. Faulk to the alternate position on the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board for a four year term; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson recognized Mayor Smelser to read aloud a proclamation declaring Sunday, May 15, 2016 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay our respects to the survivors of our fallen heroes. Mayor Smelser also declared May 15-21, 2016 as Police Week, with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which the citizens of Hartselle may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, both past and present, who have dedicated their service to their communities to preserve the rights and security of all citizens.

Council President Thompson then called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Council Member Buckelew thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to a lightning strike to a home in his neighborhood. He also mentioned he would like the City to have a meeting with the local legislative delegation to discuss road improvements at Hayes Street. Council President Thompson thanked all the city employees for their hard work.

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

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 7:16 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller

