

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
MAY 24, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Pro Tempore Tom Chappell presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Mayor Bill Smelser gave the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Pro Tempore Tom Chappell, Council Members Ken Doss and Billy Buckelew, Mayor Bill Smelser and City Attorney, Larry Madison, who also acted as Secretary in the absence of City Clerk/Controller, Rita S. Lee. Having a quorum present, the Chairman declared the proceedings open for business.

Council Member Doss moved to dispense with the reading of and to approve the minutes of the work session of May 10, 2016; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council Member Doss moved to dispense with the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2016; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Chairman next asked Department of Development Director Jeff Johnson to address proposed Ordinance No. 1441, which would adopt 2012 versions of several international codes relating to buildings, construction and such matters. Mr. Johnson explained the need for adopting these codes to the Council, after which the Chairman proclaimed a public hearing open and invited public commentary. There being no comments from the public, Council Member Doss moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Council Member Doss then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1441, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Chairman next asked City Planner Jeremy Griffith to address proposed Ordinance No. 1442, which, if adopted, would annex certain property on Tunsel Road. He explained that the Planning Commission had recommended adoption by vote of seven to zero. As required, the Chairman then proclaimed a public hearing on the matter open for commentary. There being no public commentary, Council Member Doss moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Council Member Doss then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1442, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

City Planner Jeremy Griffith next addressed the Council regarding proposed Ordinance No. 1443, which relates to the zoning of the property annexed by Ordinance No. 1442. As required, the Chairman announced that a public hearing was open for discussion of the Ordinance. There being no public commentary, Council Member Doss moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. City Planner Griffith indicated that the Planning Commission has also recommended adoption of this Ordinance by a vote of seven to zero. Council Member Doss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1443, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next on the agenda was the matter of consideration of Resolution No. 16-0524, which would accept the low bid of Hannah's Lawn and Landscape in the amount of \$42,000.00 for mowing and landscape maintenance at the I-65 interchange. Council Member Doss moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-0524, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next on the agenda was the matter of a requested budget transfer from the Public Works Department, requesting a transfer in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Landfill Gas and Oil line

item (No. 302-5306) to the Sanitation Uniforms line item (No. 303-5107). Council Member Doss moved to approve the transfer, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next matter for consideration was appointment of a member to the Morgan County Industrial Park and Economic Development Cooperative District Board for a four year term. Mayor Smelser has been serving in that capacity, but his term is expiring. Council Member Doss moved to reappoint Mayor Smelser, seconded by Council Member Buckelew. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next the Chairman announced the City of Hartselle is accepting applications for the Central Business District Board, one position with a four year term. All adult city residents may apply for the position. Applications are available at the City Clerk's office or on the City's website and must be turned in by Friday, June 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

The Chairman next asked for any comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Smelser asked the City Attorney as to when a moratorium should be enacted on annexations in light of the upcoming municipal elections. It was decided that there would be a moratorium for at least sixty days prior to the election on all residential annexations. Any annexation of strictly commercial or business property would be excepted as it would not affect any voting rights. The City Attorney also gave an update on the progress of the lawsuit to obtain ownership of a tract of property immediately adjacent to the Municipal Cemetery, which is needed for expansion.

The Chairman next invited comments from the audience. There were none.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Doss moved to adjourn; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tom Chappell, Council President Pro

Tempore

ATTEST:

By: Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller

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