

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
JUNE 28, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Clayton Speed, Pastor of First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Thompson, Council Members Billy Buckelew, Tom Chappell, Ken Doss, Mike Roberson, City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. Mayor Bill Smelser was absent. Having a quorum present, Council President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the work session held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Council Member Chappell motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to address the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1444. Mr. Griffith explained that this ordinance was introduced at the previous meeting and up for final consideration. He told the Council that if adopted, this ordinance would annex five acres of currently vacant property at the corner of Main Street West and Warren Road. The property is owned by the First Pentecostal Church and they have plans to construct a church campus on the property. The property partially comprises an unincorporated island and is a priority one for annexation in the current comprehensive plan, He also told the Council the applicant wishes to leave the remaining 1.5 acres of the property outside the city limits at this time, and the Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comment. No comments were made. Council Member Chappell motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Roberson motioned to adopt Ordinance 1444; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1445, also up for final consideration. Mr. Griffith explained that if adopted, this ordinance would zone land annexed in Ordinance 1444 as B-1, neighborhood shopping. He also told the Council that the property fronts Main Street West, and the requested zoning is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan, and the Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. No comments were made. Council Member Roberson motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1445; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Police Chief Ron Puckett to come forward and discuss his request to fill two vacant police officer positions. Chief Puckett explained to the Council that two police officers have resigned effective June 30, 2016, and he was requesting permission to fill these two positions. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve Chief Puckett's request to fill the two positions; Council Member Chappell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Council Buckelew questioned City Attorney Madison about a recent news article concerning the potential vote to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Council Member Roberson asked if the City had a sign ordinance and why it was not being enforced. Council President Thompson wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday.

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

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Doss moved to adjourn; Council Member Roberson 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

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller