

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
AUGUST 9, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Tom Watson, Pastor of Daystar Church, gave the invocation.

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

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

At this time, Council President Thompson addressed the fact that with Tom Chappell's resignation, there is a vacant seat on the City Council. Council President Thompson requested a motion be made to appoint Dwight Tankersley to the Council to serve the remainder of Mr. Chappell's term. Council Member Doss motioned to appoint Mr. Tankersley to the vacant seat on the Council, Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Hartselle Fire Chief, Daryl Fox, to come forward and discuss his request for a budget adjustment. Chief Fox explained to the Council that he was requesting a budget adjustment in the amount of \$14,358.34 to purchase one LUCAS Chest Compression System. He explained that he had applied for grants for the devices, but one had recently been denied and he had not heard from the other. He also told the Council that if approved, the system purchased would include the following:

- 1) base unit with back plate
- 2) carrying bag
- 3) two patient straps
- 4) three suction cups
- 5) two rechargeable batteries
- 6) power supply cord

After a brief discussion by the Council, Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget adjustment for the purchase of the LUCAS Chest Compression System; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to come forward and discuss his request for a budget adjustment. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council he was requesting a budget adjustment in the amount of \$23,844.00 to pay an invoice from Jones Brothers Asphalt Paving from the State Gasoline Funds. Mr. Johnson told the Council this invoice was for recent work done on Bluff Drive and Roan Road. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget adjustment and pay the invoice from the State Gasoline Fund; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, City Attorney Larry Madison came forward to swear in Dwight Tankersley as the newest member of the City Council. Mr. Tankersley will replace Tom Chappell, who recently resigned from the Council, and serve the remainder of his term. After Mr. Tankersley was sworn into office, Council President Thompson asked that he join the other Council Members on the bench for the remainder of the meeting.

Council President Thompson announced the City of Hartselle is accepting applications for positions on the following Boards:

CBD (Central Business District) – one (1) position, four (4) year term – open to all City residents)

Applications are available at the City Clerk’s office in City Hall or on the City’s website. Applications must be turned into the City Clerk’s office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2016.

At this time Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Mayor Smelser congratulated Mr. Tankersley for his appointment and wished Mr. Chappell well in his new position as Parks & Recreation Director. Council Member Bucklelew congratulated the Librarian at Crestline Elementary School for a recent award she was given and asked the Council to do a resolution to honor her. All other Council Members, including City Attorney Madison and City Clerk Lee congratulated Mr. Tankersley on his appointment.

Council President Thompson then asked for comments from the audience. Jeannette Groover, 2007 Garner Road, came forward to ask the City to make changes to or do away with the ordinance that established the Downtown Central Business District. She went over her concerns and stated the property rights should be given back to the property owners where they would be free to do whatever they wished with their own property.

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 7:17 p.m.

Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller