

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 23, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Walter Blackman, Pastor of East Highland Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Thompson, Council Members Billy Buckelew, Ken Doss, Mike Roberson, Dwight Tankersley, 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, August 9, 2016. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Buckelew 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 1448. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that this ordinance was for introduction only, but if adopted, it would annex twenty acres and a single family residence on Nanceford Road into the city limits. He also stated that the property is within a priority two annexation area in the comprehensive plan and that a public hearing has been scheduled for the September 13, 2016 Council meeting. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1448; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1449. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance was also for introduction only, but if adopted, would zone the twenty acres annexed by Ordinance 1448 as AG-1 and that this zoning designation is in keeping with the comprehensive plan given the amount of acreage. He also stated that a public hearing had been scheduled for the September 13, 2016 Council meeting and the Planning Commission would make their recommendation at its September 6, 2016 meeting. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1449; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Ryan Welty, Morgan County Emergency Management Communication District Director, to come forward and discuss the communication services agreement for FY2017 between Morgan County Emergency Management Communication District (MCEMCD) and the City of Hartselle. Mr. Welty explained to the Council that with the contract, MCEMCD agrees to continue to provide dispatch services for the Hartselle Police Department and Hartselle Fire Department, as well as manage the dispatch center personnel to provide the appropriate call-taking and dispatch services in cooperation with the Hartselle Police Chief and Hartselle Fire Chief to facilitate appropriate and efficient responses to emergency calls. Mr. Welty also told the Council the cost of services for police dispatch services will be \$4,205.53 per month, and \$646.42 per month for fire dispatch services for the months of October 2016-September 2017. Mr. Welty noted after being questioned by Council Member Doss that he contract had increased by \$2,900.00 from last year. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the agreement and authorize Mayor Smelser to sign the contract; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Hartselle Police Chief, Ron Puckett, to discuss the renewal of the contract between the Morgan County Narcotics & Violent Crimes Task Force Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Chief Puckett explained to the Council that illegal drugs and drug related crimes pose a danger to Morgan County, and with the agreement with the Morgan County Sheriff's Office, Morgan County District Attorney's Office, the City of Hartselle and the Hartselle Police Department, the City will be able to combat the

problem through a unified cooperative effort. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the contract with the Morgan County Narcotics & Violent Crimes Task Force; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Chief Puckett to discuss his request for a budget transfer. Chief Puckett told the Council he had requested permission to transfer \$2,500.00 from line item #201-5413 Insurance Expense to line item #201-5317 Vehicle Maintenance. He also had requested a transfer of \$4,804.00 from line item #201-5413 Insurance Expense and \$4,196.00 from line item #201-5306 Gas for a total of \$9,000.00, and transfer the funds to line item #201-5424 Dispatch. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfers; 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 transfer. Chief Fox explained he had requested a budget transfer totaling \$13,500.00 to Minor Equipment #202-5503 from line item #202-5317 - Vehicle Maintenance, \$8,500 and line item # 202-5508 – Supplies, \$5,000.00. Chief Fox informed the Council he had requested the budget transfer to purchase turnout gear and PPE/safety equipment. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Public Works Director, Tommy Halbrooks, to step forward and discuss his request for a budget transfer. Mr. Halbrooks told the Council he had requested a budget transfer of \$8,000.00 from line item #3001-5306 Gas and Oil to be divided among the following accounts:

- 1) \$4,300.00 to line item #301-5300 – Building and Grounds
- 2) \$700.00 to line item #301-5309 – Telephone
- 3) \$1,000.00 to line item #301-5508 – Supplies
- 4) \$2,000.00 to line item #301-5317 – Vehicle Maintenance

Mr. Halbrooks said he had also requested a budget transfer of \$10,000.00 from line item #302-5306 Landfill Gas and Oil to line item #301-5317 Vehicle Maintenance. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfers; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked City Attorney Larry Madison to read aloud Resolution 16-0823 recognizing Stephanie Roden, Crestline Elementary School Librarian, for her innovative approach to library access for Crestline students. Through Ms. Roden's leadership and efforts, Crestline Elementary School has been awarded the distinction of National Winner of Scholastic Book Fair Presidential Award for Exceptional Performance in a Family Event, with Crestline Elementary School being the only winner of that award in Alabama. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Hartselle commended Ms. Roden for her accomplishments and contributions to the furtherance of excellence in education in the Hartselle community and expressed their sincere gratitude and encouragement to continue on her innovative path for the betterment of the community and those whom she serves. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 16-0823; Council Member Roberson 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. Mayor Smelser and the entire Council congratulated Ms. Roden on her accomplishments. Council Member Mike Roberson announced his resignation from the Council, since he and his wife had made the decision to purchase a home outside of the city limits. He stated it had been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Hartselle while on the Council, he thanked all the department heads and employees for their service. Council President Thompson stated he was disappointed to lose Council Member Roberson and thanked him for his service.

Council President Thompson then asked for comments from the audience. Jeremy Simmons, 302 Cherry Street S.W., came forward and questioned the Council about a food truck ordinance. Council President Thompson stated the Council will look again at the current draft of an ordinance that was presented a few months ago.

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

adjourn; Council Member Doss seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller