

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2016 inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Police Chief Ron Puckett led the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Thompson, Council Members Billy Buckelew, Ken Doss, Dwight Tankersley, 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, September 27, 2016. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Jeremy Griffith, Hartselle City Planner, to address the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1450. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council this ordinance was for public hearing and final consideration and if adopted, it would re-zone a proposed lot on Barkley Bridge Road from AG-1 to R-1 to permit its division from a larger AG acreage tract. He also told the Council this request is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan and the Planning Commission recommended approval 7-0. Council President Thompson declared the public hearing open for discussion. No comments were made. Council Member Doss motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1450; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Dewayne Hellums, MPO Director, to step forward and discuss Resolution 16-1011. Mr. Hellums reviewed the resolution and agreement, which he explained was just the latest update to the 1982 agreement and would authorize the MPO to administer the "3-C" Transportation Planning Process for the Decatur MPO planning area. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt the resolution and authorize Mayor Smelser to sign the agreement with the State of Alabama and the City of Decatur for the updated MPO agreement; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked City Clerk-Controller, Rita S. Lee, to discuss Resolution 16-1011A, which if approved, would appoint election officers for the Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 and determine compensation for such officers. Ms. Lee explained to the Council that each appointed election officer would be compensated as follows: \$30.00 each for training; and for holding the election: \$150.00 for each Inspector and \$100.00 for each clerk position. Council Member Doss motioned to appoint the election officers and approve their compensation; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Bob Francis to step forward and discuss his request for the transfer of residual funds from SNAP, Inc. to the City of Hartselle, to be held in a special line item for any future enhancements or non-routine maintenance or repair. Mr. Francis reviewed his request that the residual funds as well as future donated funds be designated for future enhancements for the SNAP Playground and not be used for routine day- to day maintenance of the facility. He indicated the estimate amount to be transferred to the City was \$14,654.12. Mr. Francis also thanked several board members for their contribution and

dedication to the Board. After a brief discussion, Council Member Doss motioned to approve the transfer of residual funds from SNAP, Inc. and establish the line item as requested by the SNAP committee; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Hartselle Police Chief Ron Puckett to come forward and discuss his request for approval of the Hartselle Police Department's Student Ride Along Policy. Chief Puckett came forward and explained to the Council that after questions arose concerning the Police Department's policy of allowing students to ride with an officer, he requested City Attorney Larry Madison review the current policy. Mr. Madison and other city officials had recommended that the Police Department require the following documentation before a student is allowed to participate:

- 1) a signed student release form
- 2) a parental or guardian signed release form
- 3) proof of medical insurance

After a brief discussion, Council Member Buckelew motioned to approve the Hartselle Police Department's Student Ride Along Policy; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Chief Puckett to discuss his request to declare items surplus. Chief Puckett told the Council he had requested to declare two Tasers (X00-476728 & X00-476856) surplus and donate them to the Town of Falkville. Council Member Doss motioned to approve declaring the Tasers surplus and donating them to the Town of Falkville; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Ms. Lee to discuss the request to approve grant documents for the Library L.S.T.A. Grant for 2017 in the amount of \$4,000.00. Ms. Lee noted the Friends of the Library would provide the match for the grant. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the grant documentation for the L.S.T.A. Grant; Council Member Buckelew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Library Board, two (2) expired positions, four (4) year terms.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or on the City's website. Applications must be turned in to the City Clerk's office by Friday, October 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

At this time, Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Council Member Tankersley thanked the SNAP committee for their dedication to the playground project and especially Mr. Bob Francis. City Attorney Madison expressed his appreciate has well.

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 motioned to adjourn; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller

