

**MINUTES OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2016 inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. City Attorney Larry Madison called the meeting to order.

Reverend Bobby Ray Halbrooks, Associate Pastor of Hartselle First United Methodist Church, led the invocation.

At this time, City Attorney Larry Madison administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Randy Garrison as well as the following Council Members:

Kenny Thompson - Place 1  
Dwight Tankersley – Place 2  
Charles “Chuck” Gill – Place 3  
Virginia Alexander – Place 4  
Matthew Broom – Place 5

After the Oaths of Office were administered, each Council Member took their seat on the Council Bench. The audience joined the Council Members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call was then taken by City Clerk – Controller, Rita S. Lee and the following were present for the meeting: Council Members Kenny Thompson, Dwight Tankersley, Chuck Gill, Virginia Alexander, Matthew Broom, Mayor Randy Garrison, City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary of the meeting. Having a quorum present, Mr. Madison declared the proceedings open for business.

Mr. Madison announced the first item on the agenda was for the Council to elect a Council President. Council Member Tankersley made a motion to elect Council Member Thompson as City Council President; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Gill motioned to elect Council Member Tankersley as Council President Pro-Tempore; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson introduced Ordinance 1453, which if adopted, would establish rules and orders of procedures for the City Council for the upcoming four- year term. Council Member Tankersley motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of the ordinance; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. At this time a roll call vote was called and the results were as follows:

Council President Thompson: Yes  
Council Member Tankersley: Yes  
Council Member Gill: Yes  
Council Member Alexander: Yes  
Council Member Broom: Yes

Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1453; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for a motion to re-appoint the following City Officers: Rita S. Lee as City Clerk-Controller, Daryl Fox as Hartselle Fire Chief and Ron Puckett as Hartselle Police Chief. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the re-appointment of City Officers; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked for a motion to re-appoint Larry Madison as City Attorney and David Langston as City Prosecutor. Council Member Alexander motioned to

approve the re-appointments for Mr. Madison and Mr. Langston; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for a motion to re-appoint Mike Broom as Municipal Judge. Council Member Alexander motioned to re-appoint Mike Broom as Municipal Judge; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Council Member Broom abstained from the vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked City Clerk- Controller, Rita S. Lee to discuss Resolution 16-1107. Ms. Lee explained to the Council that if approved, this resolution would confirm the continued use of current depositories for City funds and would establish the following as signers on the accounts:

- 1) Mayor Randy Garrison
- 2) City Clerk – Controller Rita S. Lee
- 3) Council President Kenny Thompson
- 4) Council President Pro-Tempore Dwight Tankersley

Council Member Alexander motioned to confirm the depositories and the authorized signers on the accounts; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked City Planner Jeremy Griffith to come forward and discuss Ordinance 1451. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council this ordinance was for introduction only, but if adopted, would annex a single family residence and lot on Barkley Bridge Road into the City limits. Mr. Griffith also told the Council the property is within a priority two annexation area in the comprehensive plan, and the Planning Commission had recommended approval 6-0. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1451; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1452. Mr. Griffith told the Council Ordinance 1452 was for introduction as well, and if adopted, would zone the property annexed in Ordinance 1451 as R-1, single family residential. He also said the zoning designation is in keeping with the current comprehensive plane and the Planning Commission had recommended approval 6-0. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1452; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to step forward and discuss Resolution 16-1107A. Mr. Johnson explained that the City intends to apply for state matching funds through the State of Alabama Transportation Department for an airport improvement project for the Hartselle Morgan County Regional Airport during FY2017. Mr. Johnson said that if approved, this resolution would authorize Mayor Garrison to enter into an airport improvement funding agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, for the purpose of making improvements to the Hartselle Morgan County Regional Airport with partial funding from the State of Alabama. Council Member Gill motioned to approved Resolution 16-1107A and authorize Mayor Garrison to execute the contract; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Tom Chappell, Director of Parks and Recreation, to step forward and discuss Resolution 16-1107B. Mr. Chappell came forward and explained to the Council that the City had solicited and received bids for a 2017 pickup truck for the Parks and Recreation Department, and the low bid of \$23,200.00 came from Eddie Preuit Ford and asked the Council to accept the bid. Council Member Broom motioned to adopt Resolution 16-1107B and accept the low bid of \$23,200.00; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Melee Laney, Human Resource Administrator, to come forward and discuss her request for the Council's permission for Mayor Garrison to sign an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) with Eagle Consulting Counseling Division. Ms. Laney explained to the Council the EAP would offer employees five (5) counseling sessions at a co-pay

rate of \$15.00 with the City paying \$50.00 only when services are used. Ms. Laney also said the EAP offers the following services:

- 1) Individual & Family Counseling sessions, including dependents
- 2) Substance Abuse
- 3) Critical Incident Debriefings
- 4) Consultations
- 5) Inpatient referral, if necessary
- 6) Mandatory referral, if necessary

Ms. Laney informed the Council that City Attorney Madison had reviewed and approved the agreement and noted an estimated amount for the service was included in the FY2017 budget. Council Member Alexander motioned to authorize Mayor Garrison to execute the contract with EAP; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison stated his excitement on starting his term as Mayor and that he was looking forward to working with the Council Members, city employees and the citizens remembering his campaign slogan of "Together We Can". Council Member Gill thanked everyone for their support and stated he looked forward to working with everyone. Council Member Tankersley thanked everyone for their support and stated he was looking forward to working with each one to move the City forward. Council Member Broom thanked everyone and stated he looked forward to a bright future working together for the City. Council Member Alexander thanked everyone and thanked the School Board for their commitment to the community as well. City Attorney Madison thanked everyone and especially welcomed the new Mayor and Council Members. City Clerk- Controller Lee thanked the Council for their confidence in re-appointing her as City Clerk and that she looked forward to working with each of them as well as Mayor Garrison. Council President Thompson stated he welcomed the new Mayor and Council Members and looked forward to working with them and especially with Council Member Tankersley again and that he appreciated the younger generation taking an interest in city government.

Council President Thompson then asked for comments from the audience. Lee Greene, Jr. came forward to give a brief invitation and details about the upcoming Veteran's Day parade. No other comments were made.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley motioned to adjourn; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller