

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 27, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

City Attorney Larry Madison led the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Dwight Tankersley, Chuck Gill, Virginia Alexander, Matt 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, Council President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes of the work session held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill 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, December 13, 2016. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Ms. Penny Townson, with Morgan County Economic Development, to step forward and discuss the first item on the agenda, Resolution 16-1227. Ms. Townson explained to the Council that if approved, this resolution would grant a tax abatement to ICOOL USA, Inc., a China based business involved in chemicals and parts for the air conditioning and refrigerating industry. The abatement would cover all state and local non-educational property taxes and all construction related transaction taxes, except those levy for educational purposes. The company is looking to locate at 1638 Thompson Road, with an initial investment of \$905,000 and should reach an employment level of 40 employees in three years. After a brief discussion and questions for Ms. Townson, Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 16-1227; Council Member Tankersley 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 Resolution 16-1227A. Mr. Johnson explained to the Council that if approved, this resolution would grant Mayor Randy Garrison the authorization to purchase property from CSX Corporation or one of its subsidiaries to expand the Hartselle City Cemetery. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 12-1227A and grant Mayor Garrison the authority to execute the documents necessary to purchase the property from CSX Corporation; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Mr. Johnson again to discuss the request to grant Mayor Garrison the authority to sign the cooperative agreement with Alabama's Mountains, Rivers and Valleys (AMRV) Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. for the Farmer's Market grant. Mr. Johnson explained that the AMRV had agreed to provide \$50,000.00 for materials to construct the new Farmer's Market. Council Member Gill motioned to grant Mayor Garrison the authority to sign the cooperative agreement with AMRV; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Thompson then called on Parks and Recreation Director Tom Chappell to discuss his request for a budget transfer. Mr. Chappell explained to the Council he had requested a budget transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Line Item #01-401-5300 Building & Grounds Maintenance and Repairs to Line Item #01-401-5711 Capital Projects. He stated the transfer was needed to cover additional cost for the new lake constructed at Sparkman Park,

which was built in conjunction with the Sparkman Walking Trail Expansion, but was not part of the grant. He also told the Council that he doesn't anticipate additional invoices related to this project. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the budget transfer; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then announced the City had received two applications for the Hartselle Utilities Board, Mr. Ed Monroe and Mr. Jimmy Day. Both candidates were interviewed during the work session prior to the regular meeting, and after a brief discussion, Council Member Tankersley motioned to re-appoint Ed Monroe to the Utilities Board for a six-year term; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or the City Attorney. Mayor Garrison thanked the Fire Department with their help to escort Santa Claus through several neighborhoods on Christmas Eve and noted that everyone seemed to enjoy the visit and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Council Members wished everyone a Happy New Year as well.

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

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Gill motioned to adjourn; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller