

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 10, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Clif Knight led the opening 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.

At this time, Council President Thompson recognized Police Chief Ron Puckett who came forward to issue Certificates of Commendation three Police Officers. Chief Puckett asked Officer Robert Baker and Officer Sean Persall to come forward and explained to the Council these officers had been called to a domestic dispute on December 9, 2016 where a lady was holding a knife to her husband's throat. Both officers were able to convince her to give up the knife and agree to go for a mental evaluation without anyone getting hurt. Chief Puckett thanked them for their service and presented them with the certificates.

Next Chief Puckett asked Officer Daniel Parker to come forward. Chief Puckett explained to the Council that Officer Parker is the SRO Officer at Hartselle Junior High School, and that he had received a letters from students, teachers and counselors at HJHS expressing what a great example Officer Parker is to the students in our school system. He presented Officer Parker with the certificate and thanked him for his service.

Council President Thompson next called for the approval of the minutes of the work session held on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Broom 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 27, 2016. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Melee Laney, Human Resources Administrator, to step forward and discuss Resolution 17-0110. Ms. Laney explained to the Council there had been some changes in the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and that if approved, this resolution would rescind the classification change from Exempt to Non-Exempt under the Personnel Policy of the City of Hartselle for the positions of Court Clerk/Magistrate and Public Works Supervisor that was voted by the Council on November 22, 2016. Ms. Laney also explained that due to litigation in federal court implementation of the FLSA regulations have been delayed. Ms. Laney also said this resolution would allow her to make changes, amendments or revisions in the Personnel Policy from time to time, with the Personnel Board's approval, to maintain compliance with State and Federal regulations. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 17-0110; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked City Clerk-Controller, Rita S. Lee, to discuss the request to renew the contract with River Tree Systems for auditing of all City licenses and taxes. Ms. Lee informed the Council she was very pleased with the performance of the company in the last three years and would highly recommended the renewal of the contract. She noted they charge an hourly fee for their service. Council Member Alexander motioned to renew the contract with River Tree Systems; Council Member Broom 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 officers that were presented certificates for their dedication and service to the City and citizens. Each Council Member in turn thanked the officers, their families and Chief Puckett for their service.

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

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Alexander motioned to adjourn; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. 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