

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 24, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Pro-Tempore Dwight Tankersley called the meeting to order.

Brad Sheats, Life Church – Hartselle gave the opening invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Pro-Tempore Dwight Tankersley, Council Members 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. Council President Kenny Thompson was absent from the meeting. Having a quorum present, Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley called for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley proceeded with the first item under new business, which was the consideration of an alcohol license for Hartselle Exxon. He called on Mayor Garrison to review the application. Mayor Garrison explained that Peggy Bennefield, dba Hartselle Exxon, had applied for a license for the store located at 101 Highway 31 SW. Her application requested the establishment be granted a license to sell retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only). Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application and made the recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley announced a public hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. No comments were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the alcohol license for Hartselle Exxon as requested; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley announced the next item under new business, a request for an alcohol license for Kroger. He called on Mayor Garrison to review the application. Mayor Garrison explained that Kroger had applied for a license for the store located at 214 Highway 31 SW, Suite K. The application requested the grocery store be granted a license to sell retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only). Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application and made the recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley announced a public hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. No comments were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the alcohol license for Kroger as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item, a request for an alcohol license for Hartselle Food Mart. He called on Mayor Garrison to review the application. Mayor Garrison explained that Harsch K. Inc., dba Hartselle Food Mart had applied for a license for the store located at 1524 Highway 31 SW. The application requested the convenience store be granted a license to sell retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only). Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application and made the recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley announced a public hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. No comments were made. Council Member Alexander

motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the alcohol license for Hartselle Food Mart as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley proceeded with the next item, which was the consideration of an alcohol license for Liberty 2000. He called on Mayor Garrison to review the application. Mayor Garrison explained that Shree Ambe LLC, dba Liberty 2000 had applied for a license for the store located at 600 Highway 31 SW. The application requested the establishment be granted a license to sell retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only). Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application and made the recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley announced a public hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. No comments were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the alcohol license for Liberty 2000 as requested; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley next addressed a request by Public Works to declare items surplus. Public Works Director Tommy Halbrooks came forward to review a list of items with the Council that included the following vehicles:

1996 C1500 Chevrolet Truck, VIN 3279
1989 Ford Ranger, VIN3157
2005 Sterling Condor Sanitation Truck VIN 8138
1981 Ford Fire Truck VIN 7647

Other miscellaneous items included, broken 300 gallon garbage containers, broken garbage can wheels and axles, truck tires and wheels. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the request to declare the items surplus; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, a request to declare items surplus for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Fox came forward to present the request to declare surplus a bed cover for a F250 pickup truck, to be sold on GovDeals and turnout gear, that has expired its useful date, to be destroyed at the landfill. Council Member Gill motioned to declare the items surplus as requested; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley next addressed a request from the Fire Department for a Ride-Along Policy to be approved. Chief Fox explained he had written the policy to establish standards to allow citizens or students to ride-along for civic or educational purposes only. The process includes an application, participant release waiver and parental release (if applicable). Chief Fox also informed the Council that City Attorney Madison had approved the policy as well. City Attorney Madison noted that the Chief did an excellent job in preparing the policy. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Ride-Along Policy for the Fire Department as presented; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley recognized Jeremy Griffith to come forward on behalf of the Safety Committee to present the Safety Award Winners for the second quarter of FY2017. He asked the Council to approve the winners from each department as presented. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Safety Award Winners as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Present Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, a budget transfer request for Administration. City Clerk- Controller Lee presented a request for a transfer of \$2,500.00 from Election Expense (01-101-5601) to Legal Ads (01-101-5412). She explained due to the cost of publishing the alcohol ordinance, the Legal Ads line item was over budget. She mentioned that hopefully the transfer would cover the line item for the remainder of the year. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer request as presented;

Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked Mayor Garrison to present the next item which was a budget transfer request for Park & Recreation, presented for Park & Recreation Director Tom Chappell who was out of town attending a conference. Mayor Garrison asked for a budget transfer from Building and Grounds Maintenance (01-401-5300) to Capital Projects (01-401-5711) for \$10,000.00 to cover additional cost related to the pond project that was not known when the transfer request was made at the last meeting. Mayor Garrison also indication there may be additional expenses due to a recent notice from ADEM concerning a permit for the project. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer request; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or the City Attorney. Council Member Gill congratulated the girls and boys basketball teams on their recent wins. City Attorney Madison thanked everyone for all their hard work to get the first four alcohol licenses approved. City Clerk – Controller Lee briefly went over the next steps involved for the businesses approved by the Council to obtain their actual license. Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley thanked the Alcohol Review Committee for their work in getting the license requests before the Council. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the audience. Lee Greene, Jr., 1113 Beechwood Drive, came forward to thank everyone involved with the alcohol licensing processes for their hard work in getting the ordinance passed and the first license issued in such a timely manner. Jeremy Simmons, 202 Cherry Street came forward to ask when the City was going to act on the mobile food unit ordinance. City Attorney Madison informed the Council that he had prepared a draft ordinance that had been presented to the previous City Council. No other comments were made.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Gill motioned to adjourn; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Dwight Tankersley,
Council President Pro-Tempore

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller