

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
MARCH 14, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Hartselle City School Superintendent Vic Wilson gave 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.

At this time, Mayor Randy Garrison presented longevity awards to the following City employees:

- 1) Bo Kaylor- Public Works – 5 years of service
- 2) Michael Hudson – Police Department– 15 years of service
- 3) Randall Lott – Police Department – 25 years of service

Mayor Garrison thanked each employee for their continued service and dedication to the City

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes of the work session held on Monday, February 27, 2017. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1455, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that Ordinance 1455 was introduced at the previous Council meeting and was up for public hearing and final consideration. He also explained that if adopted, this ordinance would annex the I-65 Shell convenience store and property into the City limits and was a priority one annexation area in the comprehensive plan. He also stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval 6-0. Council President Thompson declared the public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Broom motioned to adopt Ordinance 1455; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1456, also for public hearing and final consideration. Mr. Griffith stated if adopted, this ordinance would zone the I-65 Shell convenience store as B-4 (interchange business), which is the appropriate zoning designation per the comprehensive plan. Council President Thompson declared the public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1456; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to discuss the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1457. Mr. Griffith told the Council this ordinance was also for introduction only, but if adopted, would re-zone approximately five (5) acres at the corner of Nanceford Road and Penn Road from AG-1 to R-1. He also stated the request is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan and was made in order for the property to be divided into two (2) parcels of less than five (5) acres in size, which is the AG-1 zoning minimum. Mr. Griffith explained the

Planning Commission would make a recommendation at its March 7th meeting, before the Council public hearing and consideration at the March 14th meeting. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1457; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mr. Griffith again to address the next item, Ordinance 1458, up for introduction only. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that if adopted, this ordinance would annex the Iron Man Grocery property into the City limits. He also told the Council this is a priority two annexation area in the current comprehensive plan, and the Planning Commission had recommended approval 7-0. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1458; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1459, also for introduction only. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council that if adopted, this ordinance would zone the Iron Man Grocery property as B-1, neighborhood commercial, which is the appropriate zoning designation per the current comprehensive plan. He also told the Council the Planning Commission had recommended approval 7-0. Council Member Broom motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 1459; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed the closure of the 2010 Bond Fund Account. Mayor Garrison explained that fund was established to hold the bond proceeds for the funding of the new high school. Once the school was completed, a balance was retained for any additional infrastructure needs for the project. The fund now contains approximately \$548,835, and according to the City's bond attorney, could either be forwarded to the school to reimburse additional expense they had incurred for the high school project or toward the principle of the bond debt. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the account and forward the balance to the Hartselle Board of Education to reimburse expenses pertaining to the construction of the new high school; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Council Member Broom to discuss his request to designate property for a proposed dog park. Council Member Broom informed the Council he wished to have a portion of the Pickens Field near the skate park designated as a dog park and to authorize him to seek funding, on the City's behalf for the proposed park. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the location of the park and to authorize Council Member Broom to seek funding for the park; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the next item on the agenda, Resolution 17-0324. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council this resolution, recommend by the Alabama League of Municipalities, opposes the adoption of Senate Bill 31 and House Bill 58 by the Alabama Legislature. This bill, if passed, would exempt prescription drug sales from the calculation of gross receipts when purchasing business licenses and could cost the City approximately \$35,000.00 in general fund revenue. Mayor Garrison also stated this resolution strongly opposes Senate Bill 31 and House Bill 58, or any other similar legislation that would further restrict the City's authority to proper license business transacted within the municipality. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 17-0314; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson asked Kirby Vickery, 610 Mynatt Street, to come forward and address the Council. Ms. Vickery stepped forward and presented a petition containing 1,093 signatures requesting to re-name field one at the Grady-Long Softball Complex after Kayleigh McClendon. Ms. Vickery asked the Council to vote on the matter immediately or give a date when the vote would take place. Council President Thompson stated the Council would not be considering the request at this meeting and could not give a date at this time when it would be on the agenda. City Attorney Madison stated the Council would be taking the matter under advisement.

Council President Thompson then announced the City is accepting applications for positions on

the following boards:

- 1) Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama: one unexpired term (one year left on six year appointment)
- 2) Library Board: one unexpired term (18 months left on four year appointment)
- 3) Parks & Recreation: one expired term, five year appointment
- 4) Airport Board: one expired term, five year appointment

Applications will be available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or on the City's website. Applications must be turned into the City Clerk's office by March 31, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or the City Attorney. Mayor Garrison thanked all the city employees for their service and expressed a special thank you to those that had been recognized earlier in the meeting. Council Member Gill thanked the school board and the superintendent for all their hard work and dedication to the school system and thanked the employees who were recognized for the service. All the other Council Members thanked the employees receiving awards for their service to the City.

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

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley motioned to adjourn; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller