

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
APRIL 11, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. Walter Blackman, Pastor, East Highland Baptist Church, 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.

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

Council President Thompson then called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1430. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance had been introduced at the previous meeting and was up for final consideration. Mr. Griffith said the ordinance, recommended by the committee the Council appointed to review, would amend section 18-43 of the Code of Ordinances by providing for the licensing of and defining of Mobile Food Units. He also explained to the Council this ordinance would provide the licensing and permitting provisions and conditions, as well as establish regulations and exceptions for Mobile Food Units, and provide penalties for ordinance violations. He also noted provisions were made for City sanctioned events as well as non-profit organizations. Council Member Broom motioned to adopt Ordinance 1430; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motioned carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to discuss the next item, Ordinance 1460. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance had also been introduced at the previous meeting and was up for public hearing and final consideration. Mr. Griffith said that if adopted, this ordinance would amend the zoning ordinance to incorporate language related to the sale of alcoholic beverages as recommended by the City Attorney (allowed in B zones and disallowed in others). It also adds "wineries" as permitted on appeal in the AG zone, and adds "unstaffed donation collection" (off-premise donation boxes) as a prohibited use in all zones. He noted the Planning Commission recommended approval 7-0. Council President Thompson declared the public hearing open for discussion. No comments were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. At this time, Council Member Alexander announced she would abstain from voting on the ordinance. Council Member Gill motioned to adopt Ordinance 1460; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1462. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council this ordinance was for introduction only, but if adopted, would make several changes to the current Alcohol Beverage Ordinance, correcting areas of conflict or potential confusion that have been noted since its initial implementation. Mr. Griffith stated the ordinance clarifies a distance exception intended to apply to Highway 31 in limited circumstances, adds definition language related to permitted business types, and further clarifies limitations to the admittance of minors into a business serving alcohol. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1462; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mayor Randy Garrison to discuss the proposed contract with the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce for services relating to the Hartselle Farmer's Market. Mayor Garrison reviewed the contract that had been discussed at the Work Session prior to the meeting. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the contract with the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce and grant Mayor Garrison authority to execute the contract; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson announced the City had received applications from Geneva Long and Sallye Swafford to fill an unexpired term on the Library Board. Council President Thompson stated both candidates had been interviewed by the Council during the work session prior to the regular meeting and asked for a motion to appoint one of the applicants to the board. Council Member Gill motioned to appoint Sallye Swafford to the unexpired term on the Library Board; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson announced the City had received applications from Jennifer Sittason and Carea Alexander to fill an unexpired term on the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama Board. Council President Thompson again stated both candidates had been interviewed by the Council during the work session and asked for a motion. Council Member Tankersley motioned to appoint Ms. Jennifer Sittason to the Mental Health Center of North Alabama Board; no second to the motion was made. Motion failed for lack of a second. The Council agreed to carry the appointment over until the next meeting.

Council President Thompson then announced the City had received one application for a vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Board from Brian Williams. Council Member Gill motioned to appoint Mr. Williams to the Parks and Recreation Board; Council Member Broom seconded the motion, Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Mayor Garrison read aloud a proclamation to recognize the month of April 2017 as Fair Housing Month in recognition of the importance of fair housing to our way of life. Mayor Garrison also urged the citizens of Hartselle to obey the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law as an expression of the individual rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or the City Attorney. Mayor Garrison expressed his sympathy to the family of Robert Stephenson, former Mayor of the City, who recently passed away. No other comments were made.

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 Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller