

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
MAY 23, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order.

Rev. Danny Pitts, Pastor of GracePoint 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, Mayor Randy Garrison, City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as secretary of the meeting. Council Member Matt Broom was absent. 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 regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then proceeded with the first item under new business, which was the consideration of an alcohol license for El Portal #1. He called on Mayor Randy Garrison to review the application. Mayor Garrison explained that Rosa Salazar, Inc. dba El Portal #1 had applied for an alcohol license for the restaurant located at 1901 Highway 31 South. Mayor Garrison informed the Council the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application and made a recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Thompson 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 Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the alcohol license for Rosa Salazar, Inc. dba El Portal #1 as requested; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss a request for an alcohol license for West Mart and review the application. Mayor Garrison explained that Jamal Alahas had applied for an alcohol license for West Mart, a convenience store located at 1001 Main Street West for retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only). Mayor Garrison informed the Council the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application and made a recommendation to the Council that the license be granted. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. No comments were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the alcohol license for West Mart as requested; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then addressed the next item on the agenda, the consideration of an alcohol license for Cahoots. He called on Mayor Garrison to review the application. Mayor Garrison explained that Cahoots LLC had applied for an alcohol license for the restaurant located at 117-119 Main Street West. He also informed the Council the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application, but explained that the final fire inspection had not been completed and approved by Fire Chief Fox. Council President Thompson announced a public hearing open to hear comments for or against the application. After a brief discussion about the minor infractions that needed to be taken care of before the final fire inspection, Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the alcohol license for Cahoots LLC with the condition that the fire inspection is completed and approved within 30 days or the restaurant will have to start the application process again from the beginning; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion

carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the SCCEP Host Agency Agreement with NARCOG. Mayor Garrison explained that in order for the City of Hartselle to comply with the requirements of the Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI), Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), operated under Title V of the Older Americans Act, the city was voluntarily entering into a contract as the Host Agency with North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG). As a Host Agency, the city agrees to consider each participant for regular employment, either full-time or part-time, when vacancies occur or when new positions are created. This agreement would allow the city to utilize a NARCOG worker at the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Alexander motioned to grant Mayor Garrison the authority to execute the agreements with NARCOG for Senior Services; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the Special Event Permit application the city had received from Day Star Church. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council that Day Star Church had requested to host a cook out for the downtown merchants and city employees on Wednesday June 28, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cook out will be held in the parking lot on Railroad Street across from the Depot, with no streets requested to be closed. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for Day Star Church as requested; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the Special Event Permit application the city had received from Life Church. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council Life Church had requested to host a car show on Saturday July 15, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot on Main Street adjacent to the Life Church parking lot between Sparkman Street and Hickory Street. However, Life Church had requested to block off a portion of Sycamore Street and Hickory Street if needed, which had been approved by Police Chief Ron Puckett. After a brief discussion, Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for Life Church; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, which was a budget transfer for Hartselle Fire & Rescue. Council President Thompson called on Chief Daryl Fox to discuss his request with the Council. Chief Fox explained that he had requested the following budget transfers:

- 1) \$700.00 from line item #01-202-5300 (Building & Maintenance) to line item #01-202-5106 (Physical & Drug Screen Testing). Chief Fox stated they had gone over budget when new employees were hired, but these funds would cover the annual TB tests for all employees, drug screens for new employees and immunizations for the remainder of the fiscal year
- 2) \$400.00 from line item #01-202-5300 (Building & Maintenance) to line item #01-202-5107 (Uniforms). Chief Fox explained that these funds would finish outfitting the new employees.

Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfers for Hartselle Fire & Rescue; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Chief Fox to discuss his request for a budget adjustment for Hartselle Fire & Rescue. Chief Fox explained he had requested a budget adjustment for \$10,000.00 to Line Item #01-202-5317, Vehicle Maintenance, to rebuild the motor in Engine #1. Chief Fox also said the total cost of the rebuild would be \$18,130.37, with the remaining balance over the \$10,000.00 to come out of his annual budget. He stated the work would be done by W.W. Williams in Birmingham, and Engine #1 would be out of service for 10-15 days. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the budget adjustment for Hartselle Fire & Rescue; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Chief Fox to discuss his request to declare items surplus. Chief Fox explained they had been using a 1996 Ford Super Duty as Rescue #1, but that they had been having issues with the firewall flexing when the clutch is applied and that Ford does not have the parts or a solution to fix the problem. Therefore, he had requested permission

from the Council to declare the vehicle surplus and possibly sell it through Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus. The estimated value of the vehicle is \$18,000.00 - \$30,000.00 spoken with Council Member Alexander motioned to declare the vehicle surplus and grant permission to sell it through Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Rita S. Lee, City Clerk-Controller, to discuss her request for a budget transfer for Administration. Ms. Lee explained to the Council she had requested a budget transfer for \$3,500.00 from line item #01-101-5601 (Election Expense) to line item #01-101-5412 (Legal Ads) to finish out the fiscal year. She also stated she had requested a budget transfer back in January but had to publish several lengthy ordinances since then including the Mobile Food Unit, Revisions to the Alcohol Ordinance, Zoning Amendments, etc. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the budget transfer for Administration as requested; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson announced the City was accepting applications for positions on the following boards:

- 1) Library Board: one unexpired term (15 months left on four year term)
- 2) Airport Board: one expired term, five year appointment
- 3) Design Review Board (CBD): at large appointment, one expired four year term

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or on the City's website. The applications must be turned into the City Clerk's office by June 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or the City Attorney. Mayor Garrison mentioned the sales tax was up 6% over this month last year. He also mentioned that he and several Council Members had attended the ALM Convention in Birmingham over the weekend. He noted they had attended several informative meetings but mainly he came away with a new appreciation of how well things were running in the City and how fortunate and blessed we are with a lot of good people. Council Member Alexander agreed with the Mayor's statements and thanked the staff for working together so well. City Attorney Madison also stated he appreciated how smoothly the City government was run and that it made his job much easier. 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 Tankersley motioned to adjourn; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller