

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JUNE 13, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Noah Battles gave the invocation.

Mayor Randy Garrison lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson; Council Members Virginia Alexander, Matt Broom, Chuck Gill and Dwight Tankersley; Mayor Randy Garrison and City Attorney, Larry Madison, who also acted as Secretary in the absence of City Clerk/Controller, Rita S. Lee. Having a quorum present, the President declared the proceedings open for business.

Council Member Alexander moved to dismiss with the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2017; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The first item on the agenda was proposed Ordinance Number 1465, which would allow the establishment or alteration of speed limits within the City to be done by resolution rather than by ordinance, thereby saving the City the publication fees. Department of Development Director Jeff Johnson and City Attorney Larry Madison explained the ordinance to the Council. Thereupon, Council Member Alexander moved to suspend the rules to allow immediate consideration of the proposed Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Tankersley. The motion to suspend the rules carried unanimously by roll call vote. Council Member Broom then moved to adopt proposed Ordinance Number 1465, seconded by Council Member Gill. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next order of business was proposed Ordinance Number 1466, which would amend the City Code to allow a certain exception for fireworks in the municipal limits. Mayor Garrison addressed the Council. Under the present Ordinance, the discharge of fireworks within the municipal limits is entirely prohibited. This Ordinance would permit it to be done on City property in conjunction with an event presented by the City or by the City in conjunction with a third party. He explained that since the City's present insurance liability coverage will not cover such an event, it is being proposed that the City conduct a firework's display on the 4th of July in the present year in conjunction with Life Church, which has proposed the event. He explained that this Ordinance would allow that only if Life Church were to provide proof of insurance coverage which covers not only the Church, but the City, as well. Park and Recreation Director Tom Chappell addressed the Council and explained the proposed fireworks display for July 4, 2017, showing the area where it would be staged and generally describing what would be done. City Attorney Larry Madison emphasized that this Ordinance will only allow that if there is insurance coverage to cover the City's liability. Following this explanation, Council Member Tankersley moved to suspend the rules to allow immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance Number 1466, seconded by Council Member Gill. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Thereupon, Council Member Alexander moved to adopt Ordinance Number 1466, seconded by Council Member Broom. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next order of business was consideration of a request of a budget transfer by the Fire Department. Chief Daryl Fox addressed the Council requesting that \$500.00 be transferred to Line Item 01-202-5917 from Line Item 01-202-5309. This will cover the cost of a grant application for a fire extinguisher simulator. Council Member Alexander moved to approve the adjustment, seconded by Council Member Broom. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Daryl Fox also addressed the Council on the issue of updating the volunteer roster for the

City Fire Department. Council Member Alexander moved to approve the updated volunteer fireman roster, seconded by Council Member Tankersley. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The President next invited comments from the Mayor and Council Members. Mayor Randy Garrison indicated his appreciation for Public Works Director Tommy Halbrooks and Park and Recreation Director Tom Chappell and their crews for completing the clean up around the newly built pond. He indicated that County Commissioner Don Stisher's crew had also assisted and that in conjunction with the City's crew had done an excellent job of finishing out the pond area. He also announced that sales taxes for this past month were up four percent, reflecting a steady stream of increased sales tax revenues for the past several months.

The President next invited comments from the audience. First to address the Council was Board of Education President Randy Sparkman. He gave an update on the status of the search for a new Superintendent for Hartselle City Schools following the resignation of Dr. Vic Wilson effective May 31, 2017. He indicated interviews would likely be conducted in the middle of July with the aim of hopefully have a new superintendent on board as soon as possible thereafter. Next to address the Council was Ricky Carwyle of Walker Road in Hartselle. He addressed the Council regarding the use of the Farmer's Market. He indicated that he and other persons selling produce at the market were dissatisfied with the new hours which have been established since the new market had opened. The Council President pledged to talk with the Chamber of Commerce, which manages the Farmer's Market, to see if some sort of compromise can be reached which will be satisfactory to all parties.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Alexander moved to adjourn; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

By: Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller

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