

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
JUNE 27, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Rev. John Ninke, Pastor, Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran 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 Virginia Alexander, Matt Broom, Chuck Gill and Dwight Tankersley; Mayor Randy Garrison, City Attorney Larry Madison, and Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary for the meeting. Having a quorum present, the President declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson moved to dismiss with the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2017. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 17-0627, and called on Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson came forward and explained that if approved, this resolution would allow the Council to establish or alter speed limits on a portion of Bethel Street pursuant to Skipper Consulting's recommendation following a speed study. Mr. Johnson explained that the speed limit of 25 mph would be set for a portion of Bethel Street from the intersection at Nix Street to its intersection at Bethel Road, and a speed limit of 15 mph would be set on Bethel Street 550 feet approaching the ninety-degree curve. He also stated that two speed humps would be installed in this portion of the roadway designated as a 15 mph zone. Mr. Johnson reminded the Council this action could be accomplished by resolution since the Council approved Ordinance 1465 at its last meeting that changed the method whereby speed limits could be changed. He also stated to the Council that all work and signs in this area would be in place before school started back in the fall. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 17-0627; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Johnson to discuss the next order of business, Resolution 17-0627A. Mr. Johnson explained the City had recently solicited bids for the Mowing and Landscape Maintenance at I-65 exits #325 and #328, along with Main Street planters, for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Johnson told the Council the only bidder for the project meeting all specifications was Hannah's Lawn and Landscape Service, Inc. with a bid of \$42,000.00. Mr. Johnson told the Council that if the Council accepts the bid, this resolution would authorize Mayor Garrison to execute the contract with Hannah's Lawn and Landscape Service, Inc. for one year. Council Member Alexander motioned to accept the bid and grant Mayor Garrison the authorization to execute the contract; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Mayor Garrison to discuss the next item on the agenda, the FY2017 roadway re-surfacing list and cost estimate. The Mayor stated that he along with Public Works Director Tommy Halbrooks and DOD Director Johnson worked together to prepare the list and estimates for paving and requested the Council approval to proceed. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the FY2017 roadway re-surfacing list; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called on Mayor Garrison again to discuss Ordinance 1466. Mayor Garrison requested the Council rescind Ordinance 1466, an amendment to Section 62-6 of the City Code to make an exception for fireworks displays conducted by the City. The Mayor explained that LifeChurch, the host of the event along with Parks and Recreation, could not obtain the necessary insurance and since the ordinance had never been published, he recommended the rescension. After a brief discussion, Council Member Gill motioned to approve

rescinding Ordinance 1466; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Michelle Blaylock, Library Manager, to step forward and discuss her request for a budget adjustment for the William Bradford Huie Library. Ms. Blaylock explained to the Council she had requested the adjustment in the amount of \$3,000.00 to start a DVD Library, which she mentioned had been requested by several patrons. Ms. Blaylock told the Council the requested funds were from an appropriation received from Senator Arthur Orr and were being held in the WBH Library Fund and would cover the cost of all start up materials for the DVD Library. After a brief discussion, Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustment; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Ms. Blaylock to discuss her request to declare items surplus. Ms. Blaylock explained that the Library currently has 726 books to declare surplus, indicating they had been sorted and divided into categories to be sold, donated to the Head Start Program, The Caring Place or the Foundry, or upcycled and used for crafts. Ms. Blaylock also stated they had two chairs and a coffee pot to declare surplus as well. Council Member Tankerlsey motioned to approve the items requested be declared surplus; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote with Council Member Alexander abstaining from the vote due to her affiliation with The Caring Place.

At this time, President Thompson announced the Council had conducted interviews for a position on the CBD Design Review Board during the Work Session held earlier that evening. Council President Thompson stated that both Ms. Jeanette Groover and Mr. Jonathan Moral had submitted applications for the position. Council Member Gill motioned to appoint Ms. Jeanette Groover to the CBD Design Review Board for a four year term; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then announced the Council had received only one application from Ms. Geneva Long for the vacant position on the Library Board. He reminded the Council Ms. Long was interviewed a few months ago for another opening on this board. Council Member Alexander motioned to appoint Ms. Long to the Library Board for a four-year term; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then announced the City of Hartselle is accepting applications for positions on the following boards:

- 1) Personnel Board: one expired term, six year term
- 2) Airport Board: one expired term, five year appointment

Applications are 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 July 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and reminded everyone that City offices would be closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> as well. He urged everyone to drive by the Civic Center and take a look at the updates that were taking place, including painting the brick and commented how good it looked. Council Member Gill mentioned he thought painting the Civic Center was a good idea and thanked Tom Chappell, Parks & Recreation Director for taking "heat" about it. All other Council Members wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

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

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Alexander motioned to adjourn; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson, Council President

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By: Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller