

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 8, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Reverend Toby Chastain, Youth Pastor of First United Methodist 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 and Matt Broom; Mayor Randy Garrison, City Attorney Larry Madison, and Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary for the meeting. Having a quorum present, President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson then called for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 25, 2017. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson proceeded with the first item under new business, which was the consideration of an alcohol license for Dolgencorp, LLC. Mayor Garrison reviewed the application and explained that Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General #14448, had applied for a license for the store located at 1505 Main Street E. The application requested the establishment be granted a license to sell retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only). Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had met, reviewed the application and made the 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 Dolgencorp dba Dollar General #14448 as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to come forward and discuss the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1467. Mr. Griffith explained to the Council this ordinance was for introduction only, but if adopted, would annex two single family dwellings on Main Street West, as well as a vacant parcel adjacent to Woodward Square Subdivision. He also said this area is a priority one annexation in the current comprehensive plan due to the illogical city limits boundary at this location. Mr. Griffith stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval 6-0. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1467; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President then asked Mr. Griffith to discuss Ordinance 1468. Mr. Griffith explained that this ordinance was also for introduction only, but if adopted, would zone the property annexed in Ordinance 1467 as R-1, single family residential. Mr. Griffith told the Council the portion of this annexation fronting Highway 36 qualifies for B-1 zoning in the current comprehensive plan, but the applicants had elected to zone for residential use at this time. Mr. Griffith also said the Planning Commission recommended approval of this zoning designation 6-0. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1468; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Mayor Garrison to discuss a Special Event Permit application the City had received for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hartselle Area Veteran's Day Parade. Mayor Garrison explained that the permit application was for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hartselle Area Veteran's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017. He also said the parade set-up would begin at 9:00 a.m. and be over around noon, starting on Railroad Street, to Main Street down Corsbie Street ending in the parking lot at Tractor Supply, the same route of the Christmas Parade. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Special Event Permit application for the

parade; Council Member Alexander 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 First United Methodist Church. Mayor Garrison explained to the Council that Toby Chastain, Youth Pastor of First United Methodist Church, had turned in the permit application to host a USM Fall Kick-off in the rear parking lot of the church from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and would include a tailgate worship service, color powder games and music. Mayor Garrison told the Council they had not requested any streets to be closed but had submitted the permit for the possible noise ordinance violations. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the Special Event Permit application for the church; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next called on Hartselle Police Chief Ron Puckett to discuss his request for a budget transfer. Chief Puckett stepped forward and explained to the Council he had requested the following budget transfers:

- 1) \$6,000.00 from Line Item #201-5316 Utilities and \$1,800.00 from Line Item #201-5306 Gas & Oil to Line Item #201-5317 Vehicle Maintenance
- 2) \$1,200.00 from Line Item #201-5306 Gas & Oil to Line Item #201-5508 Supplies

Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfers; Council Member Tankersley second the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

- 1) Hartselle Utilities Board: two expired terms, six year appointments
- 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 August 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison mentioned the CIP budget would be presented at a special called work session on August 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. He mentioned that the departments had requested over 3.7 million in capital needs. He also announced that a representative with R360 Marking Group would be here at the work session on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to make a presentation. The Mayor stated his appreciation to the department heads and City Clerk – Controller Lee for their help with the budget process. Council Member Gill wished the Police Department good luck with the school traffic in the morning, the first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year. City Attorney Madison mentioned that the final judgement would be heard in the cemetery property case that had been going through the court process, trying to locate the relatives of property that the City wished to obtain for the expansion of the cemetery. He stated he was very optimistic about the outcome.

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 by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

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By: Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller