

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 10, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, inside the Assembly Room at the Hartselle Municipal Building, located at 611 Chestnut Street NW. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Johnson, Director of Development gave the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1581, a request to rezone a 27-acre parcel on Walker Road from R-1 to AG-1 and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained if adopted, it will rezone a 27-acre parcel on Walker Road from R-1 to AG-1. The owner is requesting this rezoning to market the property for mini-farm use, allowing the keeping of horses and limited livestock. The current comprehensive plan does not show this change, but the property does adjoin AG-zoned area to the south. The Planning Commission recommended rezoning approval 7-0-1. Council Member Tankersley announced he would abstain from the conversation and the vote due to a potential conflict with his real estate company. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Doss motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1581; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider vacation payout request from Police Department and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss with the Council. Chief Barley recommend that Sgt. Michael Hudson be paid for thirty-six (36) hours of requested vacation time that was declined by his supervisor due to staffing issues. After a belief discussion, Council Member Doss motioned to approve the vacation payout request; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer for the Fire Department and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss with the Council. Chief Fox explained he is requesting a budget transfer from the Insurance Line item to Other Benefits Line item of \$78.46. This is to cover the Cancer Policy the City provides for Firefighters. The policy is through Alabama First Responder Benefits Program. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer for Fire Department; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Chief Fox to address the last item on the agenda, to consider a lease agreement with Hartselle City Schools for the Vocational Building that the Fire Department will use for a training facility. After a brief discussion, Council Member Doss motioned to approve the lease agreement with Hartselle City Schools as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City

Attorney. Mayor Garrison requested the Council convene to an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss a possible offer for the purchase of property. He also gave an update on the lighting project at Parks & Recreation, drainage issues and other events in progress. Council Member Alexander welcomed new Parks & Recreation Director Zach Manning to his first Council meeting. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. No other comments were made.

There being no further comments from the audience, and as required by the Alabama Open Meetings Act, City Attorney Larry Madison certified that the Mayor's request for an executive session to discuss a possible offer for the purchase of property was an appropriate subject for executive session, if the Council chose to do so. Council Member Gill motioned to adjourn to executive session; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council President Thompson announced that the Council would adjourn to executive session and would not reconvene.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller