

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 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.

Zach Manning, Parks and Recreation Director, 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, Chuck Gill, Virginia Alexander 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, January 24, 2023. Council Member Doss 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 1582, an annexation request on Francis Road, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained if adopted, the ordinance would annex a single-family residence and 0.8 acres on Francis Road into the city limits. He explained the lot is part of an unincorporated island, and thus is within a priority one annexation area in the current comprehensive plan. Property is accessed via easement and has no road frontage. Planning Commission recommended approval of annexation 6-0. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1582; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1583, zoning on Francis Road. Mr. Griffith explained if adopted, the ordinance would zone the property annexed by Ordinance 1582 R-1 (single family residential). The current comprehensive plan shows eventual commercial zoning in this area. However, the current owner has no commercial plans and has requested residential zoning at this time. Planning Commission recommended approval of R-1 zoning 6-0. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1583; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0214, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk-Controller to sign a Cash Management Agreement with Regions Bank for investment purposes, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison reviewed the agreement again that had been discussed during the work session prior to the meeting. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Resolution 23-0214 as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0214A, authorize the Mayor to enter a supplement funding agreement with ALDOT for Access Management Improvements (ATRIP II). Department of Development Director Jeff Johnson explained the improvements would be from Curry Street to Sparkman Street including modifications to the existing median to access left turn lanes and deceleration lanes. Council

Member Alexander motioned to adopt Resolution as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0214B, to accept or reject bid for Hydraulic Hammer for Public Works, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained the low bidder meeting specifications for a Hydraulic Hammer was from Warrior Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc., their bid being \$19,000.00. Council Member Doss motioned to accept Resolution 23-0214B as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, request to approve job description for Recreation Leader I for Parks and Recreation (replacing Assistant Program Coordinator position) and called on HR Administrator Melee Laney to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Laney reviewed the changes to the job description that was discussed in detail during the work session prior to the meeting and asked for the Council's approval. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the job description as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider authorizing Mayor to sign contract with Game Day Association LLC for professional consulting services for Sparkman Park Master Plan, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Council Member Alexander motioned to authorize Mayor Garrison to sign contract with Game Associates LLC; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, to consider Special Events Permits for Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers 2nd Saturday Cruise-In (April-October 2023). Mayor Garrison explained the Bee Line Highway Classics & Cruisers would like to have a car show every 2nd Saturday April thru October 2023, in the downtown area as they had in previous years. He stated the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works Director were all good with the request. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Cruise-In Special Events Permits as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider an appointment to the Personnel Board. Having only received one application. Council Member Doss motioned to appoint Michael Holifield to the unexpired term; 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 approval of quarterly Safety Award Winners. Mr. Griffith came forward to present the Safety Awards Winners from each department. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the Safety Awards Winners as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a request to consider declaring an emergency to purchase new HVAC equipment to replace failed and unrepairable major components of the City of Hall HVAC system so as to physically protect the health and safety of City personnel, as well as City Hall infrastructure and sensitive equipment, which could be seriously or even irreparably damaged without climate control. DOD Director Jeff Johnson came forward to present the facts pertaining to the request for an emergency declaration to replace the rooftop chiller for City Hall. He informed the Council that the chiller equipment passed all inspections when the building was renovated but had since developed major issues and must be replaced in order to protect the building from humidity and provide habitable humidity and temperatures inside the building, which has no natural ventilation, for the occupants. After a brief discussion among Council Members, Mayor and City Attorney Madison, Council President Thompson accepted the letter to request the emergency declaration to be made part of the public record of the meeting and offered it to the Council for their consideration. Council Member Doss motioned the need to declare an emergency did exist as requested; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Tankersley

motioned to direct City personnel to study and determine the most economically feasible method to purchase the needed equipment to replace the chiller and place an order for the equipment as soon as possible; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. No other comments were made.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller