

Public Hearing
August 2, 2021
5:15 P.M.

The City of Haleyville held a Public Hearing on August 2, 2021 at 5:15 P.M. to hear public comments on a proposed tax abatement for Sparks Properties LLC.

Mayor Ken Sunseri called the meeting to order and stated the following members were present: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, Councilmember Brian Berry, and Councilman Julie "Boo" Brooks. Acting City Clerk Christy Harbin and City Attorney Jeff Mobley were also present.

Mayor Ken Sunseri opened up the Public Hearing and Randy Sparks of Sparks Properties LLC. addressed the council. Mr. Sparks stated he is requesting a tax abatement for his property located in Haleyville City Limits. Mr. Sparks stated the tax abatement will be necessary in order for him to bring in a chain store under the Roses Discount Stores Brand.

Councilman Bennett stated his opposition and concerns regarding the request of this tax abatement.

Mayor Sunseri stated the city has done this for previous retailers and the city council needed to do what they could to help occupy an empty building.

Mayor Ken Sunseri closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 2, 2021
5:30 P.M.

The Haleyville City Council met in Regular Session in the Courtroom at the Haleyville City Hall at 5:30 P.M. on August 2, 2021. Jeff Mobley provided the invocation.

Mayor Ken Sunseri called the meeting to order and stated the following members were present: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilman Drew Thrasher, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Absent - None. Jeff Mobley and Acting City Clerk Christy Harbin were present.

Councilmember Blue Russell made a motion for approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes of July 19, 2021 and his motion was seconded by Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Mayor Sunseri asked all members of the council in favor to indicate by saying yea and all members voting were: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Abstain - None. Voting nay – None.

Councilmember Drew Thrasher made a motion for immediate consideration of Resolution #2021-15 approving a 10% tax abatement for Sparks Properties LLC. for three years or a maximum of \$30,000.00 whichever comes first and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks seconded the motion. Mayor Sunseri asked all members of the council in favor to indicate by saying yea and all members voting were: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Abstain - None. Voting nay – None. Councilmember Drew Thrasher made a motion for approval of Resolution #2021-15 approving a 10% tax abatement for Sparks Properties LLC. for three years or a maximum of \$30,000.00 whichever comes first and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks seconded the motion. Mayor Sunseri asked all members of the council in favor to indicate by saying yea and all members voting were: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Abstain - Councilmember Jonathan Bennett. Voting nay – None.

Councilmember Drew Thrasher made a motion for immediate consideration of Resolution 2021-16 approving Mayor Ken Sunseri to enter into an agreement with The Alabama Department of Transportation for the installation, operation, and maintenance of traffic control signals and roadway lighting and Councilmember Jonathan Bennett seconded the motion. Mayor Sunseri asked all members of the council in favor to indicate by saying yea and all members voting were: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Abstain - None. Voting nay – None. Councilmember Drew Thrasher made a motion for approval of Resolution 2021-16 approving Mayor Ken

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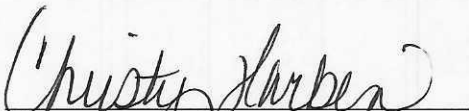
Councilmember Blue Russell made a motion for immediate consideration of the purchase of 3 patrol SUV's to be used in the Police Department in the amount of \$38,924.84 each and 1 F150 truck to be used in the police Department in the amount of \$40,346.00 and Councilmember Jonathan Bennett seconded the motion. Mayor Sunseri asked all members of the council in favor to indicate by saying yea and all members voting were: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Abstain – None. Voting nay – None. Councilmember Blue Russell made a motion for approval of the purchase of 3 patrol SUV's to be used in the Police Department in the amount of \$38,924.84 each and 1 F150 truck to be used in the police Department in the amount of \$40,346.00 and Councilmember Jonathan Bennett seconded the motion. Mayor Sunseri asked all members of the council in favor to indicate by saying yea and all members voting were: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Abstain – None. Voting nay – None.


Councilmember Jonathan Bennett made a motion for approval of the following Alcohol Committee appointments with three year terms ending in August 2024: Jade Bice, Jeff Noble, and Dennis Seymour. Mayor Sunseri asked all members of the council in favor to indicate by saying yea and all members voting were: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Abstain – None. Voting nay – None.

Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks read the police report for July 2021.

Mayor Sunseri gave an update on the City's account balances and July Sales Tax report.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Drew Thrasher and his motion was seconded by Councilmember Jonathan Bennett. Mayor Sunseri asked all members of the council in favor to indicate by saying yea and all members voting were: Mayor Ken Sunseri, Councilmember Jonathan Bennett, Councilmember Brian Berry, Councilmember Blue Russell, Councilmember Drew Thrasher, and Councilmember Julie "Boo" Brooks. Abstain - None. Voting nay – None.


Christy Harbin
Acting City Clerk


Ken Sunseri
Mayor