

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 14, 2015

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Alan Taylor presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Council President Alan Taylor  
Councilman Buddy Choat  
Councilman Anthony Montalto  
Councilman Brian Plant

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Eugene Melton

The workshop was convened and the Council received a preliminary agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Taylor presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Choat to lead in prayer. Councilman Montalto led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Alan Taylor  
Councilman Buddy Choat  
Councilman Anthony Montalto  
Councilman Brian Plant

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Eugene Melton  
Attorney Whit Colvin

Council President Taylor introduced the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting for approval. Councilman Montalto moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. The RDA item was moved to the consent agenda. Councilman Choat moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	5,176.31
Non-Departmental	127,982.20

Mayor and Council	221.13
Administration	5,518.39
Inspections	2,244.95
Municipal Court	2,620.27
Police Department	33,735.14
Fire Department	27,648.33
Street Department	21,436.79
Parks and Recreation	208,426.79
Library	8,216.40
Heritage Hall	1,070.11
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	447,133.31
EDUCATION FUND	2,200.00
VETERAN'S FUND	2,025.00
CORRECTIONS FUND	3,507.92
2014 WARRANT FUND	16,662.67
TOTALACCOUNTSPAYABLE	471,528.90

- ASCE & AWPAA Summer Conference- Sullivan- July 27-29, Orange Beach- \$275.00
- Executive Analysis of Community Risk Reduction (FEMA)- Fore- Emmitsburg, MD- July 20-31 - meals only- \$300.48
- AACOP - August 2-6, 2015 - Orange Beach - Sivley - \$200.00 plus expenses
- Approve Precision Tree Service - HS Field House - \$800.00 - park maintenance
- Approve small projects Massey Curb and Paving
  - Dogwood Lane- concrete flume- \$5,045.00
  - Dawns Way- Headwall- \$3,530.00
  - Middle School - Headwall - \$1,240.00
  - Ryding Circle- Replace curb- \$537.00
  - Behind Guthries- Retaining Wall- \$5,130.00
- Approve paving under Dunn Contract - to be paid from gasoline funds, then capital funds
  - Chalkville Road from Green Drive to Poplar- \$98,157.50
  - Trussville Clay Road from Poplar Street to Middle School- \$275,533.00
  - Lexington Oaks- 67,255.40
  - Lancashire- York, Victoria, Kensington- \$54,624.75
  - Kay Avenue, Birch Street, and Linden Street from Charleston to Edgeview and from Glenn to Birch - price to follow
- Approve paving under Dunn contract for City Hall parking lot from non-gasoline tax funds
- Hire Public Works laborers, Grade 7, Step 2
  - Scott Ray McKay
  - Bryan Travis Causey
  - William Gregory Tyler
- Hire Park & Rec - Part Time
  - Tim R. Cherry
  - Patricia Lynne Rea
- Merit increases effective July 25, 2015
  - Justin Grogan- Fire- Grade 17, Step 5
  - Maria Guttery- Police Admin- Grade 13, Step 2
  - Nina Miller- Library- Grade 13, Step 2
  - David Montgomery- Police- Grade 17, Step 4
- RDA funding request - \$50,000

Councilman Choat moved these items be approved, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and the motion carried with Councilman Plant abstaining on one accounts payable item.

A request to rezone property at 600 Simmons Drive from R-2 (Residential) to I-2 (Industrial) was presented. The applicant was not in attendance. Councilman Montalto explained that this property is proposed to be accessed through Cahaba Oaks Business Park at the end of Simmons Drive. A large crowd attended the Planning and Zoning hearing to oppose this application. Planning and Zoning recommended the zoning be denied based upon noncompliance with the comprehensive plan.

Mr. David Johnson, 6469 South Chalkville Road, was recognized and stated he opposes industrial use of this property. He stated this would allow intense industrial uses within fifty feet of a residence and within three blocks of downtown. There is a dance studio, a pediatrician's office, and a nursing home within two blocks. He stated he fears the environmental impact and the future uses if this classification is approved. This will also negatively impact residential property values. He stated they would oppose any type of commercial or industrial development of this property.

Mr. Lane Roper, 6483 South Chalkville Road, stated that he owns three acres adjoining this property that has been in his family for eighty-five years. He stated he did not think this was good for the neighborhood or for the city.

Mayor Melton stated we have been trying to redevelop our downtown and to remove industrial zoning from the downtown area.

Councilman Montalto moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this rezoning, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: None

Nays: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Montalto, and Plant

Councilman Montalto moved the property located at 600 Simmons Drive be rezoned from R-2 to I-2, seconded by Councilman Choat. Councilman Montalto stated last night at Planning and Zoning, a rezoning request by one of the adjoining property owners, Mr. Joe Hollingsworth, was heard. Mr. Hollingsworth's property is zoned I-2 and he agreed at the meeting last month to do this, and carried through with his promise to rezone his property to residential. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

A request for the annexation of Lot 1, Advent Estates, was presented by Mr. Zach Bryant. Mr. Bryant stated he also owns the adjoining Lot 2 that is already in the City, and wishes to annex this property.

Councilman Montalto stated this annexation was recommended by Planning and Zoning. Councilman Choat moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this annexation, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Choat moved this property at 6872 Advent Circle be adopted as presented under Ordinance 2015-014-ADM, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Choat reported that the Park and Recreation Board met last night. We had 197 players participating in the metro playoffs according to Chad Rhodes of the baseball association. All of our teams from six years to twelve years either won or were runners up in their respective tournaments. Our Park and Recreation department bid on several State tournaments, narrowly missing out on basketball, soccer and softball, but winning track and field.

Councilman Choat reported a pre-demolition meeting was held on the community center demolition. Once this is done, the bids will go out on the library expansion project.

Councilman Montalto reported for Planning and Zoning that a parcel on Husky Parkway was recommended to the City Council for rezoning for Covenant Christian School. This will be a birth to pre-kindergarten daycare facility, and the zoning will come before the Council at a later meeting.

Councilman Plant carried over his report.

Councilman Taylor reported the Chamber golf tournament was held with 108 participants, to raise money for scholarships. Mayor Melton will be the speaker at the luncheon on Thursday. A bridal show will be held at the Civic Center on August 16. The next ACTA season will begin in August.

Councilman Taylor reported our high school football team participated in a seven on seven competition in Atlanta, finishing second out of ten teams, and beating the team from Hoover. Our athletic director Karen Johns will be inducted into the University of South Carolina Hall of Fame.

Mayor Melton reported our Greenway, Phase II project will have a two-day final review on Thursday and Friday. This will include a pedestrian bridge to connect the Library and the Senior Citizens Center. We are hoping for a September letting, which after the period for award and contracts would put work in the late winter or spring.

Our ATRIP project for the Trussville Clay Road / Service Road / Husky Parkway area will include the bridge approaches, widening the road and a traffic signal at Service Road. This will be let September 23. We hope to be through football season before the work begins.

Mayor Melton reported the plaques are up at the Veteran's Monument, and we are working on a way to display additional names on those plaques that are filling up.

Mayor Melton reported Alabama Power and Trussville Utilities met on Railroad Avenue to discuss the utility relocation for the road project. The poles to be replaced will be replaced with high-line poles so that the power service can be relocated from Highway 11 in the future.

Mayor Melton reported that the Blackwater project is held up by a Fish and Wildlife issue with bats. Apparently a rare type of bat lives in the cave behind the historic Presbyterian Church, and they place their young in pine trees under the bark, where they remain for several weeks. This site cannot be cleared until the young bats have left the trees.

Councilman Choat asked to add a pay item for Hasting Heating and Air. This will be a Change Order on the gym air-conditioning project in the amount of \$7,580.65. Councilman Choat moved this item be added to the agenda, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous. Councilman Choat then moved that this change order be approved, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jef Freeman of the Redevelopment Authority thanked the Council for their continued support. Their team is doing intense planning for the downtown, and he hopes that we will soon see some improvements within the next 90 to 120 days. He thanked the Council for voting down the industrial zoning in the downtown area tonight. He stated he sees where we are moving forward with removing the dilapidated building downtown.

Mr. David Nix, 5211 Kirby Lane, asked the Mayor if he had the results of the traffic signal study at Deerfoot Parkway and Happy Hollow Road, and Mayor Melton replied he did not have the results of the study, but would follow up.

Mr. Zach Bryant, Skyview Lane, asked about a turn lane on Highway 11 at Parkway Drive, and Mayor Melton replied that ALDOT is scheduled to extend the turn lane that ends in front of Regions Bank near Cedar Street from that point to the Cahaba River in 2016.

No other business coming before the Council, motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk