

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. 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: None

The workshop was convened and the Council received a preliminary agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 22, 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, September 22, 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 Plant 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 Perry Cook
Councilman Anthony Montalto
Councilman Brian Plant

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Attorney Carl Johnson

Council President Taylor introduced the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting for approval. Councilman Choat moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. An alcohol application for The Shack that has been properly noticed, but was left off of the agenda, was added. Councilman Cook moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

	Re lar	Addendum
Liabilities	26,074.47	215.80
Non-Departmental	24,505.00	147,468.44
Mayor and Council		263.74
Administration	10,933.92	18,328.30
Inspections	1,130.49	1,337.33
Municipal Court	318.36	1,245.54
Police Department	10,439.10	18,987.12
Fire Department	17,865.86	23,324.36
Public Works	3,950.42	56,185.99
Garbage	111,898.76	
Parks and Recreation	39,343.23	8,296.21
Library	1,665.41	8,110.22
Rental Properties	142.80	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	248,267.82	283,763.65
CORRECTIONS FUND	4,026.46	1,632.52
2014 WARRANT FUND	44,825.00	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	297,119.28	287,423.17

Street Survival - Filetti -Pelham- Oct 15-16 - \$50.00

Approve adding Chocolate Biscuit and Cajun Steamer to approved caterers list at Civic Center per RFP requirements and Park Board recommendation

Merit increases effective October 3, 2015

Admin - Winifred Payne - Grade 16, Step 8

Dispatch- Cynthia H. Morris- Grade 15, Step 6

Police -Benjamin Short- Grade 17, Step 6

Fire - Ricky L. Vest - Grade 17, Step 7, plus 5%

Approve jail security system upgrade- DPS- \$49,458- from Corrections Fund

AAAS annual conference (Ambulance), Tim Shotts- Fire Dept. - Oct 14-15 - lodging and expenses only

Annual liability and property insurance- \$296,989

Councilman Plant moved these items be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Proclamation 2015-014 commemorating Constitution Week be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Montalto moved Resolution 2015-038 authorizing an increase in Planning and Zoning fees be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat. Councilman Montalto stated these fees have not been adjusted in many years. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Choat moved Resolution 2015-039 authorizing the surplus of various IT items that are either outdated or bad components. This was seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Proclamation 2015-015 on Everything Christmas be approved, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Montalto moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex property located at 6318 Alabama Drive, seconded by Councilman Plant and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Montalto then moved ordinance 2015-022-ANX be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Cook and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Council President Taylor announced that we will elect a new Council President and Council President Pro-Tempore for a term November 2015 through October 2016.

Councilman Plant moved Anthony Montalto be elected the new City Council President for a term November 2015 through October 2016, seconded by Councilman Choat, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, and Plant

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Montalto

Councilman Plant moved Perry Cook be elected the new City Council President Pro-Tempore for a term November 2015 through October 2016, seconded by Councilman Choat, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Cook

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2015-040 be approved authorizing Mayor Melton to sign the ATRIP agreement for work on Trussville Clay Road that will include rehabilitating the bridge approaches, installing a signal at Service Road, and road resurfacing. This was seconded by Councilman Choat, and the vote was unanimous.

A public hearing was opened on a request for an alcohol license approval for Big Irish, LLC, dba The Shack located at Chalkville Mountain Lane. Mr. James Grigsby was recognized and stated they have been open at this location since March 28, 2015 when they moved from Springville. He stated they held an alcohol license at their Springville location, and had no problems during that three-year period. The building in Trussville that they currently occupy has housed other restaurants that held liquor licenses.

Council President Taylor asked if they were members of the Responsible Vendor Program and was told not currently. He asked if they would be willing to become a member and was told yes.

Mr. Grigsby stated as soon as a bartender is hired, all of the staff will go through the program at one time.

Councilman Choat asked what was previously their practice in requiring identification, and was told the servers ask for identification if the patron appears to be under 30 or 35 years of age. He stated this is a family business and some family member is there at all times.

Councilman Plant asked is the applicant on the application his wife, and was told yes, Chauntelle Rheams

Councilman Cook asked the size of his staff and was told six to ten during the week and more on weekends.

Councilman Plant asked, if this is approved, would they agree to become members of the Responsible Vendor Program, and was told yes.

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

Councilman Cook moved this license application be approved, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and the motion carried with Councilman Choat abstaining.

Councilman Taylor stated The Shack was a part of our Taste of Trussville event last week.

Councilman Choat gave the Library Report for August as follows:

Library Report

Total Circulation:	
All activity including items checked out, checked in, and renewed	39,670
Downloadable Audio/E-Books	1,411
Computer Use:	1,679
Library Visits:	24,882
Reference Transactions:	6,521
Library Programs:	5
Program Attendance:	74
New Members	91

The Library has received a Library Services and Technology Act Grant for \$6,000 for RFID - a barcode and scanning system

September is Food for Fines month. Last year more than 200 items were donated to TEAM, and several carts of food have already been donated this month.

Councilman Choat stated an American Girl kickoff event was held with 186 attending. At the meeting this month the budget for the upcoming year was discussed and staff evaluations were taken concerning what they feel will be required of their position when the addition is completed, and what changes may be needed.

For Parks and Recreation Councilman Choat reported the pool had a good year. We have fifty-one 3-on-3 basketball teams. We will be hosting an invitational basketball tournament with Homewood. We have twenty-four youth flag football teams. We have had forty-three adult softball teams this year, and our new gymnastics program has 291 kids. Jay Miller is assisting with exercise classes at the Senior Center with 30-35 participants. The Senior Center held its 16th anniversary celebration with approximately 100 people in attendance. We have added two new caterer's to the approved list at the Civic Center- The Chocolate Biscuit and Cajun Steamers.

Councilman Cook reported Public Works is preparing for the fall leaf season and has three units in service this fall. The Poplar Street project is progressing. Sidewalks will be poured this week and paving should be done next week.

For IDB Councilman Cook reported they held a luncheon at Lampke-Reich with 40-50 in attendance. Southern Lights attended and discussed laying fiber optic cable in the park. RDA is working with an architect and Grow Trussville will not meet again until December.

Councilman Montalto carried over his report.

Councilman Plant carried over his public safety report. He stated he attended the Chamber luncheon where Secretary of State John Merrell was speaker.

Council President Taylor reported for the Board of Education that the construction on the two schools is going well. The bids to remodel Paine Elementary came in too high, and the Board is looking at ways to trim the project to cut costs.

For the Chamber of Commerce, Council President Taylor reported Secretary of State John Merrell was the luncheon speaker in September. They are holding Total Resource training for volunteers and sponsorships for next year. He stated a ribbon cutting was held at Mike and Mike Automotive. The Legislative Breakfast will be held on October 22 with Senators Shay Shelnut and Slade Blackwell, Representative Danny Garrett, County Commissioner Joe Knight, and Mayor Melton.

Council President Taylor announced that ACTA will perform "13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey" in October.

Mr. Jimmy Vineyard, 4248 Cahaba Bend, was recognized and spoke on his concerns with the Trussville Springs entrance safety issues. He stated children from this subdivision must cross the railroad tracks to catch the bus. There is no stop sign and no guard to assist the children. He stated the entrance road crosses the tracks in a curve and you cannot see the train until you are on the tracks. He stated they need guidance and assistance and need to know how to get it.

Mr. Christopher Purdy, Cahaba Bend, stated they were told when they bought their homes that there would be a commercial area, and that they were working on a new entrance, but none of this has happened and they would like to know a time frame. He stated they have tried to work with the developer Bill Lewis and Barry Stalnaker, but they will not give a time that anything will be done.

Mr. Vineyard stated they were told there would be a playground and an amphitheater in the development, but these things have not happened. He stated they just want to know what is going on and when these things will happen.

Councilman Plant pointed out that this is a private developer and these amenities are not funded by the city. We do not know what is told to potential buyers. We can compel a developer to build according to minimum code requirements, but we cannot set the pace of the development or what amenities are offered.

Councilman Montalto asked these gentlemen if they had attended any school board meetings. He said that there may be an issue with the distance between the highway and the railroad tracks, but the student transportation issue would need to be addressed with them.

Mr. Purdy stated they understand that this is a private issue, but the city approved the plans. He stated he was told to talk to the Mayor about a stop sign.

Councilman Plant stated Trussville Springs was approved around 2005 or 2006. They must comply with the plan as to set backs and lot sizes, but there are no restrictions on when the homes must be built. Carrington Lakes began development in 2002 or 2003 and has approved development that has not been constructed even now. There are laws on the books about railroads but they are typically written in favor of the railroad.

Councilman Montalto suggested the homeowners get with the developer. He stated he will get with the Mayor or the inspections department to get some answers.

Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan was asked if he had any information and responded that he knew that the proposed entrance that work was begun on had to be moved farther east, but he did not have any specific information.

Mr. Vineyard stated their number one concern is for the safety of the children, and they need help.

Council President Taylor stated we can control the home size, but not the promises made. He asked Wayne Sullivan to look into this and follow up.

Mr. Andy Sanders, Cahaba Bend stated ALDOT told them that Trussville Springs abandoned their original bond, and they had to get a new one, and that they have changed engineers several times.

Mr. Joseph Robbins, 7276 Cahaba Bend, asked when the streets have to be sealed. He stated in places the pavement in the alley has deteriorated to gravel. He stated the road width does not meet city standards, the curbs have not been installed, and some ornamental projections on signs extend into the roadway. A fire lane has been added making the rest of the road too narrow. The entrance where you suddenly find yourself on the tracks is dangerous, and there is no illumination.

Wayne Sullivan stated this development was approved as a PUD and the design of the roads within the PUD are not necessarily the same as normal city streets. He stated the roads in Trussville Springs have not been accepted for maintenance by the city. He continued saying that the rights-of-way are dedicated by the plat as public rights-of-way which allows police and fire and the public to use these roads. The roads are not accepted for maintenance until the roads are repaired and sealed after most of the construction is completed. This is normally after 70% or more of the homes on a street are completed.

Mr. Purdy stated he was told by the developer that they would be paved when 3/4ths of the homes were built. Now all of the homes along the alley are done, and he says that he does not have the money to pave it right now. He says that some areas around grates have washed out and has been filled in with gravel. One lady drove across one of these grates and tore out the underside of her car.

Council President Taylor stated we want to help as we can but we do not have the answers tonight. We will follow up as we get these answers.

Mr. Robbins asked was a bond posted for the streets and was told yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk