

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 2, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in a special called session on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall to conduct final interviews of the top three candidates to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. Council President Plant presided over the meeting and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

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

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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Council President Brian Plant
Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Jef Freeman
Councilman Zack Steele
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: None

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
Attorney Rick Stotser

Council President Plant called upon Mayor Choat to explain the proceedings tonight. Mayor Choat stated that we had twelve applications for this vacant position. He and two other Councilmen interviewed each candidate. It is wonderful to have so many who would like to serve. He told each candidate, that should they not be chosen, that we would like for them to consider serving in some other area. The field was narrowed down to three for interviews tonight. Mayor Choat stated each candidate will be given fifteen minutes to answer the same five to six predetermined questions as time will allow. Neither the individual City Council members nor the public will be allowed to ask follow up questions. No decision will be made in this meeting. Each Council member will consider the responses from the candidates and will submit his choice to the Mayor. When the Mayor has received all responses, he will tally the results and make the announcement. The appointment will be placed on the May 9, 2017 agenda for approval.

Mayor Choat stated our remaining candidates have drawn numbers to determine the order of interview. They are Margaret McCullough, Steve Ward, and Wendell Gibson. Each was asked the following questions:

What they felt their role as a School Board member was?
What school system they might look to pattern themselves after?
What their priorities would be and how would they arrive at these priorities?
What were their opinions on Common Core?
What prior involvement with, and service to, the school system they have had in its twelve-year existence?
How they would attract and keep top teacher talent?

At the conclusion of the questioning, Mayor Choat asked each Councilman to consider the answers given by each candidate, and to get those to him.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk