

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 23, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Brian Plant presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Council President Brian Plant
Councilman Jef Freeman
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Zack Steele

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The workshop was convened and the Council received a preliminary agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Mr. Ken Funderburk of Stifel and Mr. Kane Burnett of Bradley Arant were present to answer questions about the upcoming 2014 warrant partial refunding. This refunding will be at 3.28%. Mayor Choat asked that the savings of \$410,000 be applied to the Library project.

Mr. Funderburk stated by not going for a bond rating, we are saving \$20,000. Another deal in Leeds closed at 3.34% yesterday.

Mr. Scott Buttram stated the RDA wants teeth put into our regulations as to how buildings will look. He stated the RDA, Design Review, and Planning and Zoning have no interaction and none of them know what the other is doing. It was pointed out that an RDA member was placed on Design Review and a member of Planning and Zoning serves on Design Review. Mr. Buttram asked that all applicants in downtown be referred to RDA for approval.

Councilman Taylor stated maybe they could all get together, but he was not in favor of sending applicants to three different committees.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Plant presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, 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:

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 introduced the minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. Mayor Choat asked that the Council consider going into Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss a real estate transaction. Councilman Taylor moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	97,218.31
Non-Departmental	19,919.75
Mayor and Council	4,259.35
Administration	9,299.11
Inspections	1,011.12
Municipal Court	1,016.68
Police Department	35,0105.66
Fire Department	32,776.60
Public Works	25,330.33
Parks and Recreation	46,756.80
Library	6,430.49
Rental Properties	807.16
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	279,931.36
CONFISCATED FUND	25,913.59
CORRECTIONS FUND	5,979.47
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	311,824.42

Swat Team Leader Development - Lovell - Bham - Nov 6-10 - \$675.00

TAASRO Conference - Glass - Gulf Shores - June 4-9 - Registration comped, plus lodging and expenses

Merit increases effective May 27, 2017

Police - Joshua Stephen Payne - Grade 17, Step 8, plus 10%

Fire - Jessie Clifton - Grade 17, Step 7, plus 10%

Library - Brittany Amber Roberts - Grade 12, Step 5

Parks - Joshua Lamar Taylor - Grade 15, Step 3

Merit increases effective June 10, 2017

Inspections - Scott Mann - Grade 23, Step 4

Fire - Clifford A. Moore - Grade 20, Step 7, plus 15%

Public Works - Terry Summerrow - Grade 7, Step 5

Hire Erin Hamilton - Inspection Admin - Grade 13, Step 2

Hire Clara Campbell - Lifeguard - Grade 7, Step 1

Fire Department - Chris Schmohl - Additional 5% for 4-year degree (Total 15%)

Fire Department - Tyler Rollins - Additional 5% for 2-year degree (Total 10%)

Fire Department - Caleb Hancock - Additional 10% for 4-year degree

Fire Department - Matthew Panepento - Additional 5% for 2-year degree (Total 10%)

Move Ryan McQueen, laborer, from fire to inspections

Approve RFP for financial advisor

Approve purchase of drug dog

Approve purchase of license plate reader for police department

Hire Zykeisha Vionne Randle - Magistrate - upon results of physical

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

Ms. Stacy Frazier was recognized and stated a representative from Gov Deals will be here to do training on Friday. They have a new proposal whereby credit card purchases may be made at a cost of 5% per transaction, in addition to the 7% transaction fee assessed by Gov Deals. They have proposed that this credit card fee be split 2.5% to the purchaser and 2.5% to the City.

A public hearing on a development agreement for Downtown Trussville, LLC was called. Council President Plant opened the hearing and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Council President Plant then presented Resolution 2017-023 approving this agreement.

Mayor Choat explained that Downtown Trussville LLC, the Avondale Brewery group, has options on six parcels that will be redeveloped into restaurants and shops as well as a brewery. An alternate traffic route and parking is a part of this plan.

Councilman Taylor moved this resolution be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat recognized Mr. Coby Lake and Mr. Chris Donaldson, principals in the corporation.

An ordinance to refund certain maturities of the Series 2014 Warrants was presented. Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Steele. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Cook, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved Ordinance 2017-025-ADM be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele. Councilman Taylor stated from time to time we have an opportunity to refund warrants at a better interest rate. This is \$9.2 million to be refinanced at 3.28%. He stated this will be approximately a \$450,000 savings to the city. This will be a private placement rather than a traded issue.

Councilman Cook asked is the one entity buying the bonds Sterling Bank, and was told yes. He stated he was concerned that we have nothing to compare it to. He asked did we negotiate or accept what was told to us? He stated he would like to have a comparison. He asked that this be tabled for five days to get another quote to compare.

Councilman Taylor stated we had an option to private place these warrants or to say that we will go to the open market and sell. There is not truly a comparison. There would be an additional \$30,000 in cost for rating agencies and in attorney's fees to sell these on the market.

Council President Plant stated there is a time factor also.

Councilman Cook stated if the rate is 3.25% or 3/.10%, is that not worth looking at?

Councilman Taylor stated the other option is to go to the market. We have Leeds at 3.81% and Madison at 3.83% sold the same day.

Council President Plant stated that is what you have as a comparison.

Councilman Taylor stated there is not another private placement out there. Merchants Capital/Stifel was authorized to watch the market and bring us opportunities for savings.

Councilman Freeman stated he has been involved in these processes over the past thirty-five years. In private placements, you solicit vendors to bid and have a placement agent. He stated if he painted a house, he would get two quotes. He stated he felt we need to do due diligence.

Councilman Taylor stated the previous Council accepted fourteen proposals and interviewed five of them, before choosing Stifel.

Council President Plant stated, since we have used this firm, he has seen nothing to call into question. They brought us a deal last fall, but the market changed, and they said it was no longer favorable. When this happened, they stopped it. Not us.

Councilman Cook asked would it not be better if we could get 2.5% versus 3.28%?

Councilman Taylor stated they have no advantage to bring us a bad deal.

Councilman Cook stated he was in sales, and he looked out for his client.

Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: Councilmen Cook and Freeman

An ordinance on mobile food vendors, commonly referred to as food trucks, was presented. Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Cook, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2017-026 authorizing food trucks be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Cook, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

A license agreement for use of the dog park was presented. for approval. Councilman Taylor stated this has been in the works for a while. He moved this agreement be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat stated he appreciated all the work that has gone into this.

An amendment to the dog ordinance to clarify that dogs off leash in a dog park are not to be considered running at large was presented. Councilman Steele moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Cook, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Steele moved Ordinance 2017-027 amending the dog ordinance be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Cook, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2017-024 awarding the bid for police software to Southern Software in the amount of \$243,290.00 be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2017-025 awarding the bid for roof repairs at the Library to Magic City Roofing in the amount of \$29,460.00 be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Proclamation 2017-013 in recognition of the City's and the Fire Department's seventieth anniversary be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Plant announced the Jefferson County Health Department Rain Barrel workshop at Botanical Gardens on Saturday, June 17 from 9:00 - 12:00. Pre-registration is required.

Councilman Freeman announced graduation will be June 1, 2017 at the stadium.

Councilman Taylor announced the First Responder's breakfast will be held on Thursday.

Mr. George Glenn, stated he thought the development agreement would be discussed tonight, as to what will be done with the \$2 million the developer will receive. He stated all the Council did was vote on the agreement.

Council President Plant stated we held a public hearing.

Councilman Taylor moved the Council go into executive session to discuss what to offer or accept for property. This was seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Cook, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

The Council announced that they will not come back into session. The Executive session began at 6:40 p.m., and ended at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk