

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 27, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville cancelled the workshop session on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. due to the threat of inclement weather, and rescheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at Trussville City Hall. Council President Pro Tem Perry Cook presided.

Those members present were as follows:

Councilman Perry Cook  
Councilman Jef Freeman  
Councilman Zack Steele  
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Council President Brian Plant

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. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration.

Mr. Bob Roberts of Threat Advice was recognized. He stated he has talked to the IT staff and they do an excellent job. He stated the problem is often employees clicking on e-mails that contain viruses or malware. He stated they will train employees to recognize these intrusions and assist with writing policies and doing threat assessments for less than \$500 per month. All employees with computer access would be required to view a series of short animated videos and answer questions at the end, and this training would be updated periodically. The only additional cost would be a \$500 set up fee.

Mr. Matt Stoops of Sain and Associates presented the draft of an ADA Transition plan for the city. He stated an assessment has been done of public infrastructure. Any deficiencies have been mapped and charted according to severity, being ranked as high, medium, and low priority items, and estimated costs to correct have been assigned. The City will need to develop a remediation plan for the high and medium items. Comments will be taken on the plan, and once finalized, funds will need to be allocated for repairs over a period of time.

Councilman Taylor asked will we need to hire someone to monitor this, and was told no, our public works and inspection's departments can do this. He asked would these repairs be done with city forces and was told most likely a contractor would be hired to do the concrete pours.

Councilman Cook asked what the item concerning the tenant at 1980 Gadsden Highway was, and was told we had asked to know the other tenants at the Kirkland's site when the Q-C-2 zoning was approved. They have told us this will be Smoothie King.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Pro Tempore Cook presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

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

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Councilman Perry Cook  
Councilman Jef Freeman  
Councilman Zack Steele  
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Council President Brian Plant

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

Council President Plant introduced the minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting for approval. Councilman Taylor moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. Councilman Taylor moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, stated he had four subjects to discuss - 1) It is time to think about adding the pool at the Civic Center - this is something the money from the new bond issue could be used for; 2) The ditches along Chalkville Road are dangerous - especially will all of the rains lately; 3) The markings on the road by Sam's need to be redone, as well as the markings in the City Hall parking lot; and 4) the Board of Education sign is too small.

Mayor Choat stated 1) the Council has agreed to use the savings on the bond issued to complete the Library expansion. He agreed that a pool would be nice. 2) We have met with the County, and they have a plan to cover the ditches. 3) We are working with the County on road striping. 4) the Board of Education has recently replaced their sign with a new sign.

Mr. Epstein stated the new sign is the one he is referring to. It is not large enough to read.

Council President Pro Tem Cook stated resurfacing the parking lot at City Hall is in the works. Landscaping, resurfacing, and striping will be done at both the Utilities and City Hall.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	29,923.26
Non-Departmental	84,521.84
Administration	5,834.90
Inspections	1,058.41
Municipal Court	972.58
Police Department	22,669.78
Fire Department	35,987.25
Public Works	6,774.35
Parks and Recreation	49,329.34
Library	854.53
Rental Property	22.05
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	238,048.29
CONFISCATED FUND	2,161.25
CORRECTIONS FUND	5,564.93
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	252,167.47

RDA request for operating expenses - \$30,000.00  
RDA request for redevelopment expenses - \$30,000.00  
Merit increases effective July 8, 2017  
    Police - Kenneth Findley - Grade 20, Step 10, plus 10%  
    Police Dispatch - Candice Phillips-Greer - Grade 16, Step 7  
    Jason Parsons - IT - Grade 28, Step 9  
    Evan Paul Massey - Fire - Grade 17, Step 7, plus 5%  
Transfer of Vacation/Sick time for Zykeshia Randle  
Detective Richard Golden to Interviewing Seminar July 14  
Wayne Sullivan to ASCE Conference July 17-19  
Employment of Mark Andrew Maylon in Public Works Dept.  
Appoint Terry Oglesby to P & Z. Term to expire June 11, 2023  
Appoint Tommy George to BZA. Term to expire Feb 15, 2018  
Approve tenant under Q-C-2 zoning at 1980 Gadsden Hwy.  
Employment of Bailey Wood in Park & Rec  
Employment of Timothy Thomas in Fire Dept  
Hopper and McLaughlin to fire conference Aug 13-16 in Gulf Shores  
Appoint Ian Maddox to RDA through 11-23-2022

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

Mr. Matt Stoops, Sain and Associates, was recognized to present the City's ADA right-of-way infrastructure assessment. He stated they have identified and ranked the sidewalk, curb, on-street parking, and street crossing infrastructure as matters of high, medium or low severity. A high severity item would be something that would be obvious to most anyone. A medium severity would be something that would be recognizable to someone trained in ADA matters. A low severity item would be something that is not obvious without measurement tools. All items identified total \$7.7 million in remediation costs. There are approximately \$50,000 worth of high priority items. The high and medium items together total \$1.2 million. The City should take comments on this plan tonight and post it on the city website for three weeks for comments. The plan will then be finalized, and implementation begun. He suggested \$100,000 be budgeted over the next ten to twelve years to take care of the items high and medium severity items. By that time, another assessment should be done.

Mayor Choat stated we want to address these deficiencies. Some of the items noted in the study are due to changes in the ADA regulations over the years. Items that were once compliant, are not compliant under today's regulations.

Mr. Arnold Reichert, 116 North Mall, asked what would be considered a high priority item, and was told a sidewalk that butts up to a curb with no ramp or a buckled sidewalk would be a high priority item.

Mr. John Birmingham, 320 Cherokee Drive, stated he worked for the federal government when ADA happened. The original focus was to make buildings such as hospitals and city buildings accessible. The standards and scope has changed through the years. He stated he felt this is needed for the citizens.

ALDOT will be installing guard rails on I-59 between I-459 and Chalkville Road. They request resolutions of agreement from the cities in which the project work is performed. Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2017-031 authorizing this project through Trussville be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Pro Tem Cook reported the Utilities Board met on Monday. The Public Service Commission audit was discussed. General Manger Mike Strength stated they had supplied the engineering and accounting records, and everything went well. One member told them that when they get questions about how a municipal utility should be operated, they refer them to Trussville. Councilman Cook introduced the newest IDB member Mr. Dwight Turnipseed.

Councilman Freeman stated the Inspections department is checking property for compliance and is now assisted by Sgt. Chuck Bradford. ACT scores are in and Trussville is tied for sixth place in the State with an average score of 23. Our schools are doing a great job.

Councilman Zack Steele stated there will be a cardboard boat regatta at our pool. Public Works is busy in the aftermath of the recent tropical storm.

Councilman Taylor stated the Public Safety Committee will meet tonight. He gave the Fire Department Report as follows:

Total Responses	275	Medical Responses	174
Patients transported	101 + 6 by others	Assists	31
Fire Alarms/False Alarms	35	Hazardous Materials	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14	Brush/Woods Fire	1
Structure Fire	1	Vehicle Fire	5
Investigate Smoke/Complaint	9	Lines Down	1
Mutual Aid Given	1 - Center Point		

Notable Events: First Responders Breakfast  
Deployment Send Off for the 208th Chemical Response Unit  
based in Springville

Councilman Taylor stated the RDA meeting has been changed to July 11 due to the 4th of July holiday. For the Chamber he reported their fund raiser golf tournament had twenty-five teams to raise funds for scholarships. The Downtown Merchants event went well last weekend.

Mayor Choat thanked Library Director Emily Tish for the construction update provided to each Council member. He thanked all departments involved in last Saturday's event. The food trucks for that event came by and followed our process. He stated the Council held a planning workshop meeting and discussed paving Old Roper Road and Calumet. The greenways project is working on the punch list. There are four sections of concrete that are damaged and should be replaced tomorrow. The City will replace the bridge decking and paint the bridge.

Mr. Richard Epstein stated the lights on I-59 are all working and look good.

Mr. John Birmingham thanked the Council for getting the trail and park done.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk