

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 22, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, August 22, 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 Steele 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 (Arrived 6:03)
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 August 8, 2017 meeting for approval. Councilman Steele moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, 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 Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman arrived at 6:03.

Ms. Marie Gospederick, 1320 Turncliff Drive and Howard Chappell were recognized representing the Turncliff neighborhood off of Edwards Lake Road. Ms. Gospederick stated they are in no man's land. Their community is twenty-five homes and there is only one school-aged child. They are less than five miles from Trussville City Hall. They are not contiguous, but asked that the Council consider going to the Legislature to annex them.

Council President Plant stated he would refer this to Mayor Choat to look into the situation.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	35,657.98
Non-Departmental	14,790.41
Mayor and Council	6,037.50
Administration	2,490.74
Inspections	1,779.92
Municipal Court	537.58
Police Department	25,278.32
Fire Department	14,027.69
Public Works	22,961.54
Parks and Recreation	57,009.02
Library	5,593.58
Rental Property	2,242.56

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	188,406.56
CONFISCATED FUND	355.99
CORRECTIONS FUND	5,470.56
2017 WARRANT FUND	27,987.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	222,220.39

Merit increases effective Sept.9, 2017 - Evan McCleskey, Park & Rec, Grade 7, Step 4
 Kyle Wilson - PD - completed training - Grade17, Step 2 effective August 5, 2017
 Appoint Kris Reeves to Design Review, term to expire August 23, 2018
 JR Malchus - AAFM Dues and AAFM conference 9/25 - 9/27
 Promotion of Greg Cardwell - Police- to Lt. effective September 2,2017
 Promotion of Adam Filetti - Police- to Sgt. effective September 2,2017
 Judicial Seminar - Carl Chamblee , Orange Beach 9/21 - 9/23
 Approve street light Longmeadow, Phase B, Sector 4 between Lots 88 & 89
 Spectrum proposal additional mitigation Cahaba River Enhancement Project -\$3,850.00

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

Councilman Taylor presented Proclamation 2017-016 in honor of the 75th Anniversary of Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church. He read this proclamation and moved it be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Proclamation 2017-017 declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution to install a fire hydrant at 7727 Dollar Road was introduced. This cost of this hydrant will be lower if it is requested by the City, but it will be paid for by the residents in the area. Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2017-040 authorizing the installation of this hydrant be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook reported RDA met and discussed grants in downtown.

Councilman Freeman reported for the Board of Education saying Vic Modick of Amerex has committed to build outdoor classrooms on the banks of the Cahaba River. He is recruiting others in the community. He stated enrollment is up at four of our five schools: Cahaba +14, Magnolia +21, Paine +16, Middle School -6 and High School +45. Overall enrollment is up 180 since 2015. Our graduation rate is 97%. The Board held its second hearing on its budget. Employees will receive a 2% raise and the Board expects to end this fiscal year with a \$3 million surplus. He reported that Cory Merchant has been appointed to the Alabama Special Education Advisory Council. We are the only system in the state with a superintendent who has a special education background. He stated that 42-43% of the school's budget comes from local taxes.

Councilman Freeman reported the Planning and Zoning Board recommended an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the required parking for retail developments from 5.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet to four spaces per 1,000 square feet. The requirement for restaurants will remain at 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet. They approved a request for a driveway closer than 200 feet from the nearest driveway in the Transition Overlay District. This approval was based upon a study that demonstrated the next closest driveway had fewer than six cars per hour. They approved a Master Signage Plan for St. Vincent's Urgent Care facility on Happy Hollow Road. He gave the Building Permit Report for July as follows:

Building Permit Report July 2017			
Type	Construction	No.	Value
Residential	New	24	\$7,954,666
	Additions & Alterations	9	328,900
	Accessory Buildings	3	31,795

Commercial	New	0	
	Additions & Alterations	2	50,000
	Demolition	2	

Councilman Steele reported the Park and Recreation Board met on Monday and the different sports organizations reported activities. Flag Football practice has begun. They considered a travel baseball tournament that will bring 50 to 100 teams to the city. The greenways project is almost completed. The Seniors are planning several trips. Public Works continues to work on rights-of-way. ACTA will present "Madagascar" and is also giving children's acting lessons.

Councilman Taylor thanked Public Safety for the great job that they do. He stated he received an e-mail about a police officer observed picking up trash off of the road. The Mayor received a letter commending Officer J.J. Morris on his gun safety classes for citizens.

Councilman Taylor stated the Chamber had an ice creme social tonight. The Taste of Trussville had 125 people attend and had thirteen restaurants and bakeries participating. Ribbon cuttings were held at Hitchcock-Maddox and at Peachtree Assisted Living's new independent living unit. The Chamber will hold a social media class. Their monthly luncheon will be on September 21 with Congressman Gary Palmer as speaker. The annual Legislative Breakfast will be held on September 28 with state, county and local officials. Nominations are being taken for the Small Business Awards through August 31.

Council President Plant reported that the Library expansion is progressing. He recognized Historical Board Chairman Jane Alexander, and told her that he has heard many complements on our museum.

Mayor Choat stated our last block party of the summer was held last weekend. He encouraged citizens to go to our website and view the Tour of Trussville video series showing different aspects of our city. Next month we will bring back our Gateway newsletter, but this time it will be digital and in print with the assistance of the Trussville Tribune. We are working on the City's operating budget for next fiscal year.

Mayor Choat stated the signs are up at the pedestrian cross walks on Chalkville Road. We had a meeting on site to look for ways to make it safer.

Mayor Choat stated we hired Spectrum Environmental Consultants tonight to help us with our Cahaba River Restoration Plan. Originally 5,000 trees were planted, then with the drought last year many of these trees did not survive. The contractor replaced 1,200 trees. The tall grasses have overgrown these trees and are choking some of them out. Spectrum will monitor the health of these trees and clear space for them to thrive.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, thanked the Council for the agreement with the County to get the ditch covered on North Chalkville Road. He stated striping has been done from Exit 141 to Sams. He suggested installing a change machine at the Civic Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk