

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, January 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Pro Tempore Zack Steele presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Jef Freeman
Councilman Brian Plant
Councilman Zack Steele

Absent: Council President Alan Taylor

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, January 9, 2018. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting. Mayor Choat asked that a proposal from Lose and Associates be added to the agenda to prepare a master plan for multi-purpose fields on the Norris property and for a pool at the Civic Center at a cost of \$14,000.

Mayor Choat stated Panda Express has made an offer on a portion of our property on Roebuck Industrial Parkway at \$12 a square foot.

Councilman Freeman stated the RDA will now be known as the TRA.

Councilman Freeman gave an update on the Eastern Area Landfill.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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 Freeman led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

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

Council President Taylor introduced the minutes of the December 21, 2017 meeting for approval. Councilman Steele moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. Mayor Choat asked that an item to discuss Sheepdog Firearms be added to the agenda. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman and the vote was unanimous.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	12,024.23
Non-Departmental	328,804.58
Mayor and Council	3,790.44
Administration	9,464.91
Inspections	6,418.03
Municipal Court	5,430.68
Police Department	34,903.36
Fire Department	29,153.34
Public Works	3,913.94
Garbage	167,058.37
Parks and Recreation	80,693.28
Library	22,314.65
Rental Properties	675.09
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	704,644.90
CORRECTIONS FUND	4,658.52
2017 WARRANT FUND	5,381.10
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	714,684.52

Basic Motorcycle Course - Davis - Hoover - 1-8 to 1-19, 2018 - \$100.00

Consider Radar Sign quotation - \$10,800.00

Approve 2018 holiday schedule

Promotions Police Department

David Morrette to Lieutenant effective January 6, 2018 - Grade 24, Step 7

Phil Dillon to Lieutenant effective January 8, 2018 - Grade 24, Step 7

Michael Bruce to Sergeant effective January 8, 2018 - Grade 20, Step 7, plus 10%

Merit increases effective January 20, 2018

Lakeisha N. Addie (Minor) - Court - Grade 19, Step 6

Brett Deloach - Police - Grade 17, Step 9, plus 10%

Approve contract with Lose & Associates, Inc. for a master plan for a multipurpose field complex and pool complex planning

Merit increase effective December 23, 2017 - Mark Faulkner - Grade 12, Step 3

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

An ordinance to rezone property at 7850 Gadsden Highway, has been carried over at the request of the applicant to February 27, 2018.

Councilman Steele stated the lighting in the gyms at the Cherokee Center and the Civic Center has been replaced with LED lighting. We are declaring the old fixtures as surplus. He moved Resolution 2018-001 declaring these fixtures as surplus be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat stated he and Councilman Taylor met with the owners of Sheepdog Firearms to see what the plan is. They were supposed to come with a proposal by December 21. We were asked to consider a partnership with the city that we did not care for. Some of the proceeds would go for improvements. There are certain types of guns that cannot be fired at the range any longer.

Mr. Chris Cremer, Deerfoot Crossings Road, stated their attorney is talking with Sheepdog's attorney. He stated the fundamental question going forward is, what is the city going to do now.

Councilman Plant asked what is the status of the noise now?

Mr. Cremer stated it varies at different times and different days. He stated his home is closest to the problem.

Councilman Plant asked what guns are no longer fired at the range, and Mr. Lombardo stated he could provide a list.

Councilman Freeman asked have we reviewed the contract between Sheepdog and their contractor?

Mayor Choat stated we are not involved in that.

Councilman Freeman asked does Sheepdog have any recourse? We were originally told that the building would be soundproof.

Council President Taylor stated the folks at Sheepdog have bent over backwards to help the problem. They have done things to improve the situation, and now seven months later, there are still complaints. The problem is, there still needs to be something done. He stated he appreciated the patience of the residents. It is not like Sheepdog has not tried to help. He stated he thinks we need a time line for a resolution.

Councilman Plant stated this business was welcomed to our community. He stated he did not know the engineering involved to fix the problem. A statement was made that the building would be soundproof. For a variety of reasons this did not happen.

Mayor Choat recommended a plan or resolution by January 31, which is three weeks from tonight.

Council President Taylor stated this is not necessarily that the problem is solved.

Councilman Plant moved a plan be submitted by January 31, 2018, seconded by Councilman Steele.

Mr. Lombardo stated a change was made to the city ordinance that restricted discharging firearms in the city to allow for guns to be fired at an indoor facility. He stated they are not asking for money. They are asking for first responders to have a place to train at their facility in exchange for a contract for services. The proposal is for one hundred first responders to one year for \$25,000. He stated he has not heard from the police chief if this service is needed. If approved, they would fix the sound issue. The estimate for the work is \$100,000. He stated they are struggling to keep the doors open. They can't do this amount right now.

Council President Taylor questioned was he correct that there is still no guarantee that this will fix it?

Councilman Plant stated he was told that Hoover Tactical was soundproof. He asked is this true?

Mr. Cremer asked would the plan due on January 31 be in writing?

Mayor Choat stated he would accept it verbally or in writing.

Mr. Cremer asked how the residents of the subdivision would know?

Mayor Choat stated he would let them know. He stated in all discussions with Mr. Lombardi, he has worked to put something together.

Council President Taylor stated his belief is that no one wants to get this done more than the Sheepdog owners.

Mr. Cremer stated this noise infringes on our ability to enjoy our property.

The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman stated the Board of Education is going well. The athletic teams are doing well. The girls and boys basketball teams are doing well.

Councilman Freeman stated Planning and Zoning met last night. They discussed annexation and rezoning. There were thirteen new home starts valued at \$4.5 million and five additions, one accessory structure, one new commercial building, and some commercial additions and alterations. This is a lot of growth.

Councilman Plant gave the Fire Department annual report for 2017 that showed a 10% increase in the number of calls over 2016.

Councilman Plant stated the Chamber is renewing memberships. Dr. Pattie Neill will be the speaker at the January luncheon. A leadership conference will be held on March 15.

Councilman Plant reported the Library is getting close. Contractors are working inside now. It will be several weeks before it is open.

Councilman Steele stated the Parks and Recreation Board met last night and discussed the Lose and Associates contract that was approved tonight.

Councilman Steele stated ACTA will perform "To Kill a Mockingbird" next.

Mayor Choat stated the Century Link project on South Chalkville Road is complete. The demolition is complete on the Urban Air project. They should start construction on January 16. ALDOT is looking at the drainage problem on Service Road to get it resolved.

Mayor Choat thanked his assistant Stacy Frazier for getting the painting done in the auditorium.

Mayor Choat congratulated the police officers promoted tonight and thanked them for all that they do.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk