

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Alan Taylor presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Council President Alan Taylor
Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Jef Freeman

Absent: Councilman Brian Plant
Councilman Zack Steele

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

The workshop was convened and the Council received a preliminary agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Councilman Freeman moved the Council go into an executive session to discuss the purchase of property and possible litigation, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous. Council President Taylor announced that the Council will not reconvene after the Executive session.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Taylor presided over the meeting and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Freeman to lead in prayer. Cahaba Elementary student Jed DeShazo led the pledge to the flag.

Council President Taylor thanked the third grade students from Cahaba Elementary for providing and serving refreshments for the City Council tonight.

Those members answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Absent: None

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

Council President Taylor introduced the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting for approval. Councilman Freeman moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Ms. Glenda Freeman, Candidate for District Court, Place 9, was recognized and asked for support.

Ms. Sally Freed, 114 Charleston Way, stated she moved here in November of 2016. She asked the Council to adopt a statute saying that no garbage cans can be left on the sidewalk. She said that she has a neighbor, who leaves their cans on the sidewalk all of the time.

Mr. George Glenn, 134 Dogwood Lane, reminded the Council that Trussville will celebrate its 200th birthday in 2020. He stated he and Ray Foushee have been meeting with a group to get the ball rolling, and that he has visited with Scott Buttram of the Trussville Tribune. Fifty years ago we celebrated with a week's worth of activities, and he would like to see us do something similar again. He suggested that we update Doug Purcell's publication "The Making of a City, Trussville, Alabama 1820-1970." He stated he has been in contact with Mr. Purcell who said that, while he does not have an interest in doing the update, he had no problem with someone else building upon what he has already done. He stated a date will need to be selected. He stated if the City agrees, they would like to put together a committee of 10-12 people. He asked if a proclamation or a motion was needed for the city to participate.

Mayor Choat stated the City would be honored to take part in the celebration. He stated he appreciated Mr. Glenn bringing this to our attention. He stated the City is willing to do a proclamation, and agreed it is time to start planning.

Mr. Glenn stated when he met with Scott Buttram, that Mr. Buttram mentioned that this will also be around the time that the downtown Trussville district improvements will be completed.

Council President Taylor stated this is something that we need to pursue.

Councilman Freeman asked had Mr. Glenn talked to the Downtown Merchant's Association and was told that he had.

Mr. Glenn stated he felt that this would be a good time to bring the city together to celebrate this momentous time in our history.

Council President Taylor asked that this be added to our next agenda.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	18,478.36
Non-Departmental	236,023.99
Mayor and Council	661.92
Administration	5,733.25
Inspections	11,336.52
Municipal Court	1,568.17
Information Technology	1,302.11
Police Department	36,976.99
Fire Department	17,774.94
Public Works	7,763.78
Garbage	171,507.70
Parks and Recreation	51,379.74
Library	2,324.30
Rental Property	401.61
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	563,233.38

HISTORICAL FUND	2100.00
STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND	708.05
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	1,933.00
CORRECTIONS FUND	4,776.06
2017 WARRANT FUND	116,727.43
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	689,477.92

ARPA Archery Competition - Kelley - Dothan - Aug. 10-11, Hotel & travel only
 DARE International Training Conf - Lawrence - July 10-12 - \$395.00 plus lodging
 USPTA Class - Veitvogel - Columbus GA, May 18-20 - Hotel & food only
 AL Assn of Fire Chiefs Leadership Conf - Shotts, Hopper, & McLaughlin -Montgomery - June
 25-28 - \$275 ea plus lodging & meals
 ACEA Annual Conf - Sullivan - May 8-9 -Orange Beach - \$210.00 plus lodging and meals.
 Merit increases effective April 28, 2018
 Zachary W. Manning - Park & Rec - Grade 18, Step 10
 Donna Fox - Park & Rec - Grade 12, Step 3
 Steven N. Roberson - Fire - Grade 17, Step 4, plus 10%
 Ellis Wayne Sullivan - Public Works - Grade 32, Step 6
 Street light Office Park
 Approve Contract Dix Hite - Downtown Quad 1 Streetscape and Parking - \$75,000
 Approve Contracts CCI Engineering - Downtown
 Redevelopment Quad One - \$636,227.50
 North Chalkville Connecting Loop Roads - \$207,500.00
 Approve Contract Bhate - Quad 1 - \$6,115
 Hire LaToya Renae Thomas - Dispatcher - Grade 16, Step 1, effective May 12, 2018
 Approve purchase of police vehicles
 2 Tahoes - \$48,000.00 ea.
 1 Explorer - \$34,635.00
 Hire Finance Director - Melody Salter - effective May 26, 2018 - Grade 34, Step 7
 Hire Firefighter - Christopher Kyle McKinney - Grade 17, Step 2, plus 5% eff 5-8-2018
 Hire Tennis - Seasonal - Jordan Alexander Price - Grade 7, Step 2
 Hire Lifeguards (seasonal) effective May 7, 2018
 David Ladner - Grade 7, Step 1
 Jacob Peterson - Grade 7, Step 1
 Bailey Berry - Grade 7, Step 1
 Aubrey Mavin - Grade 7, Step 1
 Cotton Ryan - Grade 7, Step 1
 Layton Lambert - Grade 7, Step 1
 Patrick Underwood - Grade 7, Step 3 (Return from last year)
 Nick Rayburn - Grade 7, Step 3 (Return from last year)
 NOTE: Christian DePew previously approved, will not be able to work this year

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

A request for a special events alcohol approval for CS Trussville, dba Cajun Steamer for the Athletic Foundation fundraiser was presented. Mr. Jimmy Buie stated he was the regional manager for Cajun Steamer. They will sell beer at this event. Wristbands will be issued after ID is checked. All of the servers are professionally trained.

A public hearing was opened and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved this alcohol application be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Proclamation 2018-013 in support of the Downtown Merchant's Second Saturday events was presented. Councilman Cook moved this proclamation be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook reported that the TRA met on April 17 and looked at the overlay boundaries, downtown properties, and considered assigning member responsibilities. He stated the Utilities Board met yesterday. He read a letter to the Board praising one of their employees.

Councilman Freeman reported that Design Review met and considered several signs and a grocer's plans for Homestead Village. The BOE will meet tomorrow.

Councilman Plant reported public safety is busy. He stated he attended the Library ribbon cutting, and the building is beautiful. Councilman Plant stated our own Councilman Freeman served on a committee on the recently unveiled murals at the Jefferson County Courthouse. The original ninety-year-old murals reflected the county at that time, and murals reflecting current circumstances have been added.

Councilman Steele reported that Park and Recreation played a large part in the successful soccer tournament with 100 teams put on by the United Soccer Club. This tournament was a financial boost to our city hotels and restaurants. A luncheon at the Senior Citizens Center was sponsored by Massey Stotser. He stated this weekend is your last change to see ACTA perform "Rumors."

Councilman Taylor reported for the Chamber saying City Fest will be May 5th from 1:00 until 9:00. There will be a movie night on September 12 in the First Baptist parking lot. The Chamber luncheon will be May 17 with Scott Myers of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame as speaker. There will be a First Responders luncheon on May 24, and a strategic planning session on May 9.

Mayor Choat stated public works has been busy after the recent storms. He thanked the local Rotary Club for planting 160 trees along our greenway. A dedication will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 9:00.

Mayor Choat stated Santek is delivering garbage cans to new residents. They had a shipment that did not come in and have gotten behind in getting these out. On the administrative side, he thanked the Council for approving the Finance Director hiring. He stated he feels this is a step in the right direction for the city. He thanked City Clerk Lynn Porter and her staff for the fine job they have done in overseeing the financial duties in past years. He stated Melody Salter has been finance director in Homewood for eight years and was assistant finance director in Vestavia for six years prior to that.

Mayor Choat stated Alabama Power will be relocating the power poles and lines on the Braden corner. An LNG tanker slid off of the road on Floyd Bradford, but there was no spill. Some nearby residents were evacuated as a precaution.

Council President Taylor stated our city is growing and he is glad that we have been able to handle the growth with our current staff. We started car tag sale in April. So far this month 457 vehicle tags have been sold with the same staff we had before.

Mr. David Barber, 8420 Will Keith Road, thanked the Council on behalf of Prescott House. This enables us to help young children in difficult situations.

Mr. Arnold Reichert, 116 North Mall, thanked the city for the sidewalk work.

Ms. Sally Freed, Charleston Way, asked what was going to be done about her sidewalk?

Mayor Choat stated the Council will take this up at their next workshop to see what needs to be done.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk