

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 22, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, May 17, 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  
Councilman Zack Steele

Absent: Councilman 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 to be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, May 22, 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. Councilman Cook led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons 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 May 8, 2018 meeting for approval. Councilman Freeman moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. Councilman Plant asked that an item to give a 5% incentive for investigator's compensation to Officer Ryan Robinson be added. Councilman Freeman moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jason Smith, President, Trussville Baseball Association, stated he was told the City Council would vote tonight to take over the Baseball Association. He stated he has served on the recreational baseball board for four years. Since 2011 more than \$50,000 has been donated to charity. They have spent almost a half million on maintenance and upgrades, and have hosted fifty-

eight tournaments. The board members and coaches volunteer their time. He stated he did not feel TBA's side has been properly told. Some differences are from years ago. He has tried to work out problems between recreational baseball and travel Husky baseball. He stated he felt the city game scheduling and maintenance have been lacking this year. Coaches performed these tasks in the past, and they did not fall to the wayside due to staffing shortages and other sports events superceding their program. He stated he was told board members would be appointed rather than elected. He stated he was told he had done nothing wrong. He thanked all who have helped in the past, and wished the City the best in running this program. He stated he was still willing to participate, and thanked the Council for all that they do.

Ms. Clotele Brantley - Judicial candidate - Place 3 Family Court, stated this position involves children and families. She sated she has twenty-seven years in the legal system, sixteen as an attorney and eleven as a court referee. She stated she feels equal access to children for both parents is important, when both parents are fit. She asked for support.

Ms. Dan Roberts, candidate for Scnate District 15, asked for support for this seat now held by Slade Blackwell.

Ms. Beth Stewart, Cahaba River Society (CRS), 5350 Cornell Drive, stated she appreciated the Council giving CRS the opportunity to have input and work with the city on these stormwater ordinances. She stated they are most concerned with the post construction ordinance. As written this ordinance focuses on retention and detention facilities. Looking specifically at run off and water quality, retention and detention does to achieve this. She stated they are also talking with Vestavia Hills. She stated CRS is asking language from the city permit be placed in the ordinance do that the developer knows what must be satisfied. She stated, as written, only minimum acceptable requirements are included.

Mayor Choat stated he, Ms. Stewart, and David Arnett had a phone conversation on the sticking points of this ordinance.

Mr. David Arnett stated part of the discussion in question has to do with the 1.1" of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period that is included in Exhibit A, and made a part of the ordinance.

Ms. Stewert stated the ordinance is still focused on outdated mechanisms such as retention and detention rather than the use of pervious materials and bioswales, that help to clean the water and have less impact on the river.

Officer Chad Jones was recognized and congratulated on his promotion to Sergeant. Councilman Plant stated Sgt. Jones has performed a great service to the police department serving in a sensitive position of a dangerous nature. He stated he appreciated what he has done in his sixteen years with the department.

Ms. Debra Weston Pickens, Candidate for District Court, Place 9 was recognized. This is the position being vacated by the retirement of Judge Leichenstein. This court handles municipal court appeals and medical malpractice cases.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	17,554.33
Non-Departmental	104,905.60
Mayor and Council	9288.45
Administration	15,644.63
Inspections	6,255.70
Municipal Court	1,893.61
Information Technology	251.66
Police Department	64,505.74
Fire Department	51,230.46

Public Works	28,899.95
Parks and Recreation	59,257.21
Library	28,790.73
Rental Property	814.97
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	390,293.04
CORRECTIONS FUND	6,534.17
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	396,827.21

AMROA Summer Conf - Payne - Birmingham - July 11-13 - \$265.00  
 AAMCA Summer Conf - Porter - Florence - June 27-29 - \$200 plus expenses  
 MCWF Audited billing for Workmen's Comp - \$35,456.00  
 Merit increase effective April 28, 2018 -Tiffany Jackson, PD Admin - Grade 13, Step 2  
 Merit increases effective May 26, 2018

Fire

Jesse Clifton - Grade 17, Step 8, plus 10%  
 Larry Davis, Jr. - Grade 17, Step 3, plus 10%

Inspections - Erin Hamilton - Grade 13, Step 3

Library - Brittany Amber Roberts - Grade 12, Step 6

Park & Recreation

Joshua Lamar Taylor - Grade 15, Step 4

John Layton - Grade 7, Step 3

Jesse Sewell - Grade 7, Step 3

Police

Charles Bradford - Grade 20, Step 9

Joshua Stephen Payne - Grade 17, Step 9, plus 10%

Promote Chad Jones to Sergeant Grade 20, Step 8 effective May 26, 2018

Hire Library Pages - part time, Grade 6, Step 1

Autumn Canty

Anna Kearns

Mathew Carter Moore

Hire Life Guard - Marc Isaac Weber - Grade 7, Step 3

Hire William Brandon Hardin - Public Works - Grade 7, Step 2 eff. May 29, 2018

Appoint Public Safety Committee - Jeremy Walker through January 11, 2021

Reappoint Telecommunications Committee through May 27, 2021

Rob Meadows

Wally Coker

Authorize Mayor to allocate up to \$1,000,000 for TRA projects

Authorize closing Hewitt Street from Chalkville Rd to Rockridge Ave on May 23, 2018 from 3:30 to 8:30 for Baptist Church event on Magnolia Mall

Authorize closing Morrow Avenue from Main St. to end and closing the alley from Morrow to South Chalkville Road on June 9, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Downtown Merchant Association Block Party

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

A public hearing to approve an ABC manufacturers license for Slag Heap Brewing was called. City Clerk Lynn Porter was asked what this license allowed, and she replied this is a privilege license that will allow the applicant to brew or distill alcoholic beverages and sell it for on premise consumption or package for retail or wholesale sales.

Councilman Cook asked would he brew certain types of beer?

Mr. Joe Meadows, 4556 Rock Creek Circle, stated they will brew strictly beer and sell it on site at this location in downtown, or patrons can purchase a growler to take off site. No food will be served, but food may be brought in. They will also brew root beer for those who prefer a non-alcoholic drink, and will serve bottled water. Their hours of operation will not go beyond midnight on Friday and Saturday, closed on Sunday and Monday, and will be open until 10:00 on other nights.

Councilman Freeman asked if he would be responsible for the employees.

Mr. Meadows replied yes, all employees will have TIPS training.

Councilman Plant stressed that this Council is concerned about underaged sales. Should this happen, the Council may call a hearing for the operator to show cause why their license should not be revoked.

The public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Cook moved this license be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

A public hearing on a property nuisance at 6335 Patriots Pass was called. This is a home that was damaged by a tornado in January 2012. The hearing was opened and Mr. W. C. Oliver and Mr. Charlie Glover were recognized. Mr. Glover stated after his home was tornado damaged, he and his wife moved to Highlands Trace in Carrington. The house was total loss, but the retaining wall, and septic tank should be fine. He stated in January he received a letter about the nuisance. The property was for sale and he had two low ball offers. The last offer fell through. He stated he hired an architect, Mr. Oliver, and is seeking funding to reconstruct the home. This week they are finalizing plans. It may take 30-45 day for the financing.

Mayor Choat stated we have been working for several months to resolve this. All that is left is the salvageable portion of the house.

Mr. Oliver stated they would hire a structural engineer to ensure the safety of the wall.

David Arnett stated he would require an engineer to sign off on the foundation and the wall.

Mayor Choat stated we need a resolution by our second meeting in June. He asked Mr. Glover and Mr. Oliver to come back to our meeting on June 12 to give an update and share the plans. That is three weeks.

Mr. Glover stated if he did not have this in place, he would have the rest torn down. He stated he understood the City's concern. He said he will have his landscaper cut the grass this week.

The hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved this be tabled until June 12, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

David Arnett stated he and Attorney Michael Brymer have discussed the Stormwater Ordinances, and Mr. Brymer suggested that the three ordinances be combined into one for simplicity's sake.

Councilman Plant stated he understood from prior comments this evening, that we are down to one issue. He stated we appear to be ready on two ordinances, but not ready on one of them. We could go back to the individual ordinances and adopt those two.

Mayor Choat stated, if the Council is not comfortable with this ordinance we can carry it over. After discussion it was determined this will be held over until June 12.

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex property at 7260 Roper Road, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2018-009-ANX annexing 7260 Roper Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Cook carried over his report.

Councilman Freeman stated last night was the last meeting for School Board member Sid McNeal. He will be replaced by Mark Sims. He stated graduation is tonight.

Councilman Plant carried over his report.

Councilman Steele stated Park and Recreation hosted the State Track Meet with more than 100 children. The Trussville Youth Girls won the tournament. He stated the Park and Recreation Board voted unanimously to approve the city taking over the baseball program.

Mayor Choat thanked those who helped with the greenways project. We are working on two traffic signals. The one at Vann Road will be installed on a mast arm. There is a twenty-two week wait on the poles. The light on Husky Parkway will go up suspended between poles so that it will be in place by the time school starts.

No other business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk