

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 10, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 5:00 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 Brian Plant
Councilman Zack Steele

Absent: None

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 at 6:00. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting. Updates were given on nuisances at 6335 Patriots Pass and at 3260 Morrow Road. No work has been done on Patriots Pass. The city needs to declare the nuisance, and have the remaining wall removed on this site, and add the cost to the owner's tax notice. The owner on Morrow Road has an illegal sign, has junk all over the premise, has moved the dumpster to the front of the building, and needs repairs to the fence. They have been contacted several times and the property has not been kept continually clean. Discussion followed on revoking the business license. Mayor Choat asked that he and the City Attorney be authorized to investigate how to address this problem and the actions to be taken. Alan Taylor asked that the City consider passing an ordinance prohibiting residents and lawn care companies from blowing grass into the street.

Mr. Cliff White, Creekside Cottages, asked the Council if they had any comments or questions on his proposal made previously.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 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 June 26, 2018 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook stated he was absent at the last meeting, but his name appeared as being present. Councilman Steele moved the minutes be approved as amended, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jim Wolfe, 251 York Street, was recognized and pointed out that the flag in the cemetery across the street looks bad, and needs to be changed out. He was told this is not a city cemetery, but that the message would be passed along.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval with the addition of the matter to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to investigate actions at 3260 Morrow Road. Councilman Cook moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	19,244.03
Non-Departmental	83,947.63
Mayor and Council	1,289.58
Administration	6,477.66
Inspections	2,255.50
Municipal Court	1,172.81
Information Technology	1,981.55
Police Department	29,286.46
Fire Department	14,376.09
Public Works	154,322.44
Garbage	173,094.49
Parks and Recreation	40,208.23
Library	7,608.96
Rental Property	880.30
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	536,145.73
CORRECTIONS FUND	2,548.72
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	538,694.45

- CCI Construction Administration Contract for oversight of Valley Road Extension - Appx 10 months - \$86,500.00
- Approve Alabama Power estimate for utility relocation for Valley Road Extension - \$30,000
- Appoint Ryan Dawkins to Planning and Zoning through June 11, 2024
- Approve closing Hewitt Street from Chalkville Road to Rockridge Ave on July 11, 2018 from 3:30 to 8:30 for 1st Baptist Family Night on the Magnolia Mall
- Approve closing Morrow Ave from Main St to end of Morrow and alley behind Keller Williams on July 14, 2018 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm for Downtown Merchant Assn. Block Party
- Merit increases effective July 21, 2018
 - Police
 - Hayden Cooley - Grade 17, Step 3, plus 5%
 - Daniel Swope - Grade 17, Step 3, plus 10%
 - David Wayne Montgomery - Grade 17, Step 7
 - Fire - Justin Christopher Grogan - Grade 17, Step 8
 - Public Works
 - John Williams - Grade 7, Step 3
 - William Tyler - Grade 7, Step 5
 - Library - Nina Miller - Grade 13, Step 5
 - Hire Andrew Kyle Eastman - Public Works - Grade 7, Step 2
 - Reimbursement travel expenses Feb - June 2018 - Porter - \$270.37
 - Authorize Mayor and City Attorney to determine action to be taken on business at 3260 Morrow Road

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

A request to rezone property located at GIS 6530 Husky Parkway from Institutional 1 to Commercial Preferred was presented. This is 12 acres belonging to NorthPark Baptist Church.

A public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure, to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Plant, 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 number 2018-016-P&Z be adopted changing the zoning on this property, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

A request to rezone a portion of the property at 114 Watterson Parkway was presented by Pastor James Dixon, Christ Church, 109 Pine Street. He stated they planted this church in the community seven years ago, and have been meeting at the YMCA. They have a small office on South Chalkville Road. They have grown to the point that they need a location for a building of their own. They have this six-acre tract under contract. They will provide detention for the entire tract.

A public hearing was opened, and Mr. Jesse Lincoln, 318 Brentwood Avenue, was recognized and stated he was not clear on any impact this could have on our entertainment district.

Council President Taylor replied that they have demonstrated to us, by way of an exhibit, that the entertainment district lies wholly outside of the 750-foot radius from the front door.

The public hearing was closed. Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure, to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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Nays: None

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We have opened bids on the Valley Road extension from the curve on Valley Road to the back of the Pinnacle Shopping Center. Milam and Company were the low bidders at \$4,197,729.00. Councilman Steele moved this resolution be approved awarding this bid, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous. Tyler Davis of CCI has estimated a ten-month construction period.

Councilman Cook stated the Beautification Awards have been judged.

Councilman Freeman reported that Planning and Zoning met last night and approved resurveys on Old Roper Road, Pop Stone Circle, and Stockton 9, recommended two annexations, reviewed the proposed downtown overlay amendment, and discussed the Creekside PUD. He reported that there were twenty-nine new home starts with a construction value of \$9,440,000.

Councilman Freeman reported the Board of Education will meet next Monday and hear a first presentation of their budget.

Councilman Plant stated they are working on the public safety budget. He stated another consequence of the Valley Road extension is that it will allow our public safety departments to move from one part of the city to another much easier.

Councilman Plant reported the Historical Committee is working to find dates to open the museum.

Councilman Steele stated ACTA will begin their performance of "Guys and Dolls" on Friday.

Council President Taylor stated he appreciated the work of the public safety and public works departments at the Freedom Celebration. All of the city departments are working on their budgets.

Council President Taylor stated the Chamber will hold a movie night this Friday. They will show "Rock Dog." Saturday will be our Downtown Merchants Second Saturday event, that will include a dunking booth and food vendors. The theme for this event is "Give Back."

Councilman Plant thanked First Baptist Church for putting on the Freedom Celebration and for all that they do for the community. This event shows Trussville in a good light.

Mayor Choat announced that Edgar's hopes to open before Labor Day. Urban Air is hiring and will open soon. There is a lot of grass to cut in the city. Our crews are behind due to the weather and the volume that has to be cut. Our Public Works Department is training on our pot hole patcher. This piece of equipment will allow us to do light repairs to our streets. Dunn will begin paving in Echo Hills next week. We have installed new speed cushions on Highland Avenue and Parkway Drive. We will re-stripe the speed cushions on Oak Street

Mayor Choat stated the Downtown Redevelopment Plans will be 90% complete by next week. We hope to bid this work in September and award the bid and begin construction in October. The Redevelopment Authority has purchased additional property in our downtown.

Mr. Arnold Reichert, 116 North Mall, stated he appreciated the new street lights. He commented that the Mall looked great on the Fourth of July, saying he had never seen it look better.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk