

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 28, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, August 23, 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 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 on Tuesday, August 28, 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, August 28, 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 August 14, 2018 meeting for approval. Councilman Plant moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

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

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

## Accounts Payable

Liabilities	4,144.76
Non-Departmental	38,427.97
Mayor and Council	230.90
Administration	1,563.06
Inspections	1,141.20
Municipal Court	306.91
Information Technology	5,238.18
Police Department	17,672.90
Fire Department	16,242.66
Public Works	2,847.30
Parks and Recreation	13,135.21
Library	4,507.06
Rental Property	92.15
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	105,550.26
CORRECTIONS FUND	12,680.35
EDUCATION FUND	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>120,230.61</b>

Police Motorcycle Skills - Dunn & Davis - Spring Hill, TN - Oct 2-6, 2018 - \$150 total, plus lodging  
 Fall Municipal Law Conf - Chamblee - Orange Beach - Oct 18-20 - \$330.00 plus lodging  
 Merit increases effective September 1, 2018  
     Park & Rec - Evan McCleskey - Grade 7, Step 5  
     Police - Gregory A. Cardwell - Grade 24, Step 8, plus 5%  
     Police - Samuel A. Filetti - Grade 20, Step 6  
 Promote Al Tinney to Battalion Chief - Grade 26, Step 9, plus 15%, effective 9-29-18  
 Promote Darren Dukes to Captain - Grade 24, Step 7, plus 15%, effective 9-29-18  
 Accept resignation of Tim Bowers, Park & Rec

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

An ordinance to authorize the Series 2018 Warrant issue was presented. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Mr. Chris Williams, Financial Advisor with Rice Advisory, and Mr. Rod Kanter, Bond Attorney with Bradley Arant, were recognized.

Mr. Williams explained that the Series A bonds were for city purposes and the Series B Bonds were for school purposes. He explained that a premium bond is when the yield is less than the coupon, and a discount bond is when the yield is more than the coupon. Many of the City's bonds sold at a premium.

Councilman Plant verified that Mr. Williams does not work for Stifel, and he replied that he is an independent working for the City of Trussville. Councilman Plant asked did he feel this deal was fair to the city, and Mr. Williams replied yes.

Council President Taylor asked if Mr. Williams, Mr. Kanter and Stifel worked together to find the correct time to do this deal, and Mr. Williams replied yes. Mr. Williams stated they watch the market to find the time that is best for the City.

Councilman Plant asked who has the final call as to the timing, and was told it could be either.

Mayor Choat stated he appreciated Mr. Kanter, Mr. Williams, and Stifel and was pleased with the results.

Councilman Freeman stated the response to the sale was terrific.

Mr. Kanter stated the deal will close on September 5.

Council President Taylor asked what are the proceeds from the sale and was told \$26 million to spend. \$24,390,000 was sold in bonds with \$1.8 million in premium funds. All in with fees is a result of 3.63.

Councilman Plant moved Ordinance 2018-019-ADM authorizing these warrants be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Cook, Plant, and Steele

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Freeman

Councilman Freeman stated he abstained due to the fact that he is employed in this industry.

An ordinance to establish a policy for Police officers using city vehicles and uniforms while working off duty jobs was presented. We were advised of an AG Opinion saying an ordinance was needed to establish such a policy. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved Ordinance 2018-020-PS be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Freeman. This ordinance was discussed at length at the workshop. The Police Chief asked that one area be tweaked, which got us to the document we have tonight. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2018-024 to approve a cooperative agreement with ALDOT on downtown improvements within the Highway 11 right-of-way in Quadrant 1 be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-025 to establish a payroll checking account at Regions Bank, and to designate signatories be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-026 to add an additional name to the General Fund checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-027 to add an additional name to the General Fund Parking and Recreation checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-028 to add an additional name to the General Fund Ambulance checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-029 to add an additional name to the Street Improvement Fund checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-030 to add an additional name to the Four Cent Gasoline Tax checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-031 to add an additional name to the Historical Fund checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-032 to add an additional name to the Veterans' Memorial Fund checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-033 to add an additional name to the Confiscated Fund checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-0034 to add an additional name to the Corrections Fund checking account at Regions Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-035 to add an additional name to the 2017 Sinking Fund checking account at Synovus Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-036 to establish a 2018 Warrant Construction Fund checking account, and to authorize signatories checking account at Synovus Bank be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to reduce the number of Redevelopment Authority members to five, 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 Cook then moved Ordinance 2018-021-ADM be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Freeman. Councilman Cook stated this Authority was first established with five members, then increased to nine members, then reduced to seven members, and now to five members. He stated he felt they have found the right number. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-037 approving an amendment to school funding agreement to stop funds being diverted to the Education Trust Fund be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Proclamation 2018-016 on the Rotary Barbeque event be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant.

Councilman Cook stated twenty competitors are now signed up for this competition per Eddie Seal.

Council President Taylor stated this is a sanctioned event through Kansas City Barbeque.

The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2018-038 authoring the disbursement of the remainder of the budgeted facade grant funds to the Redevelopment Authority be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook reported the Utilities Board discussed utility relocation in Quad 1 downtown, and upgrades in Carrington. The Utility is doing well, and has good levels.

Councilman Freeman reported Trussville schools have been named number one out of ninety schools for school safety. Cahaba Elementary is in the top fifty schools for reading improvement for third graders, and has received a \$20,000 grant. In their season opener, Hewitt played Cedar Grove, Georgia at the Hoover Met on Saturday, and came up a little short. There are 295 band members. The food service for the band got messed up, and Great Harvest Breads stepped up and provided the meals for them.

For Design Review, Councilman Freeman stated several signs were approved, as was the addition to Hewitt Middle School, and the new location for Pizza Hut. A presentation for additional design work in Quad 1 was made.

Councilman Plant reported for the Chamber that a ribbon cutting was held for Slag Heap Brewery. Edgar's will open on Wednesday, September 19. Brenda Ledun will be the speaker at the Chamber luncheon. Taste of Trussville is coming up soon. For the Library, Councilman Plant reported:

Library Report  
July 2018

Total Circulation:	
All activity including items checked out, checked in, and renewed	42,936
Downloadable Audio/E-Books	2,500
Computer Use (not including WiFi):	960
Library Visits:	Not available
Reference Transactions:	4,451
Study Room Use:	133
Library Programs:	32
Program Attendance:	1,284
New Members	180

Summer Reading was a huge success!

The Library circulated over 83,291 items during the months of June and July

Registered 887 children, 276 teens, and 114 adults for Summer Reading

Library program attendance for June & July: total of 3,084 attending 64 programs

Over 991 hours were worked by 43 teen volunteers

Councilman Steele stated the ACTA schedule is out. They will be performing “Adam’s Family,” “Christmas Carol,” “Cheaper by the Dozen” and “Little Women.”

Council President Taylor reported for Finance saying that the annual budget is almost completed. He reported Hewitt will play in Atlanta this weekend. Their first home game will be the following week.

Mayor Choat stated this warrant issue was a learning experience for him. The budget will be reviewed at the next workshop. He stated a part of the challenge is that the demand for services goes up as the city grows.

A pre-bid conference was held last week on the work required in Quad 1 downtown, with eight contractors in attendance. The bids will be sent out in September, opened in October and hopefully the successful bidder will be able to mobilize in November. The brewery will open before the end of the year, and a lot of other things are coming.

Mayor Choat stated the warehouse and house behind Edgar’s have come down to create 30-35 more parking spaces. The guardrail around the parking lot on Main Street has been taken down and the lot will be repaved and striped.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, thanked the city for work on the bridge approaches on Watterson Parkway, saying the ride is much smoother now.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk