

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2015

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, August 6, 2015 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 Buddy Choat
Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Brian Plant

Absent: Councilman Anthony Montalto

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Eugene Melton

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 11, 2015. 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 11, 2015 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 Choat led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Alan Taylor
Councilman Buddy Choat
Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Anthony Montalto
Councilman Brian Plant

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Eugene Melton
Attorney Carl Johnson

Council President Taylor introduced the minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting for approval. Councilman Plant moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. The resignation and the new hire on the addendum were added to the consent agenda. Councilman Choat moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Addendum</u>
Liabilities	150.00	19,349.98
Non-Departmental	44,325.23	7,381.48
Mayor and Council	70.47	44.36
Administration	7,166.34	3,692.20
Engineering and Inspections	3,539.00	645.87
Municipal Court	850.74	411.35
Police Department	31,332.14	11,944.29
Fire Department	19,186.35	20,325.03
Public Works Department	7,713.77	21,739.03
Garbage		111,665.97
Parks and Recreation	17,003.04	44,988.16
Library	527.56	7,517.42
Rental Properties	195.00	1,013.53
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	132,049.64	250,718.67
CORRECTIONS FUND	1,530.72	1,023.00
2014 WARRANT FUND	210.00	5,935.60
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	133,790.36	257,677.27

Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting- GASB 45 OPEB compliance report - \$6,000.00

Authorize Mayor to sign Alabama Power easement Magnolia Elementary

Merit increases effective August 22, 2015

Inspections - Randall Malchus, Jr. - Grade 23, Step 3

Parks- Bernard Lockhart- Grade 15, Step 4

Fire- Matthew Panepento- Grade 17, Step 3, plus 5%

Library - Emily Tish - Grade 26, Step 9

Hire Crystal Graves - Library Page - Grade 6, Step 1

Hire James Christopher Slaughter- Fire Dept. - Grade 17, Step 2, plus 10%, effective 8-22-15

Richard Golden- Police Dept. - move to Investigator- plus 5%

Accept resignation Dennis Stripling- Public Works- eff July 31, 2015

Accept resignation William Chris Holmes- Parks- eff. Aug 7, 2015

Retirement Gary Vaughn- Fire Dept - eff. Sept 30, 2015

Reappoint Industrial Development Board members through July 14, 2021

John Copham

David Fuller

Cecil Medders

Accept resignation of Clay Lowe from Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Zoning Adjustment

Hire Stephen Kyle Sanders- Fire Dept. - Grade 17, Step 2, eff. August 22, 2015

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

Mr. Robert Young, Eastern Tree Service, Pinson, was recognized and stated he would like to extend his company's services to the City of Trussville. He is a tree cutter and certified arborist and works for several surrounding municipalities as well as for the public. Mr. Young was told what information was needed to add him to the bid list.

Mr. Richard Epstein, 4742 Boulder Drive, asked was Service Road a county road or a city street, and was told it is the counties. He stated it is in dire need of resurfacing. He also inquired about striping Chalkville Road between I-59 and Wal Mart and Sams. He stated he previously reported that the existing street lights along Chalkville Road only give off a faint yellow light, and asked if there was any response to the request to replace this lighting with a bulb that would put out more light?

Mayor Melton responded that work should begin on resurfacing Chalkville Road later this week, and when this is completed, the county will stripe, put down reflectors, and redo the traffic signal loops. He stated Service Road is on a list of streets needing paving. Mayor Melton stated he

talked to Darrell McFarland with the Power Company, and he thought the lights were to be changed out. He said he would check on it.

An ordinance to approve a franchise agreement with Southern Light, LLC to install fibre optic cable through the city was presented. Mr. William Hayes of Southern Light was recognized and stated that they are moving into the market in this area, and look forward to providing their services in Trussville.

Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure, to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved Ordinance Number 2015-018-ADM approving this franchise agreement be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

An ordinance to amend the number of Design Review Committee members was introduced. This will add a representative from the Redevelopment Authority to this committee.

Councilman Montalto 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, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Montalto then moved Ordinance Number 2015-019-ADM approving this increase to the membership of the Design Review Committee from five to six be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

A resolution to approve an amendment to the Redevelopment Authority certificate of incorporation was presented. This will increase the number of members authorized on this board from five to nine.

Councilman Choat moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure, to allow for the immediate consideration of this resolution, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Choat then moved Resolution Number 2015-030 authorizing this amendment to the Redevelopment Authority certificate of incorporation be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Cook moved Proclamation 2015-011 to Turn Trussville Pink as a city event in support of funding for breast cancer research be approved, seconded by Councilman Montalto. Council President Taylor stated Josh White began this fund raising effort as a project while he was in high school and his mother was undergoing breast cancer treatment. His father died of cancer. This has become an annual community event and has been very successful. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2015-031 to declare miscellaneous items in Inspections Department as surplus, seconded by Councilman Plant. Mayor Melton asked about the condition of the wheel chair listed on this resolution, and was told it is in good shape. He recommended this item be removed from the list and given either to the Civic Center or the Fire Department. The vote was unanimous to approve, with the wheelchair removed from the list.

An annexation request for property at 6673 Service Road, belonging to Zellner, was presented. Councilman Montalto 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, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Montalto then moved Ordinance Number 2015-020-ANX approving this annexation be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

An annexation request for property at 6985 Praytor Road, belonging to Panos, and the site of an auto repair shop, was presented. Councilman Montalto 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, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

Councilman Montalto then moved Ordinance Number 2015-021-ANX approving this annexation be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Plant. The owner will be asked to make some improvements to the property. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Choat, Cook, Montalto, and Plant

Nays: None

A resolution to authorize the purchase of 1445 and a portion of 1465 Gadsden Highway for right-of-way from Diversified Properties conditioned upon ALDOT approval was presented. Mayor Melton explained that this is the property where Don's Carpet is located. ALDOT has requested help to extend a road from the traffic signal at Edwards Lake Parkway to the Barber property. The city does not need the property unless ALDOT approval for the road, so the purchase is contingent upon working that out. This is a key piece of the puzzle to help with traffic congestion and flow in the I-459 area. DOT will begin work this week on Highway 11 in this area. They will extend the merge lane on Highway 11 and improve the exit ramps. This road will be extended through the

building at Don's Carpet next to the Crescent Shopping Center. Don's Carpet will retain a portion of the front lot to rebuild. The price will be \$30 per square foot. The road will take approximately one-half acre, leaving a little more than a half-acre that Ms. Olvey will retain. Depending on how much she needs for the new building, she may need a small portion of the 1.32 acre lot in the rear, so the exact acreage to compute the cost is not known. The estimated cost is \$2,582,000, but the final cost will be determined by actual square footage left when Ms. Olvey decides what she needs, multiplied by \$30 per square foot. There will be a \$1,750,000 down payment at closing with a no-interest promissory note for twenty-five years from closing. Using the estimated figures, this would be \$832,000. If the city sells the lot in the rear, the proceeds will be used to pay off the balance of the loan. Also, when Ms. Olvey reopens in the new building on this site, she will be rebated non-education sales and use tax which will be applied to the outstanding debt remaining on the loan. If there is any amount remaining at the end of 25 years, the balance will be paid in a lump sum at that time. Discussion followed on the Council's understanding of this agreement. Mayor Melton stated the estimated cost of the construction of the road is \$500,000, but could be less. All of this is contingent on ALDOT. If the access cannot be worked out, we can walk away, and Ms. Olvey knows this.

Council President Taylor stated the price in the agreement is below the appraised price.

Councilman Montalto stated this is a big investment, but we will recoup it in the sale of the property in the rear and the taxes generated off of the property.

Councilman Choat stated this will benefit the Crescent Shopping Center as well.

Council President Taylor stated he attended a meeting at DOT where they used a model to simulate traffic conditions using current traffic counts in this area before and after the Highway 11/I-459 improvements and the difference was amazing.

Councilman Choat moved Resolution 2015-032 authorizing the Mayor to sign documents to purchase property at 1445 Gadsden Highway and a portion of 1465 Gadsden Highway, according to the terms discussed, and contingent upon DOT access approval, be approved, seconded by Councilman Montalto, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2015-033 to authorize the resurfacing of I-59 from Edwards Lake Road to Chalkville Road to be performed under an ALDOT contract, seconded by Councilman Choat. This will be at no cost to the City. This resolution authorizes ALDOT to work on this project within our city limits. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2015-034 to authorize the Mayor to sign the resurfacing agreement with ALDOT for the work described above, seconded by Councilman Choat, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Choat reported the Husky Baseball team, a travel team, is working with the Park and Recreation Board for field time. We have more than 200 signed up for football and as many cheerleaders. The Park and Recreation budget was discussed at the meeting last night. We hosted the Senior District Games last week. The Senior Board will meet on September 15.

For the Library, Councilman Choat reported the asbestos team has completed their work at the former Community Center building, and the glass has been removed in preparation to take the building down to make way for the library expansion. The pool is closed now, so that helps in securing the area.

Councilman Choat thanked the Council for approving a representative from the Redevelopment Authority to serve on the Design Review Committee.

Councilman Cook reported that Public Works is cleaning ditches and cutting rights-of-way. Milling and repaving on Trussville Clay Road will begin this week. The Poplar Street project is 50% complete.

Councilman Cook reported the IDB will host their second breakfast for tenants in the industrial park on September 3 at Lampke-Reich. He reported RDA is getting renderings of downtown and will try to get owners to buy in. They are putting their budget together.

Councilman Montalto reported Planning and Zoning met last night and approved subdivision additions in Trussville Springs, Stockton, and Cambridge in Tiffany Cove. In July there were thirty-six new home starts and three additions and alterations.

Councilman Plant reported the Fire Department will be instructing at the new Fire Science Academy at the high school. One of the positions filled tonight is to replace the person who will be teaching those classes. This will benefit our department and the kids in the school system who wish to pursue this as a career. The new school year starts tomorrow. An institute was held yesterday with the SROs and the teachers. The police department will be ready to assist with traffic. He stated he attended the RDA meeting last week and they did a tremendous job. He stated he appreciated the time and effort put in.

Councilman Plant complemented the Parks Director on the basketball program. He stated this is a great program and some of the games are intense for the kids. Being able to provide these activities for the community is a good thing. Very few citizens are not touched in some way by the park and recreation department. It is a great benefit for all of our citizens.

Council President Taylor stated Dr. Neill did a great job at the institute yesterday. She has prepared for the two new schools that will open next year by grouping the children this year by the attendance zones that will be used next year, so that the students will know one another. The first football game will be August 21 against a team from Nashville that were state champions last year. There are three state championship teams on the ten game schedule this year. The School and Education Foundation gala will be held August 22 and is sold out. This event traditionally raises \$36,000 to \$40,000 for the schools and athletics.

Council President Taylor stated Congressman Gary Palmer will be the speaker at the Chamber luncheon on August 20. ACTA will present 13 Alabama Ghosts on October 2-4 and 8-10. He stated all of the Council attended the school institute in support of our schools and teachers.

Mayor Melton stated paving will begin in the next few days on Chalkville Road and on Trussville Clay Road. Mr. Cooper with ALDOT has acknowledged that our ATRIP project in the Trussville Clay Road/Husky Parkway/Service Road area and our Greenway project are on for a September 25 bid letting. Hopefully there will be no construction on the ATRIP project until after football season. The ALDOT improvements on Highway 11 and I-459 will begin next week. The interstate lighting is up on I-59 between Deerfoot Parkway and Chalkville Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk