

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2016

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Anthony Montalto presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

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

Absent: None

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, March 8, 2016. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

City Attorney Steve Stine and Ms. Kimberly Adams of Crown Castle presented information to the Council about small cell technology. This is the installation of small antennae and booster equipment on structures such as light poles, street signs, or buildings to boost wireless reception for telephones and other wireless devices. Ms. Adams explained that this helps with reception as well as capacity for the carrier. Crown Castle does not provide the actual phone service, but rather builds, owns and leases space on their towers or small cell facilities. She explained in the case of utility poles, they work out agreements with the utility companies for this use. They will need a franchise from the city to operate within the City's rights-of-way.

Attorney Steve Stine stated each Council member has been given a copy of the franchise agreement, a resolution to adopt the franchise agreement, an ordinance to adopt regulations for these small cell technology facilities, and an ordinance to adopt the fee structure for permitting and annual licensing.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Montalto presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

Council President Montalto called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Cook to lead in prayer. Councilman Choat led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Eugene Melton  
Attorney Whit Colvin

Council President Montalto introduced the minutes of the February 9, 2016 and February 23, 2016 meeting for approval. Councilman Taylor moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, 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 Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Barber, 8420 Will Keith Road, thanked the Council for their support of Prescott House.

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

|                             | Accounts Payable |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                             | <u>Regular</u>   | <u>Addendum</u> |
| Liabilities                 | 841.74           | 65,733.27       |
| Non-Departmental            | 2,500.00         |                 |
| Mayor and Council           | 214.88           | 300.00          |
| Administration              | 7,832.68         | 6,537.86        |
| Engineering and Inspections | 1,989.58         | 400.73          |
| Municipal Court             | 495.30           | 140.18          |
| Police Department           | 45,284.80        | 5,290.19        |
| Fire Department             | 13,015.12        | 19,643.81       |
| Street Department           | 21,088.56        | 4,650.40        |
| Parks and Recreation        | 20,222.93        | 13,264.06       |
| Library                     | 993.70           | 4,888.37        |
| Rental Properties           | 452.28           |                 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL          | 114,931.57       | 88,880.67       |
| WARRANT FUND                | 1017.73          |                 |
| CORRECTIONS FUND            | 2,418.16         | 440.82          |
| LOC-TUB                     | 9,164.50         | 41,876.02       |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE      | 128,431.96       | 131,197.51      |

- League of Municipalities Convention- Choat, Cook, Montalto, Plant, Taylor, & Porter- Huntsville- May 14-17, 2016 - \$350.00 ea.
- AOC recertification- Downing, Minor & Payne March 31-April 1 - Birmingham- \$185.00
- SEAFB- Fire Leadership Conf- Ledbetter - Biloxi, MS - June 14-16 - \$300 plus expenses
- FLETC Active Shooter training- training and lodging paid by Homeland Security- Cardwell & Bates, meal expenses
- Dispatcher Training - Behind the Badge - Heather Lawrence -Pascagoula, MS - \$300.00 plus expenses
- Swat Command Decision Making- Lovell - Aug 8 - Athens GA - \$730, plus lodging
- Massey Paving- Industrial park road repairs - \$6,200.00
- Merit increases effective March 19, 2016
  - Police - Eric W. Rush- Grade 24, Step 10
  - Parks- J. Scott Brooks- Grade 20, Step 9
  - Library- Jason Baker- Grade 22, Step 4
- Hire Robert Wade Hall- Public Works- Grade 7, Step 2
- Appoint Randall Heath Buckner to RDA through 11-23-2020
- Approve transferring \$50,000 to RDA to be added to revolving loan
- Conflict Resolution & Excited Delirium- Riner- March 16- Bham- \$10.00
- Approve agreement with Independence Place

Councilman Cook moved these items be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat, and the motion carried with Councilman Plant abstaining on one item.

The item for a public hearing on sign ordinance amendments is being pulled at this time as some changes may be needed before approval.

Attorney Whit Colvin explained that this amendment in its original form establishes signs in the air for interstate visibility to create a layer between 60' and 80' in height. We realize topography hinders view. For additional height, the applicant could present a study to the building official. He would look at the data and determine the minimum height needed for visibility.

The Planning and Zoning Board rewrote it to say the signs would be a maximum of 60' maximum above the elevation of the interstate, but no minimum height was stated, leaving an opportunity for a 250 square foot sign to be erected at 15 to 20 feet in height.

We need to decide if we want this sign layer and where to put the signs. Once this is decided, we will need another 15-day notice.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2016-008 awarding the bid to demolish the buildings at 1465 and 1485 Gadsden Highway, also known as the Don's Carpet property, to Complete Demolition at a cost of \$72,000.00. This was seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2016-009 adopting the Jefferson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan be approved. This was seconded by Councilman Taylor. If we fail to adopt this plan, we will not be eligible for FEMA disaster assistance in the future. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Choat moved Resolution 2016-010 declaring postal equipment in the Administrative office as surplus, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2016-011 authorizing a budget amendment taking \$50,000 from the contingency reserve line item and adding it to the Redevelopment Authority line item to be added to their loan, be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Choat reported for Parks and Recreation that last Saturday was opening day in the ball park with more than 500 children. He stated the Senior Board will meet on March 15.

Councilman Choat reported we are going through the bids to see what we can do to reduce the costs.

He stated the Grow Trussville Committee meeting was cancelled due to the election. He welcomed RDA member Jef Freeman.

Councilman Cook reported Public Works is working hard. April 1 will be the last day the leaf vacuum truck will run.

He reported the IDB is discussing cutting the timber in the park so that prospects can more easily see what the lots look like. He stated he would get a map of the area to be cut.

Councilman Cook stated Grow Trussville will meet on April 12.

Councilman Plant carried over his report.

Councilman Taylor reported that the Board of Education held a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. The Chamber of Commerce has 330 members. The Chamber will hold a leadership conference next week. There will be no luncheon this month. The Spring carnival will be held from March 24 to April 3, with the exception of Easter when they will be closed.

Mayor Melton reported the Utilities is still working in downtown replacing gas and water lines. South Chalkville Road will be closed from 7:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. next week for this work. The building at 101 Morrow has been taken down and removed. The bid to remove Don's Carpet was awarded tonight. This will allow us to proceed with the road and bridge. ALDOT will reimburse the City up to \$150,000.00 for the traffic signal. The Trussville Clay Road ATRIP project has equipment on site, and should begin clearing tomorrow.

Councilman Taylor asked if we expected the traffic signal to exceed \$150,000, and Mayor Melton responded that it should not be that much. They have estimated high to make sure that we will be fully reimbursed.

Councilman Taylor asked do we take possession of the old signal, and was told that it will remain and additional light heads added, and the equipment to control it.

Councilman Choat asked would it be put into place with consideration of the road widening, and was told yes.

Councilman Choat asked about the traffic signal on Deerfoot Parkway.

Wayne Sullivan stated a sensor has gone bad. The County wants us to order it at a cost of \$8800.00.

Announced candidates David Blount, Martha Driggers, and JeffFreeman were recognized.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk