

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Anthony Montalto presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

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

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

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, February 9, 2016. 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, February 9, 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 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 Anthony Montalto
Councilman Buddy Choat
Councilman Brian Plant
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

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

Council President Montalto introduced the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting for approval. Councilman Choat moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. Mayor Melton stated the two lots on either side of the Valley Road extension connection at Roosevelt Boulevard have been established. He stated we need to surplus the metal building on the property at 101 Morrow Avenue, so that it can be removed and the property marketed. He asked that an item to engage Deborah McGill Smith to market these parcels on behalf of the city be added to the consent agenda. A surplus item will be added to the regular agenda. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Carrie Jones, Independence Place was recognized, and presented a piece of artwork to the City that was crafted by their members. She recognized Ms. Debbie Little who works with her.

Independence Place is a community outreach for challenged adults to provide a social and recreational outlet for this segment of the community. They were founded in 2011 and are currently housed at First Baptist Church. She introduced Mr. Michael Elmore, one of the participants at Independence Place.

Councilman Plant stated we are blessed by what this organization does in our community.

Mr. Joe Valarie, Vice-President of the Kidron Homeowners Association, and Mr. Larry Williard approached the City Council about erecting decorative signs in their subdivision. They presented a sample that they will have fabricated. These poles and street and stop signs will be erected in seven locations within the subdivision. The posts are 2-3/8 diameter 40 gauge material. He stated they will install the signs, but wanted the City's approval to work on the city right-of-way.

City Clerk Lynn Porter stated Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan is out of town, but he should be contacted for any questions about installation heights.

Mayor Melton suggested the homeowners procure the signs, and get the Public Works department to erect them, since the city is responsible for anything allowed on the right-of-way.

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

	Accounts Payable	
	Regular	Addendum
Liabilities	184.00	20,306.77
Non-Departmental	4,600.00	60.50
Administration	1,705.41	33,556.43
Inspections	1,973.36	8,687.17
Municipal Court	1,454.45	3,716.74
Police Department	16,484.48	91,997.34
Fire Department	33,761.97	62,133.61
Public Works	6,667.27	30,518.89
Garbage		112,559.76
Parks and Recreation	38,803.64	71,731.63
Library	1,041.62	8,707.86
Rental Properties		1,251.09
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	106,676.83	445,227.79
2014 WARRANT FUND	42,960.47	115.20
LOC	15,510.75	2,000.00
CORRECTIONS FUND		295.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	170,576.58	447,637.99

Jefferson County Personnel Board annual dues- \$172,018.61

City Clerk's Certification- Tuscaloosa- Feb 10-12- Meals only

Approve upgrade to street lights on North Chalkville Road- Skyline Dr. to Green Dr.

Merit increases effective February 20, 2016

Police- Joseph D. Dunn, Grade 17, Step 7, plus 10%

Park& Rec

Dorothy Larson Kelley, Grade 12, Step 3

Abel Jimenez, Grade 7, Step 6

Akeevia Smith, Grade 12, Step 3

Hire part-time Civic Center Beth

Burden Shane

Hammock

Advanced ALICE Training - Bradford- Birmingham- \$595.00

Regional Counterdrug Training- Fuell - Meridian, MS -March 22-23 -No cost- Lodging \$50 per day

Hire Deborah McGill Smith to market Morrow Avenue and Roosevelt Blvd. parcels on behalf of the city

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

Councilman Choat introduced zoning regulations for the Downtown Overlay District that are needed to enact our Downtown Master Plan. This has been a process to take the original draft and work through it to get to what is best for Trussville.

A public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Choat moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Plant and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Choat moved Ordinance No. 2016-004-PZ enacting the Downtown Overlay District be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Plant and Taylor

Nays: None

An application for an off premise beer and wine license for Circle K, Inc., 199 Main Street, was introduced. Mr. Brad Hannah stated Circle K has purchased 1,700 Kangaroo stores, and they are going through the process to convert each of these stores to the new brand. The purchase took place last April, and they plan to have all of the stores upgraded within the next twelve months.

Council President Montalto asked do they have other stores in Trussville, and was told this is the only store in Trussville.

Councilman Taylor asked their policy for requiring identification for alcohol sales.

Mr. Hannah stated they ID anyone under thirty. Their new cash register system will scan the ID and will not allow sales to underaged purchasers. This system is used for tobacco sales also.

Council President Montalto asked can the system tell if the ID is expired, and was told yes. This is necessary as sales can only be made to persons having a valid ID. He asked were they members of the Responsible Vendor Program and was told yes. He stated they go a step farther and do both online and in class training, and retrain employees semiannually.

A public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved this application be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat, and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution to authorize the withdrawal of \$695,000 from the Trussville Public School Education Trust Fund was presented. This fund was established and is held in trust to be used for capital needs of the school system. It requires a request initiated by the Board of Education, and authorized by the City Council to submit for withdrawing these funds. These funds will be used for the completion of the Magnolia Elementary School currently under construction. Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2016-004 authorizing this withdrawal be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Proclamation 2016-002 on the Spring Carnival be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Choat moved Resolution 2016-005 declaring the metal building located at 101 Morrow Avenue as surplus to be disposed within the next sixty days. This was seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Choat reported the Boy Scouts will hold a pancake breakfast. One scout is doing his Eagle project in our park. David Vinson, Drew Pearson, and Sandi Wilson have just returned from the Alabama Park and Recreation annual conference where Drew was elected as President for next year and Sandi elected as Treasurer.

Councilman Choat reported for Trussville Baseball Association that opening day will be March 5 and they have 550 players. A coaching clinic was held last Sunday. Coach Mauldin conducted this clinic to help in building relationships between youth and school sports. He also donated \$6,000 worth of pitching machines.

Councilman Choat reported for the Library that bids on the expansion are out and will be back soon. He gave the Library report for January as follows:

LIBRARY REPORT

Circulation	31,468		
Downloadable E-Books	1,426		
Computer Use	1,007		
Library Visits	21,046		
Reference Transactions	5,412		
Programs	22	Persons Attending	529
New Members	73		

Public Libraries are one of the few places that still provide federal and state tax forms to the public. We offer this service at no charge to the public. Due to budget cuts within the IRS, federal instruction booklets were not available this year. Our Adult Services Librarian, Maura Davies, downloaded multiple copies of the most requested booklets and made them available for use in the library.

Councilman Choat reported that RDA met last Thursday. Former Chairman Jef Freeman will present their plan at the Chamber luncheon this month.

Councilman Plant reported that Chief Ledbetter is on his way back from picking up our new fire truck. For the Chamber he reported that the spring carnival will begin Thursday, March 24 through Saturday, will be closed for Easter Sunday, and will then run from Monday, March 28 through the following Sunday.

Councilman Taylor reported for the Board of Education that seven athletes signed football scholarships and one young lady signed a soccer scholarship. Area basketball tournaments start next week, and baseball starts next week.

For the Chamber Councilman Taylor reported the annual banquet will be held on February 20. Their monthly luncheon will be February 18.

Council President Montalto gave the building report with eight new home starts and sixteen additions and alterations. There was one new commercial start and three additions.

For Planning and Zoning, Council President Montalto reported a resurvey of two lots in Brooks Crossing was approved, and that amendments to the sign ordinance were discussed and recommended to the City Council.

Mayor Melton reported for Utilities that a lot of gas is being sold with the current cold weather. The water line rehabilitation project in the downtown area is progressing. The Greenways project is moving along and the ATRIP project on Trussville Clay Road is about to crank up.

Mayor Melton reported our new representative with Advanced Waste Disposal lives in Trussville in Stockton, and is giving us feedback on the problems that are reported to them.

Council President Montalto recognized Trussville Tribune editor Dale Jones.

Mr. Ike Shoults, Brooks Crossing, asked if a traffic signal had been considered at the entrance to Brooks Crossing?

Mayor Melton replied we have tried, but the traffic counts coming out of the subdivision are not high enough to justify a signal. We are working on several road connections that we hope will, at some point, funnel enough cars to this area to justify a signal, but it will not be anytime soon?

Mr. Larry Williard, 5123 Kidron Drive, asked was Service Road a city or a county road.

Mayor Melton responded the road is controlled by the County and ALDOT as the road is partially situated within the interstate right-of-way. The County has refused responsibility due to a lack of funding and ALDOT is difficult. The City has patched as we can for the safety of our citizens.

Mr. Wayne Quick, Cahaba Ridge Drive, asked about the paving project on Floyd Bradford Road.

Mayor Melton stated the County has composed a joint MOU between the County and four cities that border Floyd Bradford Road. Trussville has already approved this. The County will do the work with the cities providing a pro rata share of the funding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk