

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 12, 2016

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, July 7, 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, July 12, 2016. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

The Council heard a request from Serra for an incentive agreement for their Kia Dealership and for a Chevrolet dealership that they propose to move into the current Mazda dealership location. The Mazda dealership would be moved out of the city. The Council questioned the representatives, but were not provided information on the current dealership for comparison. The Council stated they would look at the information with reference to current revenues and discuss this at a later time.

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Representatives from the Redevelopment Authority and their attorney Rick Stotser presented the Council with a proposal to fund facade improvement grants in the downtown area. This will be discussed further with consideration of a funding source.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 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 Alan Taylor

Absent:       Councilman Brian Plant

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

Council President Montalto introduced the minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting for approval. Councilman Choat moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. Mayor Melton asked that a resolution to award the bid on the Railroad Avenue project be added to the agenda. Councilman Cook moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Arnold Reichert, 116 North Mall, stated there has not been a debris pickup on his street since June. He also stated golfers are driving balls on the Mall near where children are playing, sometimes driving them across Chalkville Road.

Mayor Melton stated the waste removal contract is nearing its expiration and will be rebid soon.

Councilman Choat stated Wayne Sullivan has also been asked to work on a cost estimate for the city to resume brush pick up for consideration.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

	Accounts Payable	
	Regular	Addendum
Liabilities	1,803.75	13,312.34
Non-departmental		2,178.83
Mayor and Council	1,702.76	3,994.96
Administration	15,259.90	11,640.73
Inspections	2,665.70	166.06
Municipal Court	549.78	222.83
Police Department	25,294.15	10,577.88
Fire Department	17,528.00	9,616.69
Public Works Department	18,542.28	1,871.85
Garbage		112,006.80
Parks and Recreation	48,188.86	30,454.24
Library	5,349.99	6,616.28
Rental Properties	1,150.65	32.69
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	138,035.82	202,692.18
CONFISCATED FUND	265.10	529.88
CORRECTIONS FUND	775.90	3,039.30
STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND	605.00	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	139,681.82	206,261.36

- ASCE Summer Conf - Sullivan- July 20-22, 2016- Orange Beach- \$275 plus lodging
- ARPA workshop - Peterson & Wilson - Sept 6-8 - Orange Beach - \$100 ea. Plus travel and lodging
- Certified Volunteer Firefighter Program - Nabors & King - \$160.00 ea
- Powers & Associates - Library value engineering - \$9,475.00
- Reimburse School - demo and replacement of curb and sidewalk on Cherokee - \$5,228.00
- Merit increases effective July 23, 2016
  - Maria Guttery- Police Admin - Grade 13, Step 3
  - David Wayne Montgomery- Police - Grade 17, Step 5
  - Justin Christopher Grogan- Fire - Grade 17, Step 6
  - Nina Miller- Library - Grade 13, Step 3
  - William Tyler - Public Works - Grade 7, Step 3
- GeoService- Phase I study - 223 Main Street, 227 Main Street, 96 Morrow Ave., 64 Cedar Lane - \$1,800.00
- GeoService- Phase II study - 223 Main Street, 227 Main Street, 96 Morrow Ave., 64 Cedar Lane - \$5,560.00

Approve Dunn payment - Mary Taylor Road estimate - \$96,092.70  
Hire Public Works employees  
1. Darrell Shane Hammock  
2. Jennifer J. Hughes

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

Councilman Choat presented an ordinance to pre-zone property at 3667 and 3675 Freeman Street, belonging to McClinton. 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 Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Cook and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Choat then moved Ordinance 2016-025-PZ be approved pre-zoning this property to Q-R-6 restricting the property from having a mobile home on the property at 3667 and 3675 Freeman Street when the present home is gone. This was seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Cook and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Choat then moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex the property at 3667 and 3675 Freeman Street, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Cook and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Choat then moved Ordinance 2016-026-ANX be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Cook and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Choat moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex the property at 3191 Smith Sims Road, seconded by Councilman Cook and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Cook and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Choat then moved Ordinance 2016-027-ANX be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Cook and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex the property at 152 Pamela Drive, seconded by Councilman Choat, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Cook and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor then moved Ordinance 2016-028-ANX be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Montalto, Choat, Cook and Taylor

Nays: None

The fiscal year 2014-2015 audit was presented for approval. Councilman Taylor stated our independent auditor told us this is a good audit and complimented the staff. He stated he is proud of the financial status of the city. Councilman Taylor moved this audit be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2016-035 awarding the bid for the Railroad Avenue project to Milam and Company at a cost of \$534,732.00, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Choat reported that Emily Tish is recovering and is back working part days. The Library expansion bids will be advertised this week, and we hope to have them returned on August 18. For Parks and Recreation he reported there was a youth football coach's clinic and the summer football camp will be held July 18-20. August 13 there will be a jamboree at the stadium. They will participate in a new league this year of teams from Jefferson and Shelby County. They will hold a homecoming on August 20 at the sports complex. Two members of the lacrosse club will put on a skills training. The Southeastern Climbing Coalition has been looking in our park for rocky areas to train climbers. They hope to be ready in the spring. The carnival held on Magnolia Park was discussed with neighbors voicing their concerns.

Councilman Cook reported that the public works department is busy. Several projects are ongoing. They are putting up signs in the Cahaba Project. The staff is down by four members that we hope to replace. He stated the IDB is working to drain the beaver pond.

The Grow Trussville Committee has not met. RDA met and toured the Morrow Road area so that the members could get a better feel of the area.

Councilman Montalto carried over his report.

Councilman Taylor reported the Board of Education met on Thursday. The two schools are coming along. The Board toured the buildings on Thursday. There is a naming opportunity to furnish classrooms at the new schools. So far \$20,000 has been raised. The Chamber gave scholarships to high school seniors. The Paws for a Cause event will be held on August 27. This is a fund-raiser for our schools and athletics. The Trussville political forum will be held on July 19 at 6:30 at the Civic Center. The Chamber will participate in a speed networking event. The Chamber luncheon will be July 21. The Bridal Show will be held on January 8. The kickoff event to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Chamber will be August 12 from 1-3. Our Legislative breakfast will be on September 20 and the Maple Leaf Run will be held on October 29. The Christmas parade will be on December 10.

Mayor Melton stated the Utilities Board has begun paving in the areas that were disturbed in the water and gas line replacements downtown. They hope to have this completed by the end of the week. This will coincide with the beginning of our Railroad Avenue road improvement project.

Mayor Melton stated once a year he and the City Clerk prepare a draft budget for the coming fiscal year. This budget will be adopted before the end of September. The projected revenue increase for the coming year is less than 1%.

Judicial candidate James Christopher Whitfield was recognized. He stated he is running as a Republican for Place 17, and asked for support.

Mr. George Glenn, Jr., Dogwood Avenue was recognized and stated a large group of people who are concerned about the carnival on the Magnolia Court park attended the Park Board meeting. He stated this property was donated to the city as a part of the Cahaba Project. He stated he felt it was time to do something about how this park looks. He stated we cannot have a nice park with a carnival setting up twice a year and tearing up the grass with 18-wheelers and carnival rides. The park does not have time to recover before the next time it is torn up. A lot of people who live near the park are concerned about parking, noise, and trash. Most city events are one day and gone. This one started out as three days, and now is a two-week event. This is not fair to this neighborhood, and it needs to be moved. Mr. Glenn stated the city's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary will take place during the next administration. He asked that we begin making plans for this celebration. He brought a program from the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 1970.

Council President Montalto stated we will look at options for the carnival.

Councilman Choat stated he understood the concerns about the length of time the carnival lasts and that we will look at this.

Mr. Glenn stated there are also concerns about the beach volleyball court. Parking is sometimes a problem there, but not like the carnival. There is a safety issue when volleyballs go into the street on Rockridge - especially when someone chases the ball into the street without looking for traffic.

Councilman Choat stated we will address this.

Mr. Arnold Reichert stated he strongly supported the carnival, just not at this location. This is an abnormal abuse of this area. He stated he understood that this is a fund-raiser for the Chamber, but Chamber money is not used to restore the park when they are gone. The Chamber asked to be allowed to have the carnival at this site one more time, but destroying the park in the fall leaves it a mess all winter long. He stated he did not think we should allow things to be constructed on public spaces like the beach volleyball court donated by the Baptist Church and the pavilion on the big mall that the Utilities Board built without permission from the city.

Councilman Taylor stated First Baptist Church got permission through Park and Recreation and the Mayor. He stated these are interesting points. What we are hearing is we like the carnival, just not at this location. It is like all of the people who wanted Trussville to get a Hobby Lobby and a Panera Bread but they don't want it across the street from them. The City Council wants to do what is right for the city. We are faced week in and week out with these types of issues and he stated he hoped the citizens understood the dilemmas that they face.

Mr. Randy Eldridge, 206 Magnolia Court, presented pictures of the damage in the park.

Ms. Linda Sonyer, Carrington Lakes, asked about the rezoning for duplexes on Gadsden Highway, and was told that hearing was postponed for ninety days.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk