

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 25, 2016

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, October 20, 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 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, October 25, 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, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Pro Tempore Cook presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

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

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Councilman Buddy Choat
Council President Pro Tempore Perry Cook
Councilman Brian Plant
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Council President Anthony Montalto

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

Council President Pro Tempore Cook introduced the minutes of the September 22, 2016 special meeting for approval. Councilman Choat moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

The minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Choat moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

The minutes of the September 30, 2016 special meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Taylor moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat and the vote was unanimous.

The minutes of the October 11, 2016 election canvass meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Choat moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

The minutes of the October 11, 2016 regular city council meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Plant moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Choat 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 Choat and the vote was unanimous.

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

	Accounts Payable	
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Addendum</u>
Liabilities	369.60	250.00
Non-Departmental		14,370.46
Mayor and Council	454.89	
Administration	1,657.99	27,576.74
Inspections	1,027.82	1,063.74
Municipal Court	132.66	218.95
Information Technology	2,850.00	
Police Department	6,783.49	35,230.26
Fire Department	7,801.77	10,803.42
Public Works	1,229.06	7,459.58
Parks and Recreation	34,996.68	19,252.25
Library	2,014.10	365.25
Rental Properties	25.00	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	59,343.06	116,590.65
CORRECTIONS FUND	229.38	5,059.83
LOC-TUB	7,889.50	6,780.00
STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND		25,564.25
CONFISCATED FUND		689.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	67,461.94	154,683.73

- AL Criminal Justice Academy - Taylor - Nov 21 - Feb 28 - Montgomery - Lodging and meals only
- Postage meter upgrade - Civic Center - \$22.75 per month/36 months, plus \$175 installation
- Court - Alabama Law Weekly - 3-yr. subscription - \$848.25
- Paving costs alley between Kuttin' Up and GiGi's - Gunter - \$6,803.40
- Approve installation street light on existing pole across from 2013 Eastbrook Drive
- Approve electric costs for reconfigured traffic signals at Tutwiler Drive and Gadsden Highway and at Edwards Lake Parkway and Gadsden Highway
- Remove street light between 8009 & 8013 Balsam Trace
- Approve plumbing facilities in an accessory structure (pool house) 408 Edgeview Ave.
- Approve budgeted purchase of vehicle for parks- Ford Explorer - State bid - \$24,948.50
- Merit increases effective October 29, 2016
 - Jeff Bridges - Police - Grade 29, Step 8
- Reappoint Leland Dockery to Utilities Board through December 1, 2022
- Acknowledge city ROW obligation Husky Parkway near Deerfoot Parkway - up to \$40,000 for dirt moving and portion of entrance drive to proposed commercial development that lies within ROW
- Acknowledge Mayoral pardon Marianne N. Elliott
- Reimburse Trussville City Schools - \$163,367.00 for sod, irrigation, & fence Cahaba Elementary

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

Mr. Richard Epstein, 3742 Boulder Drive, thanked the Mayor and Council for their service. He stated he has attended a lot of City Council meetings in other cities, and this Council gets more done in a shorter period of time than others.

Political Candidates Reginald Jeter, Circuit Court Place 25, Clyde Jones, Circuit Judge Criminal Division, Agnes Chappell, Circuit Court Place 23 Divorce Court, Michael Streety, Circuit Court, Place 26, Lee Cleveland, District Court, Place 5, and William Bell, Jr., District Court, Place 4 Criminal Division were recognized and asked for support.

Ms. Bea Clark, who has headed our tennis program for the past sixteen years, was recognized. Councilman Choat read Proclamation 2016-024 and presented it to her. Councilman Choat moved this proclamation be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2016-051 in support of Amendment 14 which would validate several hundred pieces of local legislation possibly invalidated by a recent court ruling on a non-related local case having to do with the number of votes cast in favor of the legislation versus the number of abstentions. This was seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Pro Tempore Cook announced that the new installation meeting for the new City Council will be held on Monday, November 3 at 6:00 at the Civic Center. The regular City Council meeting on November 8 is rescheduled to Thursday, November 10 at 6:00 due to the National election. The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 3 at 5:30 as usual.

Judicial Candidate Brendette Brown Green, Circuit Court, Place 11, Civil Division, was recognized and asked for support.

Councilman Choat moved Resolution 2016-052 declaring twenty desk phones in the police department as surplus and sold to the City of Ozark be approved. These desk sets are not compatible with the recording system in the police department. Century-Tel has helped us to locate another city in need of these phones who will pay us \$150.00 each for them. This was seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Choat gave the Library annual report as follows:

Total Circulation:	
All activity including items checked out, checked in, and renewed	155,486
Downloadable Audio/E-Books	18,389
Computer Use:	16,992
Wifi Use:	28,470
Database Use	32,880
Library Visits:	260,332
Reference Transactions:	66,147
Library Programs:	277
Program Attendance:	8,323
New Members	994
Registered Borrowers	14,814
Total Grant Funding	\$7,500

September Food For Fines: 1,829 items donated to T.E.A.M.

Databases available to the public: Alabama Virtual Library, Ancestry.com, Tutor.com, Learning Express Library, Newsbank Birmingham News, Novelist Plus, Chilton Auto Reference Center, Little Pim Languages for Young People

Trussville Public Library provides test proctoring and notary service free of charge. Voter registration is also provided.

Councilman Choat reported that work has begun on the Library expansion.

Councilman Plant stated the police and fire departments are busy. They had a great job presence at the Hewitt-Trussville ball games this year. He welcomed our school board members to the meeting tonight.

Councilman Taylor reported that the School Board met all day yesterday. They received a Proclamation naming them the Best Community for Music Education. They recognized several students for academic achievements. The Hewitt football team won their region with a 10-0 season for Region IV in 7A. He announced that the Magnolia School is open, and that the Paine School construction is completed.

Board President Sid McNeal reported that Paine Elementary now has a hardened area, as the other schools do. They are removing the portables since they will no longer be used for classrooms. They may keep a few for storage use.

Councilman Taylor stated the Chamber luncheon was the largest ever. Mayor-elect Choat was the speaker. The next luncheon will be November 17. The Maple Leaf Run will be held on October 29. A ribbon cutting for Trussville Rehabilitation Center will be held on November 3. The Chamber is still looking for a place to hold their carnival. ABC 33-40 will be filming eight segments for their Hometown Tour. Trussville will also be highlighted in their Talk of Alabama segment.

Councilman Cook stated he has been told that the Huskies football team scored the most points in a single season. For public works, he reported the vacuum truck is running. The IDB will meet on Thursday and RDA will meet November 3.

Mayor Melton had no report.

Councilman Plant read Proclamation 2016-025 in recognition of Mayor Melton's twenty years of service and moved that it be adopted, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant stated the Mayor had been a close friend and like a father to him. He stated he was a good man and he has learned a lot from him. He stated he is the only Mayor his children have ever known. He stated he felt the greatest thing he has done is establishing a school system. He has had a great impact on this community. He thanked Mayor Melton for his service.

City Clerk Lynn Porter stated Mayor Melton was the first full-time Mayor of the city. She said that she was not sure at first how this would go, but it has been wonderful to be able to refer people to the Mayor for him to help resolve their problems. She stated she and the Mayor have worked closely through these twenty years. They have discussed, and laughed, and fussed, and got mad, and got over it. The Mayor saw the employees and the city as his family, and he looked out for them - he just had 23,000 children to deal with!

Mr. Bill Roberts stated he moved to Trussville in 1996. He stated he appreciated all the Mayor has done for the city. He said his greatest legacy is the school system, and thanked him.

Mr. Sid McNeal reminisced that the Board of Education at one time had the idea to tear down the Parkway Drive school building. The Mayor demonstrated the value of this historic structure. He stated the Mayor and Council has never said no to them.

Council President Pro Tem Cook stated this concludes our meeting and the Council will go into an executive session to discuss trade and commerce, and will not reconvene afterwards. Mayor Melton asked could discussion of good name and character be added to this session so that he might update the Council on recent developments.

City Attorney Whit Colvin stated the trade and commerce provision requires specific declarations. A member must have personal knowledge that discussion would have a detrimental effect on matters of trade or commerce if disclosed outside of an executive session. Councilman

Taylor so declared, and asked that discussion of good name and character be added to the session, and that Councilmembers-elect Freeman and Steele be invited to the session. This was seconded by Councilman Plant. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Choat, Cook, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

No other business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk