

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

The organizational meeting for the new administration of the Trussville City Council was held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Trussville Civic Center. City Clerk Lynn Porter welcomed guests and introduced Reverend Mike Ennis of Faith Community Fellowship to open the meeting with prayer. Boy Scout Troop 216 presented the colors and led the pledge to the flag.

Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge Robert Vance was recognized to install the City Council. Judge Vance stated on this eve of a Presidential election, he was impressed with the high level of interest exhibited by citizens in electing someone who will represent them in matters of trade agreements and immigration, and how little interest citizens seem to have in electing those people who will see that they have safe streets, that their garbage is picked up, that they have fire protection, parks for their children, and a prosperous community. All of these things come from our cities and towns, and our citizens should remember this and appreciate those who serve. These municipal offices come with a heavy responsibility on the shoulders of those elected to these offices. Judge Vance then administered the oath of office to Councilman Perry Cook, Councilman Jef Freeman, Councilman Brian Plant, Councilman Zack Steele, Councilman Alan Taylor, and Mayor Buddy Choat. He then administered the oath of office to Municipal Judge Carl Chamblee, Jr.

City Clerk Porter then introduced the City Council saying that Councilman Cook is beginning his second term on the City Council. Councilman Freeman begins his first term, but was previously the Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority. Councilman Plant is starting his fifth term. Councilman Steele begins his first term, and has previously served on the Parks and Recreation Board. Councilman Taylor begins his second term. She then asked for nominations for Council President. Councilman Taylor nominated Councilman Brian Plant. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Councilman Taylor moved Councilman Plant be elected as City Council President, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the motion carried. City Clerk Porter passed the gavel to Council President Plant.

Council President Plant asked for nominations for Council President Pro Tempore. Councilman Freeman nominated Councilman Perry Cook. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Councilman Freeman moved that Councilman Cook be elected as Council President Pro-Tempore, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the motion carried.

Council President Plant presented the Organizational ordinance that sets out the date and times of meetings, and the rules of procedure for conducting Council meetings. Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Cook, Freeman, Steele and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor then moved Organizational Ordinance 2016-033-ADM be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Cook, Freeman, Steele and Taylor

Nays: None

Council President Plant announced that Council meeting will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Workshop meetings will be held on the Thursday prior to each meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2016-053 appointing Carl E. Chamblee, Jr. as Municipal Judge for a two-year appointment be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat was recognized and stated he has asked the firm of Massey, Stotser and Nichols to represent the City as City Attorney and Prosecutor. Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2016-054 appointing Massey, Stotser and Nichols as City Attorney and Prosecutor be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook. Councilman Taylor asked if the prosecutor had to be the same firm, and was told it has previously been this way, but it is a Council decision. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2016-055 appointing Lynn B. Porter as City Clerk/Treasurer be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat announced work areas for the Council as follows:

- Councilman Cook - Downtown Redevelopment Authority, Industrial Development Board, Utilities Board, and Beautification Committee
- Councilman Freeman - Design Review Board, Board of Education, Inspections
- Councilman Plant - Library, Chamber of Commerce, Finance Committee, Historical Committee, Public Safety
- Councilman Steele - Park & Recreation Board, Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, Public Works, ACTA (Arts Council of the Trussville Area)
- Councilman Taylor - Public Safety Committee, Downtown Redevelopment Authority, Chamber of Commerce, Finance Committee
- Mayor Choat - Administration

Mayor Choat stated he was appointing Jane Bailey to serve as his designee on the Planning and Zoning Board in lieu of his serving on the Board.

Mayor Choat stated he was appointing Lynn Porter as the administrative official to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Council President Plant stated that the Council will select one of their members as the Council representative on the Planning Board. Councilman Taylor moved Councilman Freeman be appointed as the Council representative, seconded by Perry Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Plant stated the City has thirty-eight bank accounts for which we need to designate financial institutions as repositories for these funds and the signatories of each account. The signers on the non-court city accounts will be Mayor Choat, Councilman Plant, Councilman Taylor and City Clerk Lynn Porter. The signers on the court city accounts will be Mayor Choat, City Clerk Lynn Porter, Andrea Downing, Melanie Colston, and Lakesha Addie-Minor. Councilman Steele moved Resolutions 2016-056 through Resolution 2016-094 be approved authorizing these banks as repositories for City funds and naming the signers on each account. This was seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Plant stated this is the end of our agenda. He asked if Councilmembers would like to make any comments.

Councilman Cook stated he appreciated everyone coming out. He stated he feels honored to do what he does, and stated he appreciated being given a second term.

Council President Plant stated he feels honored to be a part of the process.

Mayor Choat stated he is privileged to serve this community. He stated he looks forward to the next four years. He thanked everyone for their support of the city. He stated that we do our best

to serve you, but we can't do it without your help. We all want what is best for the city, and we hope to make you proud. He stated he looks forward to working with the department heads. He thanked his family for their support, and thanked everyone for being here tonight.

Councilman Freeman stated with all of the hype about the election tomorrow, he feels that the system is up-side-down, with such a low turn out at our municipal election. He stated the five of us have been meeting and talking about how exciting it is to serve the City of Trussville.

Council President Plant recognized and thanked the Jennie June Crowley Literary Club for providing refreshments.

Reverend Mike Ennis gave the benediction, and Council President Plant declared the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk