

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 27,2016

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, December 22 at 5:30p.m. at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Brian Plant presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Council President Brian Plant
Councilman Jef Freeman
Councilman Zack Steele
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The workshop was convened and the Council received a preliminary agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 27, 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, December 27, 2016 at 6:00p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Plant presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

Council President Plant called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Taylor to lead in prayer. Councilman Freeman led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Brian Plant
Councilman Jef Freeman
Councilman Zack Steele
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
Attorney Rick Bearden

Council President Plant introduced the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting for approval. Councilman Taylor moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. Councilman Steele moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman and the vote was unanimous.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

	Accounts Payable	
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Addendum</u>
Liabilities	1330.63	12.90
Non-Departmental	300.00	47,351.87

Mayor and Council	2,162.90	91.45
Administration	9,553.91	322.59
Inspections	162.24	638.89
Municipal Court	154.92	71.28
Information Technology	377.00	
Police Department	4,276.47	8,263.82
Fire Department	8,878.38	4,239.60
Public Works Department	1,164.32	1,479.12
Parks and Recreation	23,084.80	31,809.01
Library	27.68	941.79
Heritage Hall	25.00	180.87
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	51,498.25	96,254.41
CORRECTIONS FUND	4,516.95	
WARRANT FUND	7,241.00	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	65,387.37	96,254.41

TAASRO training- Williams, Fuell, Browning, Hicks, Lawrence, Bradford, Findley, and Bridges
 -Gulf Shores- June 5-9 -\$200.00 ea. registration for 6, plus lodging for all 8

Merit increases effective January 7, 2017

Municipal Court - Andrea Downing, Grade 24, Step 3

Police Dispatcher - Maria Duarte, Grade 16, Step 2

Hire Kendonte Malik Harris - part time Civic Center

Promote Mark Faulkner, Civic Center, to Skilled Labor effective Dec 24,2016

Approve replacement of condenser at Civic Center- Hastings Htg & Air- \$6,750.00

National Fire Academy- Christopher Franklin- Jan 9-20, 2017- meals only \$296.00

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

The item for approval of an alcohol license for Courtyard Marriott on Roosevelt Boulevard was called. Mr. Kevin Kelly, Huntsville, appeared with Ms. Rondell Brown, Manager. Mr. Kelley stated all employees receive Safe Serve training for food handling, and alcohol training. Their Huntsville locations are members of the Responsible Vendor Program. Employees are trained within ninety days of hire and re-trained bi-annually. He stated they understand that selling alcohol is a privilege, and not a right. He stated he works with Larry Bloombury and Associates in Dothan, a subsidiary who handles all of the food and beverage training for Hilton Garden Inn and Courtyard Marriott in Alabama.

Councilman Plant asked did he have the authority to train employees in Trussville, and Mr. Kelley replied yes. Councilman Plant asked did he have the authority to fire employees, and he stated no, not on his own.

Councilman Steele asked did he have the authority to recommend firing, and he replied yes.

Councilman Plant asked was he responsible for training, and was told yes.

Councilman Taylor asked had Courtyard contracted with him, and he replied no. They contracted with Larry Bloombury and Associates, his employer.

Ms. Brown stated she talked with Valencia Johnson at ABC, who said that she would come and train their employees once they have their alcohol license.

Councilman Steele stated he was hearing that training will be done by a certified trainer. He stated the ABC Board requires face to face training. He stated he will come and train new employees face to face as needed, and conduct the testing. These test results are kept in personnel files and a minimum of three years after employment.

Councilman Freeman inquired as to the name of the applicant on this application, and was told Apple Seven Corporation, LLC, dba Trussville Courtyard. He asked is this normal in these instances, and was told yes, that application is made in the name of the parent company.

City Clerk Porter stated the information for background checks is on the corporate officers, not on the local representatives.

Council President Plant stated he wanted them to understand that we take selling alcohol seriously.

Councilman Steele moved that this application be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor. It is understood that they agree to become members of the Responsible Vendor Program. The vote was unanimous.

A public hearing on a Land and Water Conservation Grant application to rehabilitate the Greenways Ballfields was opened. Councilman Steele stated a public hearing is one of the grant requirements, and that a sign in sheet is outside. This grant, if approved, will improve two ball fields behind the library to match the other facilities in the area - the new school, the library addition, and the greenways trails that will be completed by spring. The hearing was opened and there was no comment, so the hearing was closed.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2016-109 approving a budget amendment to move \$10,500 from the contingency reserve line item to inspections building maintenance. This was seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2016-110 amending the resolution appointing and setting the salary of the indigent defense attorney John Amari, to set the salary at \$3500.00 per month. This was seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Council reports were carried over.

Mayor Choat reported that we have a video of the box culvert at the Library, showing debris. We will walk the culvert this week, and repair it if necessary. He reported the curb will go in next week on Railroad Avenue. Trees will be planted along the greenways next week.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, was recognized and asked when the Braden's building will be removed, and what is going on with the curb and barricade on the road from Walmart behind the bank.

Mayor Choat stated the building will be removed when the road work begins. Wayne Sullivan is looking into the other problem.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk