

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Brian Plant presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

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

Absent: None

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, January 24, 2017. 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, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.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 Perry Cook
Councilman Jef Freeman
Councilman Zack Steele
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: None

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

Council President Plant introduced the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting and the January 17, 2017 special 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. The item on coach Mauldin was moved to the first of the agenda. Councilman Steele moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele read Proclamation 2017-001 recognizing Coach Mauldin on being named Alabama High School Baseball Coach of the Year and Sectional Coach of the Year for high school baseball from among eight southeastern states, and presented it to him. Councilman Steele moved this proclamation be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jonathan Reyes, President of the Alabama Friends of Cystic Fibrosis thanked the City Council for their support of their vision for their under-served cause. They had 400 runners and raised \$40,000 for study and assistance to those affected by the disease. They asked to hold the run this fall on November 17. They were referred to the Parks and Recreation Department to secure this date.

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

	Accounts Payable	
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Addendum</u>
Liabilities	516,799.33	
Non-Departmental	4,556.80	63,058.17
Mayor and Council	2,447.50	36.76
Administration	407.01	937.77
Inspections	4,615.72	1,067.87
Municipal Court	919.28	395.12
Information Technology	1,430.61	
Police Department	18,796.69	3,549.83
Fire Department	4,605.59	4,704.41
Public Works Department	3,137.99	6,289.60
Parks and Recreation	14,326.73	3,379.98
Library	8,947.86	2,593.49
Rental Properties		25.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	580,773.06	86,038.00
EDUCATION FUND	2000.00	
CORRECTIONS FUND	4,981.50	1,736.39
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	587,754.56	87,774.39

- Jefferson County Personnel Board annual pro rata share \$159,750
- Transportation Conference - Sullivan - Auburn - Feb 9-10 - \$200.00 plus expenses
- Chamber Contract allocation - \$30,000
- Hire Wayne Sullivan as City Engineer, pending PBJC process
- Merit increases effective February 4, 2017- Library-Viridiana Herrera-Grade 16, Step 6
- Hire Firefighters subject to physical - Grade 17, Step 2
 - Thomas Joseph Sizemore
 - Matthew Levi McGough
 - Jacob Quinn Turner
- Proclamation Coach Mauldin
- Approve FMLA for Chris Coleman effective January 17, 2017
- Approve Library Change Order No. 3 - increase foundation and wall - Additional \$10,218.00 and additional 5 days
- Approve hiring Breanna McPherson, Admin Clerk, Inspections Department, Grade 13, Step 1, pending physical

Councilman Taylor moved these items be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the motion carried.

A request for an alcohol license for Chipotle Mexican Grill was presented by Mr. Mark Hoffman. He stated this is a national chain with fourteen restaurants in Alabama, and four in the Birmingham area. They are requesting an alcohol license. He presented copies of their alcohol policy.

Councilman Taylor asked when they plan to open and was told approximately March 1. He asked was this store corporate owned and was told yes, they all are.

Mr. Hoffman stated they are members of the Responsible Vendor Program at all of their Alabama stores. He stated they require ID from everyone who is served.

A public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed.

Councilman Freeman moved this license be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2017-002 declaring some administrative equipment as surplus, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote as unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2017-003 adding a name to the Municipal Court account, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2017-004 adding a name to the Municipal Court Bond account, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook reported the Utilities Board met yesterday and discussed gas line installations, an extension at St. Vincent's East, and other line upgrades. Our area is still considered in drought mode, despite some recent rains. They discussed the problem with the cable installer cutting utilities lines in Longmeadow. They discussed Earth Day versus a Hazardous Materials collection day. The IDB will meet next Thursday and will discuss their upcoming luncheon and progress on draining the pond.

Councilman Freeman reported the Board of Education honored Coach Mauldin at their meeting also. They discussed college grades and ATC scores of Hewitt graduates who are being tracked while attending Auburn. This is School Board appreciation month. The Board approved the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 school calendars. An election will be held on March 7 to renew a county school tax. We need to endorse this at our next meeting.

Councilman Freeman announced that our Inspections department is moving tomorrow. He reported that Design Review looked at the sign package for the new shopping center. P&Z will meet on February 13.

Councilman Steele reported Parks and Recreation met last night, and hear a proposal for a dog park to be located behind Spradling field. The proponents said that it would not cost the city anything for this park. They discussed the two baseball organizations - the community recreational league and the travel team. The teams struggle for practice field space. When the ball parks were built, the city's population was 7,000. Now we have 7,000 children playing sports. Councilman Steele stated he attended his first Senior Citizens Committee meeting where they discussed an upcoming trip to Hawaii.

Councilman Steele stated Public Works is busy after the storms. ACTA is preparing for their Spring season.

Councilman Taylor reported the Public Safety Committee met last week. They are exploring software that is the same that Jefferson County and EMA use to identify people with special needs. There are transitions in the police and fire departments with the retirements of long-time Chiefs. He thanked Assistant Chief Shotts and Captain Bridges for the work they are doing.

For the Chamber he reported there are now 324 members. The speaker at the February 16 luncheon will be Twinkle Cavanaugh of the Public Service Commission. The "Love Your Neighbor" food drive for TEAM will be held February 11 in the Methodist Church parking lot on Chalkville Road. The annual Chamber meeting will be held February 25.

Mayor Choat stated with the rains, water came in at the front door of the Library. This is a reoccurring problem. Blalock is having his roofer to look at this, and we will get other quotations. We had a construction meeting today. The footings for the building extension are poured.

Mayor Choat reported the curbing is down on Railroad Avenue. He stated he and Wayne Sullivan will meet with ALDOT on Thursday. He stated he hoped to get an update on the Greenways project. The time is up on the contract on February 9. The contractor was supposed to

set the bridge today, but it was delayed due to the wet weather. Our new garbage and recycling company is doing better.

Mayor Choat stated the Council held a planning workshop last week and discussed a list of projects. We will meet quarterly to evaluate progress. He stated he appreciated the Council's input.

Mayor Choat stated the traffic signal at the Middle School is programmed to work as it should now that construction is winding down.

Councilman Plant stated he appreciated the work each of the acting Chief's have done. This has been a smooth handoff.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, asked if there was any progress on the street lights on Chalkville Road? He stated the Board of Education needs a sign to identify them. There is a small sign that says TCBOE, but few know what that means. He stated the Inspections Department needs a sign to identify them.

Mayor Choat state he, Jane Bailey, George Bacon and Lynn Porter rode with representatives from Alabama Power to look at the LED lighting recently installed in Birmingham versus areas where the installation has not been done yet. They have different types of lighting for residential areas, commercial areas and multi-lane roadway areas. They have offered to do some test demonstration areas for us. They can develop a plan to replace all street lights in the city, light head for light head at no additional cost. Mayor Choat stated the Inspections Department is moving tomorrow and signs will be erected at the new location.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk