

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, April 20, 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 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, April 25, 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, April 25, 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 Steele 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 Stotser

Council President Plant introduced the minutes of the April 7, April 11, and April 18 meetings for approval. Councilman Steele moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

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

The item to appoint a police sergeant was moved to the top of the agenda. Officer Charles "Chuck" Bradford will be appointed to Sergeant to fill the role of Code Enforcement Officer effective May 27, 2017. Councilman Taylor moved this be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele. Council President Plant stated many of our children know Officer Bradford as an SRO. The vote was unanimous.

Council President Plant stated we are not ready for item H. on the school board appointment yet. Councilman Taylor moved the agenda be amended to remove this item, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Arnold Reichert, 116 North Mall, stated the crosswalks at South Mall and Chalkville Road and South Mall and Parkway are not in yet.

Mayor Choat stated we are waiting on blinking signals to be installed.

Mr. Reichert asked that when trees are taken down in the historic district that the stumps also be ground. There are two on West Mall and Chalkville Road and one on South Mall and Chalkville Road. He also stated on North Mall near his home, a pot hole has been hot patched several times and has sunk down again several inches. This needs to be dug out and repaired.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	95.00
Non-Departmental	155,921.76
Administration	1,295.54
Inspections	4,606.83
Municipal Court	4,263.23
Police Department	18,124.95
Fire Department	11,881.69
Public Works Department	1,307.34
Parks and Recreation	20,628.67
Library	4,766.14
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	222,891.15
COURT FUND	207.57
CORRECTIONS FUND	5,568.20
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	228,666.92

CGAT Summer Conf - Rhudy - June 22, 2017 - Prattville - \$100.00 plus expenses

ACEA Conference - Sullivan - May 9-10, 2017 - Orange Beach - \$185.00 plus expenses

Merit increases effective April 29, 2017

Fire - Steven N. Roberson - Grade 17, Step 3

Parks - Zachary W. Manning - Grade 18, Step 9

Merit increased effective March 18, 2017

Library - Jason Baker - Grade 22, Step 5

Fire - William Benton - Grade 17, Step 3 plus 10%

Parks - Scott Brooks - Grade 20, Step 10

Public Works - Robert Hall - Grade 7, Step 3

Beatification Board appointments through January 14

James Henry 2020

Becky Nash 2020

Nora O'Connor 2018

Nina Orr 2021

Melody Trimm 2022

Reappoint Tommy George to BZA through Feb 15, 2020

Accept resignation Brian Williams, Police Dept. eff. April 17, 2017

Library Change orders

#5 Rev 1 - quantities of COR#5 revised - \$26,275.00 (\$8,488.00 savings)

#8 - Add 3 days for rain to contract

#10 - Excavate, remove, dispose manhole & backfill & reroute roof drains - \$13,596.00

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

A request for approval of an alcohol license was presented for Mama Goldbergs at 4710 Frank Street, Suite 124, by Manager Mr. Daniel McClain. He stated this request is to transfer the license into the new corporate name.

Council President Plant asked would they sell all alcohol, and was told no, only beer.

City Clerk Porter stated the ABC application is for a Restaurant Retail Liquor License, which would allow a full compliment of alcohol.

Property owner and landlord Mr. Hauck, 3905 Rock Creek Drive, Birmingham, stated he would like to be added as an additional insured on the lessor's insurance.

Council President Plant stated that is a private matter between the lessor and tenant and not a matter for consideration by the City Council.

Mr. Hauck stated he had no objection to the license, saying this has been a good tenant.

Councilman Taylor asked Police Chief Bridges if there have been any problems at this location and was told no.

When asked were all of the Mama Goldbergs stores corporate stores now, Mr. McClain replied no, 16 are franchises and 10 are corporate stores.

Councilman Taylor moved that a transfer of the beer license only be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Proclamation 2017-011 on the Freedom Celebration be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the motion carried with Councilman Taylor abstaining.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2017-019 approving the Back to School Sales Tax Holiday at its new time of the third full weekend in July, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Proclamation 2017-012 for Wreaths Across America be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

For the Board of Education, Mr. Sid McNeal was recommended to be placed in the unexpired term of Gayle Glenn through May 25, 2018. Councilman Freeman moved this be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2017-020 on Building Safety Month be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

An ordinance to declare real property owned by the city at 156 Main Street as surplus and to approve a sales contract with Dotry Enterprises, doing business as Edgars Bakery was presented. Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved Ordinance 2017-019-ADM declaring 156 Main Street as surplus and authorizing the Mayor to sign the sales agreement to Dotry Enterprises be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Freeman, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2017-021 approving a budget adjustment for funding to upgrade the city's Subdivision Regulations be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Plant announced that the May 4, 2017 workshop meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 immediately before the meeting.

Councilman Freeman reported the Inspections Department is working diligently on code violations, with twenty-one contacts having been made. He reported Design Review met last night and approved some signs. The Board of Education has postponed their May meeting. The Council is in the process of selecting a new Board member prior to that meeting. He stated we have held initial interviews and he was impressed with those who have applied. He stated this is one of the hardest jobs in the city, and we take these appointments seriously. We will announce the finalist on Friday.

Councilman Steele reported Parks and Recreation had two successful tournaments this past weekend. One was a regional soccer tournament with 100 teams. The other was a softball tournament. These generate income for our local hotels and restaurants. Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Walk at Lunch day. ACTA is performing "Tom Sawyer." Public Works is doing a great job.

Councilman Taylor reported the Police Department has conducted a number of drug busts in subdivisions. He stated he was extremely thankful and pleased with how they handled these situations, and appreciates the job done.

Councilman Taylor stated the Chamber of Commerce will hold City Fest on May 6. The First Responders' Breakfast will be held at the Civic Center on May 25. The Chamber will present a scholarship on awards day this week.

Council President Plant agreed about what our police department does. They put their lives on the line each day.

He stated Ms. Paula Brown has done a wonderful job with the theater group at the high school. They have just performed the "Pajama Game," and did a great job.

Mayor Choat reported for Utilities saying the drought has been downgraded, and is being monitored weekly. Natural gas receipts are down due to the mild winter. He thanked all of the departments for working together to make the tournaments this past weekend a success.

Mayor Choat stated site distance is obstructed at the intersection of First Street and Alabama Boulevard by a fence erected recently. He stated he has met with the property owner about this situation and will meet on-site with the builder and the homeowner this Saturday.

Mayor Choat stated he and Wayne Sullivan will meet with ALDOT on Thursday. Our interstate lighting was working, and then was off. We are putting together a bid to repair the library roof on the existing portion of the building. We are putting together information on the Cahaba Project and will bring everyone together soon.

Councilman Taylor stated the RDA has given the Mayor information to bring a new business to downtown. They originally targeted property that was not in Trussville. Mayor Choat did a good job of selling the city and our vision to bring them to us.