

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, September 7, 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

Absent: Councilman Alan Taylor

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, September 12, 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, September 12, 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 August 22, 2017 workshop, the August 22, 2017 meeting, and the August 29 Special meeting 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 Freeman stated he would like to attend a couple of conferences. He asked to add a CMO conference in Priceville at \$125, and an economic development meeting put on by the Auburn Extension Service at \$75 to the agenda. Mayor Choat stated we will hold a special workshop on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 5:30 to discuss special projects and our budget. Councilman Cook moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Christie Jones was recognized to explain her Trussville Safe program. She stated through this program we will hold ourselves and others accountable. We are asking that they make

a conscious decision to drive safely. This will be promoted through social media and print. They will focus on a different traffic safety topic each month.

Mayor Choat stated the city does everything we can to promote safety, and thanked her for her ideas to promote this.

Councilman Taylor asked did she have a committee, and was told there is a committee of three now, and they will have a maximum of five.

Ms. Jones stated that they want to be involved with the city and the schools.

Mayor Choat suggested that we could put up something on our web site.

Mr. Chris Cremers, 6543 Deerfoot Crossings Road, stated noise from the Sheep Dog firing range is still affecting the Deerfoot Crossings neighborhood. He stated he understands the engineering issue, but he did not feel that they are being kept informed. He stated he feared this would continue to drag on. He said his wife was told that they have done all they plan to do.

Mr. Eric Oare, 6450 Deerfoot Crossings Road, stated he thought that he would be the conduit, but the developer Mr. Kessler has stepped in, but has not shared with the neighbors.

Ms. Shawn Waite, 6449 Deerfoot Crossings Drive, stated Sheep Dog spoke to Mr. Kessler, but has not contacted the neighbors.

Mayor Choat stated he had a meeting with them last Friday and walked through the building to see the progress so far. Some other things remain to be done. Progress has been made, but there is still some noise. There is a staged installation of materials in layers.

Mr. Cremers stated he would like for someone from their committee to be involved. Mr. Kessler is not communicating with them.

Attorney Rick Stotser stated Mr. Kessler indicated that he would put in on the neighborhood Facebook page. Last Friday we were told the materials should be in soon.

Councilman Taylor asked who Mr. Cremers wife spoke to, and was told Mr. Lombardo. He was asked when this conversation took place and was told in July.

Mr. Cremers asked when they can get a time line for completion?

Mayor Choat stated he would reach out to Eric and he can pass information on to the neighborhood.

The agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	21,517.00
Non-Departmental	15,701.25
Mayor and Council	40.14
Administration	5,489.32
Inspections	4,594.61
Municipal Court	1,072.87
Information Technology	168.45
Police Department	59,473.52
Fire Department	33,205.87
Public Works	24,498.20
Garbage	165,855.11
Parks and Recreation	54,163.33
Library	846.02

Rental Property	181.33
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	386,807.02
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	431.76
CORRECTIONS FUND	4,898.82
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	401,602.90
LOC-TUB	1,492.50
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	795,233.00

Revenue Officers training - Shipp & Frazier - Tuscaloosa - Oct 4-6 - \$225 plus expenses
P&Z training - Fultondale - Sept 7 & 8
Oglesby - 4 courses at \$82 each
Lowery - 4 courses at \$82 ea. plus 1 course at \$169 plus \$139 for home study to complete certification
Bailey - 1 course at \$82
P&Z training - Recertification - Porter - Gardendale - Sept 12 - \$199
Basic Swat School - McCool - Oct 9-13, 2017 - Anniston - \$385.00 - no lodging
Dispatcher training - Lawrence & Watkins - Nov 2-3, 2017 - Orange Beach - Scholarship, no cost, plus lodging costs.
Tactical Breaching - Robinson - Sept 11-12 - Tuscaloosa - \$295.00 - no lodging
AL Assn of Ambulance Services - C. Jones - Sept 27-28- Orange Beach - lodging & meals only
RDA request \$53,250 construction costs Quad 1
RDA request \$26,932 grant pay out Hitchcock Maddox
Greater Birmingham Humane Society - \$7,713.25

Appoint Telecommunications Committee members

Rodney Russell thru May 27, 2020
Marc Ward thru May 27, 2019
Rob Meadows thru May 27, 2018
Wally Coker thru May 27 2018

Hire Police officers

Wesley Mark Hassett
Hunter Scott Lancaster
Casey Lee Shelnett

Merit increases effective September 16, 2017

Casey Michael Davis - PD - Grade 17, Step 6

Approve quotation to pressure wash and paint Civitan bridge - Performance Coatings - \$39,500.00

Approve quotation to remove old floor plug box, patch and replace existing carpeting - Milam & Co - \$1,500.00

Approve proposal from Massey Paving - Forest Drive patching & ditch - \$4,848.00

Approve Revised Library Change Order No. 11 - \$27,045 plus 73 additional days

Lease agreement Main Street parking lot & 1st right of refusal - Payne - \$42,000 yr.

CMO conference in Priceville - \$125 - Councilman Freeman

Economic development meeting - Auburn Extension Service - \$75 - Councilman Freeman

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

An ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance to change the parking ratio for retail development from 5.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet to 4.0 spaces per 1,000 square feet, and to remove references to temporary food vendors and replace them with references to the Food Truck Ordinance was presented. A public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2017-038-PZ be adopted as presented effecting these changes, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

An ordinance to repeal the ordinance adopting the 2009 version of the ICC Building Code was presented. City Clerk Lynn Porter stated we have since adopted the 2015 version of the ICC Building Code, but that ordinance did not contain language to repeal the prior ordinance. This action will prevent any conflicts between the two codes.

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2017-039-ADM be adopted as presented effecting these changes, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

A resolution to award the bid for a coaches education program was presented. We have 7,500 children in our sports programs. Training for coaches is important, as it addresses sportsmanship, CPR, concussion protocol, and other areas. Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2017-041 be adopted awarding this bid to ATI. Seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2017-042 declaring two police vehicles and a piece of exercise equipment as surplus be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote as unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2017-043 declaring an inoperable Zodiac inflatable boat in the Fire Department be declared surplus. Seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2017-044 establishing a return check policy be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2017-045 adopting our ADA Transition Plan to remediate issues within the public right-of-way be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2017-046 authorizing grading and landscaping within the ALDOT right-of-way for the St. Vincent's Trussville project be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman. Councilman Taylor asked did this mean that we will maintain this right-of-way, and was told yes, in the same manner that the interchanges at I-59 and I-459 are maintained. The plant materials will be low maintenance and will require work once or twice a year. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Proclamation 2017-018 in support of Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Proclamation 2017-019 in recognition of Constitution Week September 17-23 be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Proclamation 2017-020 in recognition of Family Week be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Plant announced our next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6:00. The workshop on the same evening will be held at 5:00.

Councilman Cook reported that RDA met on September 5 and talked about two completed facade grants, and one or two that are pending. They discussed Quad 1 acquisitions and negotiations, saying that these are about 70% done. He stated the Mayor will speak at the Chamber luncheon in October.

For the Utilities Board Councilman Cook reported that the Cherokee water tank was taken out of service on August 28. They discussed whether to refurbish or take down the tank. Their operations day to day are going well. A hazardous material's storage location was discussed.

The IDB met and discussed opportunities for development and future opportunities.

Councilman Freeman reported that Planning and Zoning met last night. An additional sector of Wynwood Lake was denied, a rezoning on Highway 11 was considered and carried over for further discussion, a resurvey for several lots in Stockton was approved, and a pre-zoning application on Valley Road was recommended to the City Council. He gave the Building Permit Report as follows:

Building Permit Report August, 2017			
Type	Construction	No.	Value
Residential	New	23	7,453,320
	Additions & Alterations	11	366,314
	Accessory Structure	1	4,000
Commercial	New		0
	Additions & Alterations	1	44,000

Councilman Freeman stated Inspections is working hard and working with our attorneys to tighten up some of our ordinances. He stated Design Review welcomed new members and approved some signs. The Board of Education is off to a good start, both scholastically and in athletics and band. Education is the backbone of our community.

Councilman Steele reported that the Park and Recreation Board met and got reports from several organizations. The dog park fence is going up. He stated they met with the two baseball associations - one travel and one community - to work on an agreement so that both may use the park. David Vinson, Drew Peterson, Colin Sears, and the leadership of the organizations have worked hard on this agreement. The Senior Citizens celebrated their eighteenth anniversary. Public Works is cleaning up debris after recent storms. We have had a few trees down. ACTA will perform an adaptation of "Madagascar" on September 29-30 and October 6-7.

Councilman Taylor reported for Public Safety that National Night Out will be held on October 3. We are working for a permanent solution for the school crossings. Ribbon cuttings were held at Peach Tree, Hitchcock Maddox Financial, and Christian Brothers Automotive. Thursday Jefferson Title will open at 183 Main Street. The Chamber will hold a Drive By at 5:00 event. Their luncheon will be held on September 21 with Congressman Gary Palmer as speaker. A Business After Hours event will be held. The Legislative Breakfast will be held on September 28 with Representative Danny Garrett, Senator Shay Shelnut, and Mayor Choat speaking.

Mayor Choat thanked the city departments for their preparations for recent storms. We have approved a bid for painting the bridge in the Civitan Park. He stated he will meet with ALDOT on the last Thursday of this month. They will discuss widening Main Street to Parkway Drive. The library furniture bids were opened today. The low bidder was the vendor that they had hoped to deal with. The Council has a proposed agreement with Greater Birmingham Humane Society to house animals displaced by recent storms in Houston and in Florida.

Mr. Samuel Winbush, 416 Pineview Road, asked about the zoning request on Valley Road and what is proposed there. He asked the Mayor about getting street lights up Pineview Road from Chalkville Road to the top of the hill.

Mayor Choat stated we visited this request after this was brought up last time. There is no power available in this area at the present. We are working on a project on Valley Loop Road that will bring power closer, that we may be able to pull from.

Mr. Winbush stated he appreciated the letters about cleaning up properties. He stated one house was torn down, but the debris is still piled on the lot and has not been removed. He stated there are still some junk cars.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk