

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

PROJECT AND BUDGET WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in a duly advertised special session on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Council President Plant presided, and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

Those members answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Brian Plant
Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Jef Freeman(arrived late)
Councilman Zack Steele
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: None

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

Mayor Choat gave an update on city projects that have been completed and status of ongoing projects. Attorney Stotser distributed information on pending property transactions.

Mayor Choat stated he has met with department heads to go over their budget needs for the coming year. He and the City Clerk have put together a draft budget. The Finance Committee met on Friday afternoon and on Sunday afternoon to go over this budget and departmental needs. The stated salary line items include the cost of longevity. The budget also includes an additional appointee and \$100,000 to cover our ADA plan items.

There was discussion of a 2% employee increase. We have been notified of a 1.5% increase in our health insurance coverage. Mayor Choat recommended that the City absorb these costs. There was discussion of removing all vehicle requests from the departmental budgets and financing these for three to five years. The bank fees were discussed and how these could possibly be lowered. New employee requests will be considered at a later time.

Councilman Steele stated it was discussed at the Park Board meeting that our employees will take over the field maintenance in an effort to settle the dispute between the two baseball groups. We already cut the grass, but this will include the striping and the infield. This will also be done for other fields in the park. He asked that \$17,000, the amount the baseball association said was their cost, be added to a ballfield maintenance line item to cover these costs.

Discussion followed on holding an executive session after the rescheduled Council meeting on Thursday to discuss real estate transactions. It was suggested that a meeting to adopt the budget be held on Monday, September 25 after the Legislative Breakfast at 9:00 at the Civic Center.

The workshop was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk