

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, October 5, 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, October 10, 2017. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Ms. Bambi Bledsoe, 683 Chris Court, addressed the City Council concerning maintenance on a ditch that bisects her property. She stated if the City could cut it back, then her yard maintenance person would be able to manage it.

It was pointed out that this ditch is on private property and not within a city right-of-way.

Discussion followed on the Civitan bridge handrails. Mayor Choat stated we have just discovered that the handrails were not included in the cost of painting the bridge. There was further discussion on whether to retrofit the noncompliant handrails or to install a different type of rail.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 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 September 21, 2017 rescheduled regular meeting and the September 29, 2017 special meeting for approval. Councilman Steele moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Resolution 2017-050 appointing Jeff Bridges as Police Chief was presented. Mayor Choat stated we received Jeff's name on a Personnel Board list and are now able to take him out of provisional status and make the permanent appointment. Councilman Taylor moved this resolution be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous. Municipal Judge Carl Chamblee, Jr. was called upon to administer the oath of office.

Dr. Samuel Jones, Creekside Way, stated in 2011 the road was torn up by construction equipment. It has continued to deteriorate, even after it was repaired. He stated residents have had blow outs and a young lady was badly injured when she fell in a hole. Massey Contractors was hired to pave with the bond money the city held, but the pavement did not hold up.

Mr. Marcus Holley, 235 Ridgewood Drive, stated the original developer went into foreclosure before the top coat was applied. The road was never sealed.

Councilman Taylor asked did Massey not apply the top coat, and Mayor Choat replied, yes, he did.

Mayor Choat stated the Council has authorized Dunn construction to redo the roadway. They will take the surface down to the base to repair it, and then apply the top coat. They were notified last week on this and a few other projects. We hope work will begin by the end of the month.

Mr. Holley asked would this be the entire subdivision, and Mayor Choat replied, yes.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, state the Council talked about LED street lights about three months ago. He asked the status.

Mayor Choat stated he met with Mr. Terrance Moultrie of Alabama Power about replacing 1275 street lights.

Mr. Epstein stated the city needs a new city pool. He asked what was happening on the Braden's building.

Mayor Choat stated he plans to discuss the downtown plan next Thursday at the Chamber luncheon. He said striping has been done near WalMart.

Mr. Epstein stated the ditch across from Snake Hill by Boulder Drive is deep and needs a rail.

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	68.94
Non-Departmental	27,201.961
Mayor and Council	177.90
Administration	1,807.89
Inspections	7,447.90
Municipal Court	1,258.49
Police Department	27,201.90
Fire Department	13,573.79
Public Works	3,435.13
Parks and Recreation	42,286.44

Library	814.83
Rental Property	177.44
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	125,515.76
CORRECTIONS FUND	1,684.91
2017 WARRANT FUND	9,235.91
LOC-TUB	34,147.50
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	170,584.08

- Library furnishings contract AI Corporate Interiors - \$360,849.83 (\$180,424.92 Deposit)
- Massey & Stotser - \$57,653.13
- Library Change Order Requests #19R - Sewer relocation - \$23, 937.00
- Library Change Order Requests # 20 & #25 - July & August rain days - 8 total days
- Library Change Order Request #26 - flashing rear storefront door in existing library
- Approve agreement Skipper Consulting - Vann Road traffic light study - \$17,900.00
- Accept resignation of Gordon Flynn from Utilities Board effective December 1, 2017
- Appoint Buddy Aydelette to Utilities Board to effective Dec 1, 2017 through Dec 1, 2020
- Merit increases effective October 14, 2017
 - Inspections - Rheanna Poe - Grade 16, Step 5
 - Police - Nya Montgomery - Grade 17, Step 9
 - Public Works - Robby Pruitt - Grade 13, Step 4
 - Public Works - Justin Ferguson - Grade 13, Step 4
- Hire firefighters - Grade 17, Step 1
 - Dalton Drew King
 - Stephen Wade Nabors, plus 5% Paramedic

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

Councilman Taylor stated the two firefighters hired tonight are here and asked that they stand and be recognized.

An ordinance to pre-zone 4231 Valley Road from A-1 County to C-2 City was presented. This is in the area of the Valley Road Extension inside the curve. 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 moved Ordinance 2017-040-P&Z be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Steele, an upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

An ordinance to declare real property as surplus and to approve a sales contract on property at 204 Main Street was presented. Councilman Cook moved 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 Cook moved Ordinance 2017-041-P&Z be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Steele. Councilman Cook stated this is the two story portion of the Braden's building next to Mary's Bouquet. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2017-051 authorizing a contract with Greater Birmingham Humane Society for animal control services be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2017-052 awarding the bid to refinish the gym floor at the Civic Center to Gym Services & Installation at a cost of \$23,379.00 be approved. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2017-053 awarding the bid on library furnishings and millwork to AI Corporate Interiors in the amount of \$418,141.17 for furnishings and \$137,729.00 for millwork be approved. This was seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2017-054 declaring two fire department vehicles and a police department vehicle as surplus be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2017-055 declaring conference room chairs at the Civic Center as surplus be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook reported the RDA met on October 3 and worked to streamline the facade application. They reviewed applications from GEO Engineering and State Farm on Main Street.

Councilman Cook stated the IDB met on September 28 and elected new officers. Fred Goodnight was elected Chairman, David Fuller as Vice-Chairman, and David Livingston as Treasurer.

Councilman Cook reported the Utilities Board met on September 25 and discussed taking down the Cherokee water tank. They are looking for land and sources for water wells. They also discussed their budget.

Councilman Cook stated the Beautification Board was given a small amount in the City's budget, and they will plan how to use it.

Councilman Freeman reported that Inspections is making their rounds. Planning and Zoning met last night and approved a resurvey to combine two lots into one in Trussville Springs. A rezoning was recommended at 7850 Gadsden Highway from C-2 to R-T. A rezoning request in downtown between Morrow Road and Chalkville Road from I-1 to C-2 was recommended. There were 20 new home permits issued in September with a value more than \$6,000,000. We have almost reached the number of permits issued in all of last year in nine months.

Councilman Freeman reported schools are out for fall break. We are excited about what is happening in our schools.

Councilman Steele stated Trussville hosted the Masters' Games last week with over 500 participants in town. He reported the scaffolding is up on the Civitan bridge to begin painting.

Councilman Steele reported that Public Works is busy after the storms. ACTA just finished performing "Madagascar" and is now preparing to perform "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" during the holiday season.

Councilman Taylor reported National Night Out was last week and we had a good turnout. He congratulated Jeff Bridges.

For the Chamber, Councilman Taylor reported that membership is up to 422. They are working on sponsorships for next year. They will hold a shred day on Friday. Mayor Choat will be the speaker at the Chamber luncheon on October 19. A ribbon cutting was held for Edwards Jones at 3644 Vann Road. The Maple Leaf run will be held on October 28. The fall carnival will be October 19-21.

Councilman Freeman stated a band competition was held at the stadium last Saturday. The only home game in October will be on Friday night.

Council President Plant stated the library project is progressing, and starting to come together. The Chamber carnival is an enjoyable event. It is a little piece of Americana.

Mayor Choat thanked Frank Jones and public works and public safety for their work during the storm. He welcomed the new firefighters. He stated Mr. Gordon Flynn is stepping down from the Utilities Board in December. He welcomed Buddy Aydelette who will replace him on the Board.

Mayor Choat stated the bridge painters are working. The city will replace the flooring on the bridge. We need to get the lights working.

Mayor Choat stated this was the first band competition held in Trussville. Several people said it was the most well organized competition they had attended.

Council President Plant stated the concessions are good at the stadium.

Councilman Steele thanked the Mayor and Council for the permanent signs at the school crossings on Chalkville Road.

Dr. Jones, Creekside Way, was recognized and thanked the Council for taking care of their problem.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk