

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 28, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Alan Taylor presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

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

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 after the workshop. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Mayor Choat stated he met with ALDOT and discussed the Highway 11 widening from Cedar Street to the river. They will install 6' sidewalks on both sides of the road. The groundbreaking for Edgar's will be on Monday.

Councilman Freeman stated American Freight came to Design Review six to eight months ago for a sign approval. They were told to take down the banners and remove the containers. This still has not been done.

Mayor Choat stated business license renewals have been mailed out.

Councilman Cook asked about the size of the video screen to be placed in the auditorium by Focus 4, and questioned if a 55" screen is large enough? He suggested a 60" screen.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Taylor presided over the meeting and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Plant to lead in prayer. Councilman Cook led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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Attorney Rick Stotser

Council President Taylor introduced the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting for approval. Councilman Steele moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. The ordinance and the announcement will be left on the regular agenda and the rest will be placed on the consent agenda. Councilman Cook moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	191,674.61
Non-Departmental	25,882.58
Mayor and Council	5,289.65
Administration	8,523.26
Inspections	13,211.58
Municipal Court	1,708.86
Information Technology	2,876.50
Police Department	37,014.03
Fire Department	87,952.21
Public Works	348,161.62
Parks and Recreation	79,504.70
Library	5,808.16
Rental Property	48.80
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	807,656.56
STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND	50,912.05
EDUCATION FUND	10.00
MUNICIPAL COURT	53.11
CORRECTIONS FUND	8,602.25
2017 WARRANT FUND	1,895.75
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	869,129.72

United Surfaces Incorporated - Additional plaque at Veteran's Monument - \$15,000.00  
Fire Chief's Conference - Hopper, McLaughlin, Schmohl, & Shotts-Tuscaloosa-Feb. 6-9 -\$170 each  
Approve RDA request for operational funding \$50,000.00  
Approve RDA request for funding architectural design expenses - \$34,500.00  
Approve RDA Facade Improvement Grant request - \$8,417.50 - Williamson  
Approve RDA request funding construction architectural expenses - \$23,000.00  
Acknowledge and confirm RDA officers - Chairman David Morgan; Vice Chairman Ian Maddox  
Approve extension per agreement on Edgar's final development plan to Dec. 31, 2017  
Library Change Order request #35 - Landscaping - \$12,420.00  
Library Change Order request #34 - Replace existing mechanical registers and diffusers - \$6,135.00  
Authorize Mayor to negotiate property purchases on Cedar Lane  
Approve low bid quotation for Cherokee gym LED lighting from Energy & Light Supply - \$ 4,770.00  
Upgrade Mary Willingham, Civic Center, to full time laborer, Grade 7, Step 2 effective November 25, 2017  
Merit increase effective December 9, 2017 - John Middleton, Police - Grade 17, Step 3  
Thomas J. Freeman - Completed Police Academy - Grade 17, Step 2 eff. 11-25-2017

Councilman Plant moved these items be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Arnold Reichert, 116 North Mall, representing Cahaba Project Homeowners, was recognized and requested lighting at the crosswalks on Chalkville Road. He stated they would like blinking lights. He also asked that when trees are cut on public property, that the stumps be ground as well.

Mayor Choat stated he talked to Frank Jones in Public Works. He said that they have other trees to take down and they will have all of the stumps done at one time. On the lighting of the crosswalks, there are several options. We are trying to find the right one. Some have sensors.

Councilman Steele stated he felt we need one with a sensor

Councilman Cook asked if the sensor was on the street side or the pedestrian side, and was told the street side.

Mr. Armand Carter, 6426 Deerfoot Crossing Drive, stated that representatives from their subdivision came in about noise from Sheepdog Firearms in August. The noise is not any better. He stated they would like an update.

Council President Taylor stated he understood their frustration. We have to determine how this can be handled within our authority. We are researching the nuisance ordinance, and although it has been on the books for a long time, it has not been used in many years, and it has never been used in this type of situation. He stated he believed that Sheepdog is trying to find an answer. They are not there yet, but they have taken some steps, and are still looking at other avenues.

Mayor Choat stated the city is looking to see if there is any cost benefit to contracting for police training services to provide extra funding.

Ms. Jamie Stennis, 5959 Deercrest Lane, stated she felt the longer this goes on, the more desensitized officials become to the problem. She stated she feels that there needs to be a time line to comply, or to shut their doors. She said she did not want this swept under the rug.

Council President Taylor stated he appreciated the comments. We need to research what is withing the law and how we approach this.

Mr. Carter stated it was discussed as a temporary measure, not to allow certain caliber weapons to be fired.

Mr. Peter Weber, Dcerfoot Court, stated they want to be good neighbors, but an acoustic fence, or whatever other means to control the noise, needs to be done.

Council President Taylor announced that the Redevelopment Authority met and elected new officers. David Morgan was elected chairman and Ian Maddox was elected vice-chairman.

An ordinance to annex property at 7519/7515 Happy Hollow Road was presented. This is a vacant lot, and the annexation was recommended by Planning and Zoning. Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2017-046-ANX be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Council President Taylor announced that the December 12 meeting will be moved to Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:00 due to the election on December 12. The workshop meeting will convene at 5:30 prior to this meeting.

Councilman Cook carried over his report.

Councilman Freeman reported that Design Review met last night and approved the baseball field house. Locker rooms for softball and soccer will allow the portable building to be removed.

Councilman Freeman stated our consultant on our Subdivision Regulations was here last week and met with staff, stakeholders, and the Planning Board.

For Education he reported our football team made the second round of the playoffs, where they were defeated by Hoover. Basketball will be starting soon. The Board of Education is creating additional classrooms at Cahaba Elementary. There is a planned addition to the Middle School as well.

Councilman Plant stated Chamber membership is up to 424. The Maple Leaf Run had 90 participants. St. Vincent's Trussville will have a ribbon cutting next week. The Christmas parade will be on December 9 at 3:00. Music at the December Chamber luncheon will be provided by Hewitt Trussville High School.

For the Library, Councilman Plant stated, construction is moving along and we just need to get it finished.

Councilman Steele stated Parks and Recreation are working to upgrade our lighting and our parks. We approved a quotation tonight for replacing lighting at the Cherokee gym with LED lighting. Bids are out on baseball field improvements. Youth basketball is underway. The Senior Citizens Board met and is planning a Christmas party. They have asked Park and Recreation to post signs for people walking the trails to use the trail restrooms, rather than coming into their building.

Mayor Choat stated we are striping Service Road, signs are up at Magnolia Elementary, and the crosswalk at that site will be installed next week. Alabama Power is starting LED street light replacement. The Edgar's groundbreaking will be on December 4. He stated we appreciate support for our local businesses during the holiday shopping.

Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, was recognized and pointed out Steve Cramer, 402 Vick Circle, who brought his two children to experience a city meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk