

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall, with 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 on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Councilman Plant left at 6:00.

Ms. Tequila Smith, 8485 Carrington Lake Cove, presented a request to the Council to allow the Mayor to write a letter of support of a Trussville Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for graduate members. They are a service organization and they are currently traveling thirty to sixty miles to attend meetings and perform service projects in other communities. They would like to have a chapter closer to home, and a letter from the Mayor is one of the numerous requirements.

Ms. Cassandra Ridley, 6231 Kestral View, pointed out that Hewitt Principal Dr. Jetter is also a sorority sister.

Aisha Reese, 356 Brentwood Avenue and Angela Shorter agreed that they would like their dues and their service projects benefit their community.

Councilman Steel left to attend another engagement.

Council President Taylor asked is this similar to the sororities found on college campuses, and was told yes, there are undergraduate and graduate chapters.

Mayor Choat stated he has been asked if the city would sell the property at 506 Parkway Drive. The Council authorized him to go forward to determine an asking price on this property.

Mayor Choat stated we have a change order on the Library furnishings to add \$35,271.25 for additional shelving. The original furniture order was \$16,500.00 less than the amount bid, so this is a net change of \$18,771.25. This will be added to the agenda

Mayor Choat presented a draft Peddlers Ordinance that the police department has been working on for review. Councilman Freeman asked that it be placed on the agenda for Tuesday.

Mayor Choat stated Stacy Frazier and our IT people have met with InfoMedia about consolidating our various departmental websites under a unified theme. Currently InfoMedia does the main site which includes Administration, but police, fire, parks and library all have their own sites.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Taylor presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

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

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Absent: Councilman Brian Plant

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

Council President Taylor introduced the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. Mayor Choat stated Santek has requested a 2.1% increase based upon the Consumer Price Index as allowed by their contract, to become effective March 1, 2018. This will be approximately \$35,000 per year. Mayor Choat stated Chief Shotts has requested an ambulance service increase. He stated there has not been an increase in eight to ten years. Councilman Steele moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, was recognized and inquired if there is an ordinance about cutting vacant lots. He stated the lot on Highway 11 across from APW looks terrible, and also the lot across from the city property near Green Drive. He stated the new street lights look good. He stated the Braden building looks bad. He stated it takes from sixteen to twenty minutes to get from Boulder Drive to the Interstate. He inquired about adding lanes. He asked was the former Inspections building being used?

Mayor Choat stated the former Inspections building is not currently being used. He stated that plans have been approved to develop the Jebeles property across from APW, so this will change soon. We have found that the power poles near the Braden's building tie together four substations. We do not want to risk knocking out the power to most of the city by making a mistake when the building is taken down. Next Tuesday our plans for downtown will be presented and you will be able to see what is planned for that corner.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	32,385.22
Non-Departmental	11,073.91
Mayor and Council	102.78
Administration	6,092.36
Inspections	1,729.83
Municipal Court	1,129.67
Information Technology	54.00
Police Department	48,753.47
Fire Department	36,850.45
Public Works	13,313.10

Parks and Recreation	64,147.70
Library	2,040.26
Rental Property	80.92
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	217,753.67
CONFISCATED FUND	249.48
CORRECTIONS FUND	5,929.08
2017 WARRANT FUND	382.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	224,314.23

Revenue Officers Certification - Frazier & Shipp - Tuscaloosa - April 4-6, 2018 - \$225.00 ea., plus expenses

Managing Property & Evidence Room - Bradford - Stapleton - May 30-31 - Lodging only

Tactical Officers Training - Morette - Oxford - March 12-26, 2018 - Oxford - \$700.00 plus lodging

Leadership for Public Safety Professionals - Cardwell & Bruce - Orange Beach - March 26-29, 2018 - \$390.00 ea., plus lodging

Roadside Interview Techniques for Patrol - Lovell - Irondale - March 12-13, 2018 - \$250.00

Special Response Team Training - McCool - Las Vegas, NV - May 9-11, 2018 - \$300 plus lodging & expenses

Leadership for Public Safety Professionals - Rush - Orange Beach - March 26-27, 2018 - \$390.00 ea., plus lodging

Spring Fire Marshall Conference - Fore - April 26-27 - \$30.00

Merit increases effective March 3, 2018

Police

Jason Daniel Smith - Grade 17, Step 9

Donald Taylor - Grade 17, Step 3

Fire

Judson Moore - Grade 17, Step 3

Michael Mason - Grade 7, Step 7

Matthew B. Richardson - Grade 17, Step 10, plus 10%

Tyler Rollins - Grade 17, Step 3, plus 5%

Park & Recreation

David Gremmels - Grade 7, Step 6

Bernard Lockhart - Grade 18, Step 4

5% upgrade for police officers who have completed the academy effective Feb 17, 2018

Stanley Kennedy

Wesley Hassett

Educational incentive Stanley Kennedy, PD, effective February 17, 2018 - 5%

Paramedic incentive Dalton King, FD, 5% effective February 17, 2018

Approve hiring an Admin I clerk for Inspections

Accept resignation Hunter Lancaster, PD effective February 14, 2018

Reappoint Historical Committee through April 5, 2022

Dianne Dempsey

Mary Sue Landman

Approve Library COR #49 - Add 12 additional smoke detectors \$9,061.00 plus 5 days

Approve Library COR #50 - 2 additional fire alarms & horns - \$4169.00 plus 2 days

Library Furnishings change order - \$35,271.25

Approve website consolidation through InfoMedia. - \$28,000 plus \$500 per month

Reappoint Tommy George to BZA through February 15, 2021

Appoint Jim Meads to Planning and Zoning (replace Oglesby) through June 11, 2023

Authorize Mayor to write letter in support of a Trussville Chapter for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Approve a 2.1% increase for Santek Waste Service based on the consumer price index increase to become effective March 1, 2018.

Approve ambulance service fee increase effective April 1, 2018 as follows:

Advanced Life Support 1 to \$641.47

Advanced Life Support 2 to \$928.43

Basic Life Support to \$540.18

Mileage to \$11.70 per mile

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

An ordinance to rezone property at 7850 Gadsden Highway from C-2 to R-T was presented.

Mr. Bob Easley, 1214 Alford Avenue, Alabama Engineering, stated they wish to build ten age restricted townhome units for persons 55 years and up. They will be able to get services such as housekeeping, light maintenance and meals, if they so desire, from Sun Rise Assisted Living.

Councilman Cook asked if Sun Rise had any ownership in this development, and was told they currently own the property, but Progressive Properties will purchase it from them. The townhome units will be owned fee simple according to the Federal Housing Administration regulations for this type of age restricted units.

Mr. Eric Rogers stated the development will be governed by an HOA and well maintained. A selling point is the ability to get services from Sun Rise. There will be connectivity between the two. He stated the federal guidelines insure that all but a small percent of the residents be 55 or older.

Discussion followed on this percentage and Mr. Jim Nolan found information on the regulations on the internet indicating this number was 20%.

Council President Taylor stated this was the first time that any applicant had indicated that all residents did not have to be 55 or older.

Councilman Freeman asked could this be mitigated by covenants of the HOA?

Mr. Easley stated this is straight out of the Federal Housing Guidelines which must be used. The only discrimination in housing that is allowed, is that of age.

Council President Taylor stated 20% is not small to him.

Mayor Choat asked the average costs, and was told \$300,000 an up.

Mr. Rogers stated their intent is to provide high-end, age-restricted houses for persons 55 and up. The units are not geared to kids, as there is no play area or backyard. The master bedroom is on the main level with a second bedroom and bonus area above. Covenants restrict how long guests can stay. The units are 1800 square feet.

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, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2018-004-PZ be adopted, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Cook, Freeman, and Steele

Nays: None

A request to annex property on Robert Lee Road was presented. 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, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2018-005-ANX be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele. Councilman Freeman stated this annexation was recommended by Planning and Zoning. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Cook, Freeman, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Steele presented an ordinance to amend the Peddlers and Solicitation Ordinance. He 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 Taylor, Cook, Freeman, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Steele moved Ordinance 2018-005-ADM be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman. Council President Taylor stated this has been discussed at length. The new ordinance will require any solicitors in a neighborhood have a city issued ID badge. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Taylor, Cook, Freeman, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Cook reported the IDB held a luncheon for industrial park tenants on February 22 at the Trussville Water Filtration Plant. Representatives from seven companies attended. The Board met after lunch and toured of the plant. Their engineer presented information on the possibility of applying to be considered as an Advantage Site.

Councilman Cook stated the Redevelopment Authority met on February 20 and discussed the structure of the board. He reported the Utilities Board met yesterday. The water line replacement project along Highway 11 to Mary Munger Road is going well.

Councilman Freeman reported the Board of Education met last Tuesday. Fleet renewal was discussed, text book adoption, and the Code of Conduct. Dr. Jetter is one of three finalists for Principal of the Year. This is Technical Education Month. Our Fire Department discussed the medical tech program. There was discussion on how to fit into economic development in the city. We are concerned with safety at school, and safety meetings are ongoing. Our biggest asset is our children. Awards were recognized for track and field, cross country and band.

Councilman Freeman reported the Design Review Committee approved buildings and improvements for Hometown Sport, Panda Express, Faith Mortgage, Faith Community Church. Signs were approved for the Vape Shop, Kirkland's at Homestead Village, and Serendipity, and a fence.

Councilman Steele reported Parks and Recreation is hosting the State Basketball Tournament March 9 -10. There will be 120 teams. Spring sports will begin soon. The ACTA presentation of "To Kill a Mockingbird" was great. They will perform "Rumors" next

Council President Taylor reported for public safety saying Mayor Choat, two school principals, two school board members, the police and fire chiefs, Councilman Freeman and he met to discuss school safety plans. He thanked the Council for the ambulance rate increase.

Council President Taylor stated he attended the ACTA play on Sunday. This is a hidden jewel. It was an outstanding and moving performance. The Redevelopment Authority has moved their next meeting to the Civic Center at 4:30 p.m. prior to the Let's Talk Trussville event.

Mayor Choat reported our radar signs on North Chalkville Road show that the average speed is 30 MPH, with a high speed of 40 MPH. Prior to this installation, speeds were as high as 50 to 60 MPH. We are waiting on a pole to mount the sign at Magnolia. He stated the upgrade to the city website will take five months to complete. He stated he feels this will be a great improvement for the city. Full Moon Barbeque is coming. Alabama Power is replacing the street lights on Highway 11 and Chalkville Road, and then will continue into other areas.

Mayor Choat stated he has contacted ALDOT about the road condition at Brooks Crossing. We have had a slight sales tax increase over this time last year. The School Foundation Shrimp Boil will be held on April 28. Cajun Steamer will provide the food. Let's Talk Trussville is next Tuesday night. Renderings of downtown renovations and new buildings will be displayed, and there will be a panel discussion.

Mayor Choat stated we are into the thirty-day burn period on the lights in the park. We have installed new pet refuse removal stations.

Council President Taylor thanked the AKA Sorority representatives for bringing their association to Trussville. He thanked Chris Home for his work with the schools.

Richard Epstein stated the vending machines at the Civic Center are often empty. They need to be filled more often.

David Vinson stated we are expecting between 3,000 and 4,000 people in town for the State basketball tournament next week. All the hotels will be full and we will be using twelve gyms.

Councilman Cook stated he received a compliment on Santek where their employee Donald Moore got out of the truck and pushed the carts down to the truck to empty them when the road was blocked.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk