

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Pro Tem Zac Steele presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Councilman Jef Freeman  
Councilman Brian Plant  
Councilman Zack Steele

Absent: Council President Alan Taylor  
Councilman Perry Cook

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 11, 2018. 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 11, 2018 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 Dr. Steve Strange, First United Methodist Church to lead in prayer. Councilman Plant 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 Brian Plant  
Councilman Zack Steele

Absent: None

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

Council President Taylor introduced the minutes of the August 28, 2018 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. Mayor Choat asked that a recommendation to the City Council to appoint Eric Rush as Chief of Police be added effective immediately. He stated Eric is a twenty-two-year veteran of our police force. He asked that this item be placed at the top of the agenda. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Eric Rush be appointed as Police Chief, seconded by Councilman Steele. Councilman Plant stated Eric was hired in 1996. He began his career as a patrolman, then

a motor scout, became a detective, Lieutenant, Captain, and has served as acting Police Chief since the retirement of Chief Jeff Bridges in June. Councilman Plant thanked all in the public safety community who are here tonight. He stated collectively there are hundreds of years of service among them. He stated he is also cognizant of the sacrifice the family members make. The vote to approve was unanimous. Chief Rush was asked to introduce his family. He thanked the Council for this appointment.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	24,958.87
Non-Departmental	53,701.25
Mayor and Council	1,448.46
Administration	1,614.69
Inspections	3,948.17
Municipal Court	199.60
Information Technology	5,808.50
Police Department	5,452.63
Fire Department	9,328.37
Public Works	56,325.84
Garbage	173,928.63
Parks and Recreation	27,736.26
Library	3,712.87
Rental Property	602.78
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	368,666.42
CORRECTIONS FUND	2,773.07
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	371,439.49

2018 Warrant payables

- Approve contract FBAC, LLC for GASB 75 OPEB calculations for audit purposes
- Appoint Danny Cope to Beautification Board through Jan 14, 2019
- Appoint Ryan Vernon to Design Review through August 23, 2020
- Reappoint Kris Reeves to Design Review through August 23, 2021
- Merit increases effective September 15, 2018
  - Police - Casey Michael Davis, Grade 17, Step 7
- Merit increases effective September 29, 2018
  - Police - Casey Shelnutt - Grade 17, Step 3
  - Dispatcher - Cynthia Morris - Grade 16, Step 9
  - Police - Benjamin Short - Grade 17, Step 9, plus 10%
  - Fire - Ricky Vest - Grade 17, Step 10, plus 5%
  - Library - Emily Tish - Grade 28, Step 10
- Upgrade Erin Hamilton, Inspections Admin Clerk, eff September. 29, 2018 Grade 16, Step 1
- Hire Heather Mathis, Inspections Admin Clerk, eff. September 29, 2018, Grade 13, Step 1
- Hire Chase Trammell, Fire, effective December 8, 2018, Grade 17, Step 2
- Acknowledge retirement Steven Reasonover, Fire Dept., effective October 1, 2018
- Accept resignation Bernard Lockhart, Park & Rec effective September 18, 2018
- Accept resignation Mark Bailey from Park Board

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

New Board members Danny Cope on the Beautification Board and Ryan Vernon on the Design Review Board were recognized.

A public hearing on a beer and wine license (on and off premises) for Smokley BBQ, LLC, dba Full Moon BBQ was called. Owner/manager Mr. Richard Yokley, 6555 Riverbend Drive, was recognized and stated he has been in the restaurant business for 25 years, and has lived in Trussville

for five years. He has been active with Boy Scouts and with the Knights of Columbus. He now has the opportunity to open this restaurant on Chalkville Road in front of the former K-Mart.

Councilman Plant asked did restaurants he worked for in the past sell alcohol, and he answered yes. He was asked how he would handle alcohol sales training for his employees, and replied that he would use the Responsible Vendor Training as well as the TIPS training for his employees. They will require identification for anyone under the age of thirty, and employees will be trained to look for fake identification. Councilman Plant stated that we take alcohol sales seriously. He stated we are pleased to have him and his business in the community.

Council President Taylor asked if any store he had previously managed had been cited for alcohol violations, and was told no.

Councilman Cook asked was this his only location, and was told yes.

Mayor Choat confirmed that he is the owner/manager of this store.

The public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved this alcohol application for Full Moon BBQ be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

A request to rezone Cedar Street from I-1 to C-2 was presented. Councilman Freeman stated this is a part of our downtown Quad 1. This will remove all of the industrial zoning from Quad 1. This rezoning was recommended by Planning and Zoning. 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 an ordinance to approve this rezoning, 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 moved Ordinance 2018-022-P&Z rezoning property along Cedar Street from I-1 to C-2, 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 moved Proclamation 2018-017 on Constitution Week be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Proclamation 2018-018 on Family Day/Week be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Proclamation 2018-019 on National Medicare Education Week be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

An amendment to the Loitering Ordinance was presented. This will change the enforcement process, and will allow businesses to post "No Loitering" signage which will allow them to bypass the warning process prior to police intervention.

Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to approve this rezoning, 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 Plant moved Ordinance 2018-023-PS approving this amendment to the Loitering Ordinance be approved, 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 moved Proclamation 2018-020 on Patriot Day be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook reported that the Beautification Board has decided to hold quarterly meetings. He welcomed Mr. Danny Cope to the Board, saying that Mr. Cope is a master gardener and owned his own landscape company. He was also the founder of the Jefferson County Beautification Board.

Councilman Freeman stated Inspections has been busy. He welcomed Ryan Vernon to the Design Review Board. He stated Design Review met and approved several signs, renovations for Hardy Engineering. Chick-fil-A will be closed for six weeks for renovations. Eskridge and White will build a new building by the School Board office. A two-story addition to the Middle School was approved that will include classrooms, an arts center and a safe room shelter that will be opened for the community when bad weather events occur when school is not in session.

For Schools, Councilman Freeman reported Dr. Neill and Joy Tyner accepted an award for being in the top fifty for reading improvement. The award came with funding in the amount of \$20,000.

Councilman Plant reported that Edgar's will have a soft opening on September 20 and a ribbon cutting on September 21 at 9:30. Quest Healthcare will open at 110 Chalkville Road. Brenda Ladun will be the speaker at the Chamber luncheon. The Taste of Trussville event will be September 27. Jeh Jeh Pruitt of Fox 6 will be at the Civic Center on September 20 in conjunction with a cooking class. There will be a shred day at the Chamber on October 12. National Night Out will be held on October 2 in the Target parking lot.

Councilman Plant gave the Library report for August as follows:

Total Circulation	All Circulation Activity including items checked out, checked in and renewed:	31,723
Downloadable Audio/E-Books		2,344
Computer Use		1,282
Library Visits (The Library will purchase our new door counters with Library Board funds as a step to help keep our budget in balance.)		
Reference Transactions		4,021
Library Programs 1	Program Attendance 164	
(We held our second American Girls Tea to kick off our American Girls Club for the school year. Attendance was 164 girls and parents.)		
New Members		185
Study Room Use		116

Councilman Steele reported that Parks and Recreation met last night and voted to approve sponsoring a Girl Scout Troop. The Boy Scouts are brainstorming to boost attendance. The first game of fall baseball is tonight. Coach Mauldin and his staff and high school team members are running the program.

Council President Taylor reported for finance that the city's budget for next year will be considered at our next meeting.

Mayor Choat reported that bids are out on the city portion of the Quad 1 construction. These will be opened on September 27 and will be presented to the City Council for award in October. We hope to be mobilized in November. He stated there were eight or nine qualified bidders at the pre-bid conference. Hoar Construction Management will oversee this for the city.

Mayor Choat stated he has gotten several questions about the gold bows out in the community. This is in recognition of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Choat stated Bernard Lockart from the Civic Center is leaving to become the director of the BJCC. Steve Reasonover of our Fire Department is retiring. He thanked Mark Bailey for his service on the Park and Recreation Board. His work schedule is sending him out of town more and more, and he no longer has the time to devote to the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk