

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Tuesday, September 18, 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, September 25, 2018. Council President Taylor stated we will review the budget after we go through the rest of the agenda. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Finance Director Melody Salter presented the budget saying this budget includes a 2% COLA for employees as well as longevity and merit raises. The full cost of the health insurance increase has been funded in this budget. Since Parks and Recreation have taken over the Baseball program, \$45,000 has been added to the revenue side for registrations and \$45,000 has been added to the expense side for program expenses. A baseball concessions item has also been added. There is very little contingency money for unexpected expenses in the coming year. This budget looks different from what you have seen before. It is prepared on a fund accounting basis rather than on a cash basis. It appears as if some revenues are recorded twice in order that each fund stands alone. In past years this was shown as transfers from General Fund to Debt Service. This budget indicates deposits into Debt Service and to Capital Projects, although the funds to cover those deposits will still come from the General Fund. The total of all funds combined does not represent true revenue, so the numbers are a little deceptive. This budget also includes money for ClassTran, Meals on Wheels, Exceptional Foundation, and Independence Place. She stated all employee position requests and their costs are shown and all vehicle requests. Workmen's Comp costs, Liability and Property insurance costs, and Personnel Board costs have been moved to the non-departmental section of the budget rather than allocating these costs among the various departments as has been done in the past. All equipment and vehicle requests have been moved to the capital budget, rather than being shown in the requesting department budget as was done in the past. This way only the department operating costs are reflected in the departmental budgets. She stated this is her first budget to prepare for the City, and it is tight, but she hoped that we can live within it.

Councilman Taylor thanked Ms. Salter and Mayor Choat on their work preparing this budget, and Melody for taking the time to explain all of this to the finance committee.

Mayor Choat asked if there were any questions about the budget. Lynn Porter asked about the \$250,000 revenue item shown for Bethune assessments that was collected in the current fiscal year and will not be repeated in this budget. He stated he and Ms. Salter decided to leave it in, and feel that it can be made up somewhere else.

Councilman Plant stated he felt this is a good budget, and involved a lot of work. He thanked Ms. Salter, Mayor Choat, Ms. Porter and Mrs. Frazier for their work on this budget.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 25, 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 Cook 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 September 11, 2018 meeting for approval. Councilman Freeman moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. Mayor Choat stated he had solicited informal bids on the new parking lot at Vann Circle and the alley behind Edgar's. This will require formal bids due to the cost. Mayor Choat stated he has a quote from Southeastern Seal Coat to seal coat the city parking lot on Main Street next to Edgar's and stripe it after the new parking lot is completed. He asked to be authorized to enter into this agreement up to \$5,500.00. Mayor Choat asked the Council to consider going into an executive session to discuss land transactions and trade. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved as modified, seconded by Councilman Freeman and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Davis Lawley, P. O. Box 131371, Birmingham, AL, candidate for District Court Place 3, stated this is Family Court and deals with child abuse and neglect. He stated he formerly served in Drug Court. Competent jurors are needed.

Mr. Arnold Reichert, 116 North Mall, thanked Councilman Steele and others working to preserve the Cahaba Project area. He thanked the Trussville Tribune for publicity on what is taking place in their neighborhood. They want to preserve the essence of the community.

Mr. Josh Taylor was recognized. He is on the agenda to be promoted to Events Coordinator.

Councilman Cook stated Mr. Taylor represents the City well. He has a good attitude, is helpful, and was recognized by the Chamber with a customer service award.

Council President Taylor stated he is able to help with IT also.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

	Accounts Payable	
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Addendum</u>
Liabilities		551.00
Non-Departmental	43,597.19	
Mayor and Council	178.00	

Administration	6,303.15	182.79
Inspections	3,634.97	120.97
Municipal Court	658.57	
Information Technology	3,660.82	
Police Department	45,670.52	589.33
Fire Department	38,704.85	1,284.18
Public Works	113,086.96	22.37
Parks and Recreation	101,329.73	6,384.96
Library	19,742.21	274.70
Rental Properties	2,229.26	124.70
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	378,796.23	9,535.12
CORRECTIONS FUND	5,542.72	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	384,338.95	

Legal Aspects of Code Administration - Mann - Oxford, AL, Oct 11, 2018 - \$100.00  
AL Ambulance Assn/EMS Conf - Jones, Fire - Orange Beach - Oct.14-17 - No charge, Lodging \$403.41 and meals  
Beautification Board reimbursement hanging baskets - \$109.91  
Promote Josh Taylor to Events Coordinator Civic Center eff. Sept 29, 2018  
Reimbursement Beautification Board - \$199.96 (Nina Orr)  
Merit increase Stacy Frazier, Grade 16, Step 9, effective 9-29-2018  
Authorize Mayor to contract with Southeastern Seal Coating up to \$5,500.00 for parking lot seal and stripping

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

A public hearing on a conditional use approval for Ferus Artisan Ales to be located in the downtown overlay district was called. This use approval does not change the zoning, but approves a specific use in a specific location. The requested use is for a brewery. The hearing was opened and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2018-039 to approve Conditional Use for Ferus Artisan Ales to be located at 201 Morrow Avenue be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

A petition from Ferus Artisan Ales requesting approval to manufacture alcoholic beverages at 201 Morrow Avenue was presented. Mr. Nate Darnell, 3845 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Birmingham, stated he was the head brewer at Avondale Brewery for three years, and was head brewer at Good Fellows Brewery for three years before that. He will be the head brewer at Ferus. Their policy is to ID everyone.

Council President Taylor asked if they are members of the Responsible Vendor Program, and Mr. Darnell replied yes. A public hearing was opened and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Freeman moved this application be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

A petition from Happy Wok Asian Cuisine, 1423 Gadsden Highway for on and off premises beer and wine sales was presented. Ms. Helen Ying Xu stated she will be the manager at this store. She has managed restaurants with alcohol sales for more than five years.

Council President Taylor asked what their training and identification policy would be, and was told that they have training tapes for employees and summaries of the alcohol laws. They must sign that they understand. They are trained to recognized dates on IDs and on how to recognize fake IDs.

Council President Taylor asked had any restaurant she managed ever been cited for underaged sales, and she responded no. He asked if they are a part of the Responsible Vendors Program and she replied that they have applied.

A public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Cook moved this application be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant asked if the menu would change from the former operator, and Ms. Xu replied yes, they will serve Peking Duck and homemade tofu.

Councilman Freeman presented a request to annex property at 7510 and 7526 Arrowhead Lane. He moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Plant, 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 2018-0240ANX annexing 7510 and 7536 Arrowhead Lane be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant. Councilman Plant asked Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby if they were aware that the waterline to their home was not large enough to support a fire hydrant and that in the event of a fire that water would have to be ferried by truck, and they responded yes. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The FY 2018-2019 budget was presented for approval. Councilman Plant summarized the budget and moved it be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele.

Councilman Plant told the audience, that this was their budget, and if they wanted a copy, they can request one. This is public money.

Mayor Choat stated this is a good budget and was approved by the finance team.

Councilman Freeman thanked the Mayor, Council President Taylor, Councilman Plant, Ms. Salter, Ms. Fraizer and Ms. Porter for their work on the budget. We are approving something that is vital to our town.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2018-040 to approve a lease-purchase agreement with Motorola for police radios be approved. This is a \$700,000, five-year contract with a \$1.00 buy out at the end. This was seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2018-041 approving an ALDOT installation of a traffic signal at the Vann Road/Brooks Crossing and Gadsden Highway intersection, and the modification of the existing signal at Mary Taylor Road and Gadsden Highway be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to prohibit U-turns on Longmeadow Drive, seconded by Councilman Plant, 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 2018-025-PS prohibiting U-turns on Longmeadow Drive be adopted, 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 Proclamation 2018-021 on Fire Prevention Week be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2018-042 authorizing a 2% employee COLA be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Proclamation 2018-022 on Everything Christmas be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2018-043 authorizing the purchase of a right-of-way easement from National Retail Properties, LP (Circle K) at 199 Main Street for \$22,239.36 be adopted, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, asked when the Braden's building was coming down, and Mayor Choat replied that the bids for the city's portion of the work downtown will be opened on October 8. This bid includes the removal of this building.

Councilman Freeman reminded everyone that this is Homecoming Week.

Councilman Steele stated the Senior Board has proposed a new officer. The new Chair will be Gary Meadows.

Councilman Plant moved the Council go into an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters and matters of trade and commerce. He stated Mr. Steve Serra and Mr. Jerry Tortorigi are invited to join the Council to give information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk