

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Jef Freeman presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Council President Jef Freeman
Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Brian Plant
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, November 13, 2018. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

A suggested amendment to the ordinance establishing the Design Review Board was presented by Building Official David Arnett in an effort to address concerns in the Cahaba Project. It was pointed out that this will not prohibit demolition of these homes, but it will create a procedure and an appeals process before any demolition can take place.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Freeman presided over the meeting and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

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

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Absent: None

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

Council President Freeman introduced the minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting for approval. Councilman Steele moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Richard Epstein, 4742 Boulder Drive, was recognized and stated he recently had to call the EMTs to his home for a medical emergency. The people who responded were well trained and efficient. He asked when the Braden building would be taken down and asked the status of the sale of a portion of that building.

Mayor Choat stated the Braden building would be addressed in just a few minutes. He told Mr. Epstein that the sale of a portion of that building closed last week.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	34,359.24
Non-Departmental	8,485.19
Mayor and Council	188.61
Administration	15,314.57
Inspections	3,334.56
Municipal Court	1,343.71
Finance	259.86
Information Technology	7,273.12
Police Department	102,164.13
Fire Department	97,770.41
Public Works	39,958.81
Parks and Recreation	157,716.07
Library	16,250.84
Rental Property	1,477.17
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	660,716.84
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	5,186.83
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	1,212.00
CORRECTIONS FUND	5,343.06
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	672,458.73

- AAMCA Conf - Porter - Nov 28-30, 2018 - Orange Beach -\$285.00 plus travel expenses
- Licensing Conf - Poe - Jan 16-17-2019 - Prattville - \$125.00, plus travel expenses
- Fire Chiefs' Executive Dvlpmt - Feb 5-7, 2019 - Shotts, Hopper, Schmohl, Tinney, & McLaughlin - Tuscaloosa - \$170 plus travel expenses
- Managing Property & Evidence Room - Jackson - \$325.00 - Savannah, GA, plus travel expenses
- Special Operations Training - Jones - Nashville, TN - \$460.00 - Jan 28-Feb 1, 2019 plus travel
- NASRO, Antonio - Jan 14-18, 2019 - Clanton - \$495.00
- Motorcycle Instructor - Dunn - Feb 4-22 - Niceville, FL - \$1,895.00, plus expenses
- Leadership Skills - Hicks - Oxford, AL - Nov 13-15 - \$325.00
- Child Sex Trafficking - Roberson - Dec. 17, 2081 - Birmingham - No cost
- IIMC Region 3 Conf - Porter - Feb 20-22, 2019 - Braselton, GA - \$225 plus expenses.
- Lead Program - Larry Howard - Mentone - Nov. 7-9 \$200.00 plus travel expenses
- Approve street lights Hawkrigde Drive (2)
- Approve street light on Highway 11 at Trussville Springs entrance
- Merit increases effective November 24, 2018
 - Thomas J. Freeman, Police - Grade 17, Step 3
 - Vivian Zimmermann, Library - Grade 12, Step 4
 - Mary Bryant, Park & Rec - Grade 7, Step 3
- Position upgrades effective November 2, 2018
 - Park & Rec Director - David Vinson - From Grade 28 to Grade 31, Step 7
- Position upgrades effective November 24, 2018
 - City Clerk - Lynn Porter - From Grade 28 to Grade 31, Step 7
 - Police Chief - Eric Rush - From Grade 31 to Grade 34, Step 2
 - Fire Chief - Tim Shotts - From Grade 31 to Grade 34, Step 6, plus 5%
- Acknowledge retirement of Bobby Rowe, Dispatch - December 1, 2018
- Hire Library part-time page Grade 6, Step 1
 - Christian Vega

Authorize Mayor to pursue acquisition of property at Carrington between railroad and Highway
Authorize Mayor to enter into Consulting Services Agreement for Trussville 2040 - Dunlap & Watson -\$25,000

Authorize Mayor to enter into Consulting for Economic Development, Dunlap -\$1,200 per month
Authorize Mayor to enter into Management Consulting Agreement, Watson - \$1,200 per month

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

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2018-056 to reject the bids opened on October 8, 2018 on Quad 1 public improvements be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook. These bids came in higher than the amount of funds available for this project. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2018-057 awarding a negotiated price for Quad 1 public improvements as provided in Public Works Bid law to Russo Corporation in the amount of \$15,236,237. This was seconded by Councilman Plant. Mayor Choat stated we were able to negotiate and modify a few things without changing the scope of work to obtain a lower price for this work. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat took the opportunity to introduce people who have been instrumental in this project. Michael Mann of Turner Batson. Dave Reese was unable to be here. Matt Phillips and Ryan Collins of Dix-Hite. Kelley Huffstutler and J. T. Murphy of Civil Consultants. Darrell Skipper of Skipper Consulting. Chesley Payne of Massey Stotser who has assisted on the contracts and easements. He also recognized Greg Carroll, President of the Downtown Merchants Association, David Morgan, Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority and other Redevelopment Authority members.

Mayor Choat stated two years ago he was told this was a pipe dream. Tonight we are there. This work will include demolition of several buildings, including the Braden building, landscaping, parking, a traffic signal, road extension, etc. This is an eighteen-month contract, and the City is ready to see it begin. He thanked the Council for their support on this project.

Councilman Plant thanked the Mayor for his leadership in pushing this through.

Council President Freeman stated he was glad to see this get started.

A public hearing on an ordinance to rezone 3391, 3411, 3417, & 3429 Robert Lee Road from R-6 to RG was called. Mr. Ralph Robson, 3427 Ashford Lane, stated he developed the Ashford Ridge subdivision off of Robert Lee Road. When he became aware that the property across the street from his subdivision was zoned to allow mobile homes, he purchased this land and wishes to rezone it to RG. This strip of land is narrow, so he needs this zoning for the setbacks. This will be four lots and there will be a 60' to 70' separation between the homes.

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Cook moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance to rezone property on Robert Lee Road, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Ordinance 2018-029-PZ rezoning this property be adopted, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

A public hearing on an ordinance to pre-zone 5475 Mary Munger Road from R-1 to Q-C-2 was presented by agent Mr. Martha Whisenhunt, Old Mill Run. The Little Cahaba Animal Hospital wishes to expand, and additional property is needed for field lines. They have entered into an agreement with Kenneth and Sandra Simmons to purchase the property behind the clinic, pending zoning and annexation. The Planning Board asked for additional restrictions that there would be no access from Mary Munger Road and that a 30' buffer be left along Mary Munger Road and along the northerly property line adjoining property zoned R-1.

A public hearing was opened and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Cook moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance to pre-zone property at 5475 Mary Munger Road, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Ordinance 2018-030-PZ rezoning this property to Q-C-2 be adopted, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

A public hearing on a Park and Recreation grant to refurbish the Greenway ballfields behind the Library was called. Councilman Steele stated these are some of the original fields dating from the 1950s. While the playing surfaces are fine, the fencing, lighting, and dugouts are due to be replaced. He explained that with the opening of the greenway, the new bridge and new library, this is the last piece in this area in need of cleaning up and making it something we can be proud of.

Park and Recreation Director David Vinson stated this is a matching grant and, if awarded, the City will be responsible for the \$150,000 match. We are also planning to install outdoor fitness equipment along the trail.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2018-051 approving this grant application and match be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook presented an ordinance to annex 5475 Mary Munger Road. This is the property earlier considered for zoning approval. 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 Freeman, Cook, Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Ordinance 2018-031-ANX annexing this property be adopted, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2018-052 to award the bid for resurfacing the Mall Tennis Courts to Lower Brothers in the amount of \$27,000.00, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2018-053 to authorize longevity pay be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele. This pay is based upon the employee's years of service. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2018-054 to amend the budget for the increased price of the Motorola police radio project by \$55,150.00, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Proclamation 2018-023 on Inclusive Schools be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2018-055 to approve a Fiscal Policy for the city be adopted, seconded by Councilman Steele. This formal document will replace the informal policies for budgeting, purchasing, cash handling, and investment. He stated Finance Director Melody Salter has worked hard on this. We advised the bond rating agencies when we did our last bond issue, that this policy was in the works. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2018-058 to amend the employee vacation policy in the employee handbook to allow any hours exceeding 320 after December 31 to be added to sick leave rather than losing them. This was seconded by Councilman Plant. Finance Director Melody Salter stated employees will be able to roll their sick leave to retirement leave per Retirement Systems of Alabama regulation. We are removing the six-month cap on the amount of sick leave that can be converted to retirement credit, and will allow new employees to begin using their accrued sick and vacation leave after six months. The vote was unanimous.

Council President Freeman announced that second November Council workshop will be held before Council meeting on November 27 at 5:30 as the regular night falls on Thanksgiving day.

Councilman Cook reported the Utilities Board meets next Monday and the IDB canceled their last meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Councilman Plant gave the Library report for October as follows:

Total Circulation

All Circulation Activity including items
checked out, checked in and renewed: 27,438

Downloadable Audio/E-Books 2,104

Computer Use 1,255

Library Visits 22,026

Reference Transactions 3,863

Library Programs 45 Program Attendance 1,631

New Members 107 Study Rooms visits 173

Tests Proctored 10

Trussville Beautification Board is providing planters for the Library front entrance. Plans are ongoing to begin the renovation and replanting of the Library butterfly garden. Our committee consists of Maura Davies, Jason Baker, two Master Gardeners and a representative from the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve.

Please visit @Trussville Public Library on Facebook to view details of programs and upcoming events.

Councilman Plant stated the Public Safety Committee did not meet in November. Their next meeting will be in January. The Historical Committee will not meet in December or January.

Councilman Steele reported for ACTA that Todd Allen Herendeen will perform two concerts on December 14th with music of Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley.

Councilman Taylor reported that the school safety committee met. They try to meet once a month. He stated they are concerned with vehicles passing stopped school buses. Chief Rush stated they have written 15 or 16 tickets in the last month. For the Chamber, Councilman Taylor reported they are getting ready for the Christmas parade.

Councilman Freeman reported that Planning and Zoning met last night. The TRA is meeting tonight, and the BOE met this afternoon.

Mayor Choat reported North Chalkville has been repaved by the County. The city parking lot behind Edgars is coming along. We will be cleaning up Exit 141 and making it easier to maintain. Santek, our garbage provider, can request a CPI increase according to our contract. This will be 2.3% for next year which amounts to a \$46,636 increase. Mayor Choat stated the Monday after Thanksgiving the city will launch a new website. He thanked Stacy Frazier and Jason Parsons for working on this project.

Mr. Richard Epstein asked if any progress had been made on restoring the interstate lighting? Mayor Choat responded that we are in talks with ALDOT on this. It will take \$225,000 to do these repairs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk