

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 27, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Tuesday, November 27, 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 Brian Plant  
Councilman Zack Steele  
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook  
Quorum Present

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat, Finance Director Melody Salter as Acting City Clerk for Lynn Porter, City Attorney Rick Stotser.

The workshop convened and the Council received a preliminary agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. this same night. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Mayor Choat asked to add the following items to the Council agenda:

Request to approve premium pay for Finance Director Melody Salter that was approved by the Jefferson County Personnel Board (JCPB) and which she received at the City of Homewood for her CPA certification which is above minimum standards for a Finance Director in the JCPB system. She would stay at her current Grade and Step of 34/8 but receive a 5% premium. Councilman Plant requested to add to Consent Agenda and President Freeman agreed.

Mayor Choat requested to reappoint the following Board members whose terms have expired –

Pete Buckner's term on Trussville Redevelopment Authority (TRA) expired 11/23/18 and he would like to continue serving. Councilman Plant and Council President Freeman agreed to add to Consent Agenda and his new term will expire on 11/23/2024.

June Mathews' term on the Library Board expired 10/25/18 and he would like to reappoint her until 10/25/2022 and the Council agreed to add to the Consent Agenda.

Chris Reeves' term on the Design Review Board expired 8/23/18 and Councilor Steel and Council President Freeman agreed to add to the Consent Agenda and his new term will expire 8/23/2021.

The Mayor reported that (2) Utilities Board positions do not expire until next month so he will carry over until then.

President Freeman discussed adding the word technology to the Telecommunications committee since they have to approve cell towers and now fiber topics. The Mayor agreed and said we could add this into their duties. Councilman Steele is the liaison and agreed to include the information technology department in the committee and everyone agreed to add this to the Consent Agenda.

President Freeman said there was a discussion in Design Review about the sign ordinance and different districts with different signs and asked if we need to continue our policy about the high signs (pole) by interstate. The Mayor said we just changed the sign ordinance in the last administration due to Exit 141 and did an amendment for existing signage on North Chalkville to allow. Councilor Freeman said that maybe we need to discuss again in Planning & Zoning (P&Z) because McDonald's on Chalkville Road is undergoing a renovation and its high pole sign needs some work. Mayor said that the Guthrie's restaurant is what brought it up last year as well as the Courtyard and it is the Mayor's recommendation that P&Z should discuss and bring to Council

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Steele and seconded by Councilor Taylor at 5:44 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on November 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall directly after the workshop. Council President Freeman presided over the meeting and Melody Salter, Finance Director served as recording secretary in the absence of the City Clerk.

Council President Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked Councilman Taylor to lead the prayer. Councilman Steele led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

Quorum present

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

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

The agenda, as set during the Council workshop, was presented for approval. Councilman Steele moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

The Council then moved in the items on the agenda with the first being the consent agenda which was presented for approval as follows:

Accounts Payable	
Revenue	\$5,333.82
Non-Departmental	\$88,396.18
Mayor & Council	\$34.95
Administration	\$3,715.53
Inspections	\$728.48
Finance	\$92.02
Information Technology	\$23,089.65
Police Department	\$17,509.86
Fire Department	\$10,069.74
Public Works	\$4,170.10
Parks & Recreation	\$28,845.61
Library	\$14,588.27
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$196,574.21
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TOTAL	\$13,625.06
CORRECTIONS FUND TOTAL	\$15,504.47
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$225,703.74

Field Medical Training – Middleton – Police Department – Auburn, AL – December 17-19, 2018 – no cost except lodging

Governmental Accounting & Auditing Forum – Salter – Finance Department – Hoover, AL – December 6-7, 2018 - \$300

Surveying Standards of Practice & Professional Ethics – Sullivan – Public Works – Pelham, AL – December 4, 2018 - \$175

Promotions effective November 24, 2018

Justin Ferguson, Public Works, to Construction Equipment Operator – Grade 17, Step 2

Robby Pruitt, Public Works, to Heavy Equipment Operator – Grade 15, Step 2

Merit increases effective November 24, 2018

Dianne Payton, Dispatcher - Grade 16, Step 9

T. Robinson, Police – Grade 17, Step 8, plus 15%

Premium increases effective November 24, 2018

Melody Salter – 5% for CPA Certification

Reappoint the following Board members:

Pete Buckner to Trussville Redevelopment Authority (TRA) Board - Term will expire 11/23/2024

June Mathews to Library Board – Term will expire 10/25/2022

Chris Reeves to the Design Review Board – Term will expire 8/23/2021

Change name of the Telecommunications committee to the Telecommunications & Technology Committee

Councilman Plant moved for the Consent Agenda to be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Freeman then asked if anyone had any public comment and there was none.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate BBVA Compass Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the BBVA Compass General Fund Money Market Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-059.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate BBVA Compass Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the BBVA Compass General Fund Checking Card Clearing Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-060.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate Bryant Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the Bryant Bank Education Fund Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-061.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate Bryant Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the Bryant Bank Education Ad Valorem Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-062.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate Bryant Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the Bryant Bank General Fund Capital Projects Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-063.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate Bryant Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the Bryant Bank TUB LOC Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-064.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate Regions Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the Regions Bank Vehicle Tag Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-065.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate Regions Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the Regions Local Drug Confiscation Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-066.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate SouthPoint Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the SouthPoint General Fund Money Market Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-067.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate Synovus Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the Synovus Capital Improvement Fund Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-068.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to designate Synovus Bank as a depository for City Funds and to assign signatories to the Synovus 2018 Warrant Construction Fund Account. Councilman Plant moved for it to be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous for Resolution 2018-069.

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing on an ordinance to annex 6982 Roper Rd

A public hearing was opened by the Council President at 6:05pm and there being no comment was closed at the same time. Councilor Plant asked and was told by Council President Freeman that this item came with a recommendation from Planning & Zoning. Councilor Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for immediate consideration of this ordinance to annex 6982 Roper Rd, seconded by Councilor Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved for Ordinance 2018-032 –ANX to be adopted, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

The next item taken up by Council is a resolution to surplus a Ford Taurus in the Parks & Recreation Department. Councilman Steele moved to approve Resolution 2018-070, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

A public hearing was then held for the next item, an ordinance to amend the current animal control ordinance.

A public hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m. and there being no comment, the hearing was closed at the same time. Councilman Taylor spoke about changes to the current ordinance which mainly cover the following three areas: (1) this new ordinance would allow officers to write non-traffic citations, (2) would allow magistrates to take pleas not court required and (3) addresses officer discretion for breaking car windows for animals in distress. Councilman Taylor called for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for immediate consideration of this ordinance to amend the current animal control ordinance, seconded by Councilor Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor then moved to approve Ordinance 2018-033-ADM, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

The next item on the agenda was the Council/Mayor Reports as follows:

Councilman Plant said the Library had board meeting before Thanksgiving and lots of wonderful things going on since the renovation and everyone happy and June was reappointed to Board tonight and will carry over the rest of his reports.

Councilman Steele said the Parks & Recreation Board met last week and basketball in full swing with youth sports close to 400 playing basketball in most of gyms in city. Public Works is in the midst of picking up leaves around Cahaba project area for Christmas parade. The Trussville Senior Center is planning for annual Christmas party and ACTA theater for Christmas program in next couple of weeks.

Councilor Taylor gave his appreciation for all the public safety employees and recognized both our Police and Fire Chiefs here tonight and said we appreciate jobs you do. He also stated that Heath Buckner was reappointed to the TRA tonight. He gave the date of the next Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on December 20<sup>th</sup> and that Cadence Bank was the sponsor and Ted Clem, the Director of Business Development with the Alabama Department of Commerce, would be speaking. He further stated that the Trussville Christmas parade would be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and a change this year is that no walkers will be allowed except for band and boy scouts carrying banner in order to speed up tempo a bit. The tree lighting and caroling will be on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the tree lighting at 6:45pm and he hopes the Mayor and Council can attend. He said the Courtyard will host a networking event, "Business After Hours", on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. And he

concluded his report stating that the Trussville Chamber of Commerce would be closed for the holidays 12/24<sup>th</sup>- 12/25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and 12/31/18-1/1/19.

Council President Freeman said Inspections Design Review and P&Z met earlier in the month and Design Review met last night and it really was an upbeat meeting. The family who had house demolished on Meadow Lane brought plans and Councilman Freeman thanked David Arnett for coaching them through the redesign and that they really, in his opinion, captured the spirit of Trussville and the Cahaba project and Joel Nix could not have made a better presentation and he would have to beat the drum that we will be even more appreciative of it when we see it being built. He stated that JR Malchus was there last night. Council President also stated that the Chicken Salad Chick sign was approved and those of us who live in Tutwiler and walk there. He stated that the McDonald's remodeling was going to include taking the playground off front of building and make their new motif is more like a coffee shop.

The Mayor gave his report that the Chalkville Road resurfacing by the County did not complete seal coat in turn lane. He is hopeful it will be reinstated once they get project complete. He said the Hwy 11 widening between Main and Chalkville Road redesign of Parkway complete and they are meeting with ALDOT next week and hope to move forward with right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions and will be close to the April goals of letting bids be met.

The Mayor wanted to thank San-Tek on their service through the holidays with a truck broken down and one man walked out. Wayne Sullivan said we received five or six complaints but not like you would expect.

Council President Freeman added that Public Works is doing a great job with leaves and this is a big task since we have hardwood trees that shed and go in storm sewers

Council President Freeman asked if anybody from the audience had any comment and there being none he asked for a motion to adjourn and Councilman Taylor made the motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Salter, CPA - Acting City Clerk for Lynn Porter