

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 11, 2018

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall, with 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, December 11, 2018. Councilman Taylor stated the Finance Committee with the assistance of Finance Director Melody Salter discussed Mayor and Council salaries. Many cities our size have both a mayor and a city manager. Several mayors in Jefferson and St. Clair Counties have salaries in excess of \$100,000.00 per year. City manager salaries typically range up to \$189,000.00. Our mayor is the CEO of a multimillion dollar operation employing 250. They recommended raising the Mayor's pay to \$9,000.00 per month, and the Council's pay to \$1,000.00 per month for the next administration that will take office in November 2020. This item will be added to the agenda. 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, December 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Freeman presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

Council President Freeman called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Steele to lead in prayer. Councilman Cook 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 November 27, 2018 meeting for approval. Councilman Steele moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. Councilman Taylor asked that the resignation of Firefighter Matthew McGough effective January 3, 2019 be added. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous.

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	721.05
Non-Departmental	43,912.53
Mayor and Council	1,088.57
Administration	3,489.24
Inspections	975.42
Municipal Court	263.18
Finance	55.24
IT	3,055.68
Police Department	15,683.99
Fire Department	13,169.45
Public Works	5,380.87
Parks and Recreation	71,582.77
Library	15,880.29
Rental Properties	461.99
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	350,728.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	29,901.00
CORRECTIONS FUND	4,104.18
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	384,733.43

Approve contract for managed firewall services with White Rhino Security - \$15,000 yr.  
 Merit increases effective December 22, 2018

- Christopher McKinney - Fire - Grade 17, Step 3, plus 5%
- Adrienne Mixon - Dispatch - Grade 16, Step 8
- Caleb Hancock - Fire - Grade 17, Step 5, plus 15%
- Mark Faulkner - Park & Rec - Grade 12, Step 4

Hire - Public Works (pending physical)  
 David Aaron Chacon  
 Nathaniel Allen Jones

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

A public hearing on an Ordinance to pre-zone property located at 6250 and 6254 Service Road from A-1 to C-2 was presented by Mr. Craig Crim, 6401 Old Quarry Road. Mr. Crim stated several months ago he annexed and rezoned several parcels of property. He has now purchased two other properties and wants to do the same thing.

A public hearing was opened and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to rezone this property, 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 Plant then moved Ordinance 2018-034-P&Z be adopted as presented, 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

A public hearing on an ordinance to rezone property at 7550 Gadsden Highway from Institutional 1 to Q-C-1 was called. Mr. Wayne Taylor, 123 Dew Drive, agent for the seller Trussville Church of Christ stated the Church has a buyer for this property contingent upon the rezoning. USA Roofing wishes to purchase this 4.5 acres and to build four buildings with a single entrance from Highway 11. These buildings will be similar to the buildings in the complex on Vann Road. A portion of one building will be a sales office for the roofing company, and the others will be leased. There will be no roofing materials stored at this location.

The public hearing was opened and Mr. Wayne Rockett, 7515 Old Mill Circle, stated he was concerned about the C-1 zoning. He stated their neighborhood is quiet, neat and safe. Across the highway is Ridgecrest Church. They have had trouble with the parking lot lights and the church has been unresponsive. The industrial across the highway was there when we got there. Amerex had a squeaky fan that disturbed them for a long time. He stated he understands that this will be a roofing office, but he is concerned about who will be in the other buildings. He stated some of the uses in C-1 they do not want. They agreed to remove an animal hospital, the special exception uses and to give an extra buffer. He stated he was concerned about the buffer as there are only forty-foot tall pine trees in this area, that do not really form a buffer for the homes that back up to it.

Council President Taylor stated the zoning ordinance defines a buffer as forming a visual barrier, so the pine trees alone would not be acceptable.

Mr. Wayne Taylor stated he knows the owner well, and felt that he would agree to plant *Elaeagnus* or some similar shrub to form a visual barrier within the buffer.

Councilman Taylor asked Mr. Wayne Taylor whom he represented in this transaction. Mr. Taylor stated he has the listing for the church. He stated he is in the wholesale roofing business also, and knows the buyer.

Mr. Rockett stated there is a drainage ditch parallel to their privacy fence.

Ms. Barbara Sims, Old Mill Run, asked about dumpsters and about boxes that would be generated from a retail operation.

Mr. Wayne Taylor stated they will have to bring the plans to Design Review who will review the site plan and dumpster location, and be approved by Inspections.

Council President Freeman stated all dumpsters must be enclosed.

Councilman Plant stated the cardboard would have to be in the dumpster, not spread all around.

Councilman Taylor pointed out that dumpsters used during construction are not required to be enclosed.

The public hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to rezone this property, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved Ordinance 2018-035-P&Z be adopted as presented to rezone this property to Q-C-1 with a qualifier to exclude the use of an animal hospital, all exception uses, and to leave a twenty-foot buffer, 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

An ordinance to annex property rezoned earlier located at 6250 and 6254 Service Road was presented. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex this property, 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 Plant then moved Ordinance 2018-036-ANX be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

A public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add a C-6 (Commercial with noise impact) zoning district was called. Council President Freeman explained that several uses that generate significant noise by nature of their operation, including firing ranges, go-cart tracks, race tracks, and amusement parks have been placed in this district that requires 500-foot to 1,000-foot buffers to mitigate noise impacts to adjacent uses.

A public hearing was opened and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved Ordinance 2018-037-P&Z be adopted as presented, 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

Council President Freeman stated Mr. Bill Lowery and Ms. Jane Bailey spent many hours researching and compiling this ordinance with assistance from the City Clerk. He pointed out that this will not have any effect on existing uses made non-conforming by this ordinance, but will direct the future development of these types of uses.

Resolution 2018-071 to approve three sewer easement deeds in the Entertainment District for Jefferson County Environmental Services was presented. Councilman Cook moved this resolution be adopted, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2018-072 to amend the ALDOT Cooperative Agreement for maintenance of Highway 11 in the Trussville Entertainment District was presented. Councilman Cook moved this resolution be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

An ordinance to establish Mayor & Council salaries for the next administration's term beginning November 2020 was presented. Councilman Taylor stated this administration cannot vote themselves a raise. This recommendation came from the Finance Committee, and the Mayor was not a part of those discussions. The mayor in Trussville is also the city manager. Some cities have

a part-time mayor and a city manager. Trussville's mayor is a full-time position. The recommendation from the committee was that the salary of the Mayor be increased to \$9,000.00 per month and the salary of the Council President and Councilmembers be increased to \$1,000.00 per month.

Councilman Taylor 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 Taylor then moved Ordinance 2018-038-ADM be adopted as presented, 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

Council President Freeman thanked Councilmen Taylor and Plant and Ms. Salter for their work and for bringing this to us.

Council President Freeman thanked Mayor Choat for all that he does, wearing several hats each day including public relations, construction manager, and CEO.

Council President Freeman announced the second December meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., following the 5:30 workshop.

Councilman Cook reported TRA is meeting tonight. IDB is restarting their project in the industrial park.

Councilman Plant carried over his report.

Councilman Steele reported that the Park and Recreation Board met and discussed the decline in registration numbers for tackle football. There is an increase in the numbers enrolled in flag football. We will wait and see what the future of this program holds. Actions have been taken to reduce the dangers of this sport, including eliminating kick offs.

Councilman Steele reported for ACTA that Todd Allen Herendeen will give two performances next Friday of the music of Elvis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, and Buddy Holly.

Councilman Taylor stated the Chamber Christmas parade has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 15 at 3:00. The tree lighting will be Friday at 6:00. The Chamber luncheon will be December 20. They are holding a Business After Hours event tonight at Courtyard by Marriott. The Chamber offices will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Council President Freeman reported for the Board of Education saying that the manager at Courtesy Buick GMC has agreed to donate \$50 per vehicle sold in 2019 to the Board. They average selling 900 units each year.

Planning and Zoning met and recommended rezoning the tract where the water tank was formerly located on Cherokee Drive for the Utilities Board. There was also an amendment to the Entertainment District to combine two lots into one.

Mayor Choat reported that the pipe on the Valley Road project is ready to go into the ground. The County's paving project on Chalkville Road is not complete. It still needs to be sealed and striped. Russo Corporation, the contractor on the Entertainment District, will be given a notice to

proceed beginning January 2, 2019. This work includes removing the Braden building. All of the building demolition will be done in one phase.

Mayor Choat stated the IDB will meet with our new economic development consultant in a workshop on January 10, 2019 at 2:00.

Mayor Choat stated an update has been done to our website. He thanked Jason Parsons and Stacy Frazier for their work on this.

Mayor Choat stated he received a compliment on the Public Works Department when they helped a homeowner finish their yard to pick up the leaves.

Council President Freeman stated our city employees are ambassadors for the City.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, was recognized and stated the manholes on Chalkville Road need to be raised to level them with the pavement. He stated there is a pile of leaves on Snake Hill that has been there several weeks.

Mr. Wayne Rockett, Old Mill Run, stated they have twenty trees lining their entrance. He stated he called for the leaf truck and was told that they have no schedule. These leaves keep the drainage stopped up and cause the water to puddle in Highway 11. He stated his biggest complaint about Trussville is that we need turn lanes.

Councilman Cook stated the new website is easy to navigate.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk