

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, January 17, 2019 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 Zack Steele
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Brian Plant

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, January 22, 2019. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Mayor Choat stated we may have documents ready on the extension of the \$6 million line of credit loan with Synovus Bank for 18 months. There is currently \$3.5 million outstanding on this line.

The massage therapy ordinance was discussed along with recent code violations found in some recent inspections. The Chief of Police has asked for a 90-day moratorium to review these regulations.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 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 Taylor 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 January 8, 2019 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda, consent agenda, and agenda addendum were presented for approval. Councilman Plant asked the resignation of Viridiana Herrera from the Library be added to the consent agenda. Councilman Taylor asked that an ordinance to renew our line of credit at Synovus be added. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele stated it has been a pleasure to work with Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Gayle Skipper these past few years. He read Proclamation 2019-003 outlining her service over the past twenty-three years on the Board, and moved it be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant thanked Ms. Skipper for her example and how she had made an impact on our community.

Mayor Choat stated he sat on the Park Board with Gayle. Under her leadership we are recognized as one of the top recreation programs in the state.

Councilman Taylor stated there is no doubt who is in charge at her meetings. She has a great passion for what she has done.

Councilman Steele stated, through being liaison to the Park Board, he has been amazed by the number of things she has to juggle between the various programs and facilities. He stated her successor Morris Deason has big shoes to fill.

Councilman Cook stated she runs an efficient meeting. He thanked her for all she has done in the city.

Board Member Morris Deason stated he is privileged to have served along side Gayle, and will sorely miss her.

Board Member Carol Davenport stated Gayle runs the most efficient meeting she has ever attended.

Park and Recreation Director David Vinson stated he and Gayle came in the same month and year. He stated he appreciated all she has done for the department.

Mr. Mike Jenne, 3466 Queenstown Road, was recognized and stated he has lived in Trussville for thirty years. He stated when Alabama Boulevard was opened, Queenstown Road became a high speed thoroughfare. He stated in recent years there is more commercial traffic, and higher speeds. He stated he did not oppose the speed limit being raised to 35 miles per hour if this speed limit is enforced. He stated drivers do not yield to emergency vehicles. He stated he feared this would only give them license to drive even faster. He invited the Council to come to his house and observe.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, thanked the Council for starting on the removal of the Braden's building. He stated a light to shine on the parking lot is needed on the end of this building.

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	202.50
Non-Departmental	2,408.29
Mayor and Council	4,176.60
Administration	3,842.64
Finance	30,449.47
Inspections	7,928.99
Municipal Court	6,124.49
Information Technology	287.50
Police Department	145,177.13
Fire Department	109,451.05

Public Works	179,169.59
Parks and Recreation	94,564.21
Library	28,773.14
Rental Properties	982.70
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	678,478.81
CONFISCATION FUND	536.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	9,405.50
CORRECTIONS FUND	11,348.34
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	699,768.65

Municipal Clerks Training Institute - Porter -Hoover - Feb 6-8 - \$265.00
 Certified Governmental Accounting Technician - Shipp - Tuscaloosa - April 3 -\$150.00
 Transportation Conference - Sullivan - Feb 12-13 - Montgomery - \$225.00 plus lodging
 Cellebrite Mobile Forensics Fundamentals - Warmus - Feb 4-8 -Trussville - \$2,695.00
 Practical Kinesic Interview & Interrogation -Shellnutt-June 24-28 -Birmingham - \$525.00
 Utility Crimes Investigation - Goodrum - Feb 11-12 - Jacksonville, AL - \$50.00
 Basic Swat & NFDD - Bryant - April 15-19 - Jacksonville, AL - \$385.00, plus lodging
 AMROA Summer Conf - Shipp & Frazier- July 8-10 - Mobile, AL - \$265.00 plus lodging
 ARPA Conference - Vinson, Peterson, Wilson - Birmingham - Jan 27-29 - \$225.00
 ARPA Conference - Howard & Miller - Birmingham - Jan 28 only - \$100.00
 Merit increases effective February 16, 2019
 Jenny Shipp, Finance - Grade 16, Step 3
 Joseph D. Dunn - Police - Grade 17, Step 10, plus 10%
 Dorothy Larson Kelley - Park & Rec - Grade 12, Step 7
 Akeevia Smith - Park & Rec - Grade 12, Step 7
 Wesley Hassett - Police - Grade 17, Step 3
 Stanley Kennedy - Police - Grade 17, Step 3, plus 5%
 Acknowledge retirement of Gary Glass, Police Dept, effective 2-1-2019
 Hire Michael Wilson Tucker Grade 17, Step 2, plus 5%, effective Feb 2, 2019 (replace Jean Robert)
 Appoint Brooke Morrison to Park Board

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

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2019-004 awarding the bid on the demolition of the residence at 103 Post Oak Drive to Tomlin Excavating at a cost of \$15,500.00 be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to establish a three-way stop at Cahaba Park Drive and Poston 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 Taylor then moved Ordinance 2019-003-PS 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

Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to establish a three-way stop at Hemlock Street and Ridgeview Drive, 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 2019-004-PS 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

Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to increase the speed limit on Queenstown Road from 25 mph to 35 miles per hour, 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 2019-005-PS be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Plant. Councilman Taylor stated this was discussed at the Public Safety meeting, and this will bring the speed limit in the city portion to the same limit as in the county and the Irondale portions of this road. The 85% percentile speed was 48 mph or less. He suggested that another study be performed in six months for comparison.

Councilman Plant stated he appreciated Mr. Jenne's comments.

Councilman Steele asked Chief Rush how many speeding tickets were written on Queenstown Road in the last year, and he responded that he looked up accident data, but not speeding ticket data.

Mayor Choat stated the County leaves it to the City to establish speed limits within corporate boundaries. The County has no policy authorizing the installation of speed humps due to maintenance issues.

Mr. Jenne stated it seems illogical that the city can set a speed limit, but not install speed humps. He stated he did not know how common it was in other areas of Trussville, but on Queenstown Road, cars continually cross the yellow line.

Councilman Taylor stated whether the speed limit is 25mph or 35mph, those who drive it at 60mph will still drive 60 mph. This puts our speed limit in line with the others farther down the road.

Councilman Cook stated in 2.4 miles there are 101 driveways and streets. The road is hilly and curvy. He stated he does favor a review in six months. He stated a police officer told him that most of the accidents on Queenstown Road were rear end collisions.

Councilman Taylor stated of the four accidents in the last year, two were DUI, one was a swerve to miss an object, and one was a vehicle that left the road.

Councilman Freeman stated we have begun allocating more resources to the police department.

Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to increase the speed limit on Green Drive from 25 mph to 45 mph, 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 2019-006-PS be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Plant. Councilman Taylor stated this also was a recommendation from the public safety committee. The 85th percentile speed from the traffic study was 49.9 mph or less. This study will be repeated in six months. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved Proclamation 2019-004 proclaiming City Fest be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved 2019-005 authorizing a ninety-day moratorium on licenses for new massage therapy facilities to allow time to review the ordinance as recommended by the Public Safety Committee, seconded by Councilman Cook. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to extend the City's \$6 million line of credit loan with Synovus Bank for two years, through December 28, 2020. The rate is LIBOR plus 195 basis points. This was seconded by Councilman Cook, 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 2019-007-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

Councilman Cook reported that his committees have not met since the last report.

Councilman Plant stated there are several items on this agenda that have to do with public safety, and a finance item and a Chamber item.

Councilman Steele carried over his reports.

Councilman Taylor stated the Police Chief is looking into lighting for the cross walks, and will get back at the next Public Safety meeting. Full Moon Barbeque will open on January 28 at 10:00. February 21 will be the Chamber luncheon. Business After Hours will be February 11 from 5:00 to 7:00. The Chamber Banquet will be held on February 23. The food drive for TEAM will be held the week of Valentine's.

Councilman Freeman stated the BOE held a reception earlier tonight. The State report card ranked the Hewitt School as number two in the State. This is something to truly celebrate. This is also School Board Member Recognition Month. Our school system is now thirteen years old. Our success starts with kids, parents, teachers, administrators, and board members. He stated Planning

and Zoning did not meet in January. Inspections is busy. He thanked our first responders who place themselves in harms way so that we are not.

Mayor Choat stated there are some lights on Chalkville Road, but some of the trees have grown around them. We are going to have these trimmed, and then see what is needed. He stated he met with ALDOT on what is needed to widen Highway 11 from Regions Bank to Parkway Drive. This project is set for a May bid letting. He stated the first monthly construction meeting on Quad 1 is coming up. We are having an organizational meeting on our 2040 Vision Plan committee. A new dog park sign was put up today. Mayor Choat stated he received a thank you note today from the family of long-time Utilities Board member Gordon Flynn thanking city employees and the Council for the kindness shown.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk