

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, March 21, 2019 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, March 26, 2019. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Mr. Nelay Shah, Magnolia South Drive, addressed the Council about his wish to open an Indian Restaurant in Trussville. He also expressed his desire to open a non-profit repair shop to allow kids to tinker with electronics similar to Close and Behold in Birmingham. He asked was there any assistance from the city for these types of ventures.

Mayor Choat stated we have tossed around something like Innovation Depot, but this type activity does not fall into any of our existing classes.

Mr. Shah stated some resources are available through SBA. He stated he would like to insert himself into the community. His restaurant concept would be Indian Fusion and Southern. There is currently no space to have meetings available in Trussville.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 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 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 Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Zack Steele

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

Council President Freeman introduced the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook stated he was not present at the workshop. Councilman Plant moved they be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. The annexation item for 7145 Happy Hollow Road was removed. Mayor Choat added four seasonal park workers. Councilman Cook asked to move the street lights and sign items on the consent agenda back to the regular agenda. Councilman Cook moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, asked for an update on the light at Brooks Crossing. He stated the Braden's lot looks bare, and asked is the other building on schedule. He stated the lights on I-459 are not working, and asked the status.

Mr. Anthony Gardner, 6601 Hemlock Street, President Creekside HOA, thanked Public Works for the stop sign at Hemlock, stating it has been helpful. He asked that the plain stop sign be replaced with a decorative one like the others in the area, just to make it look better. He also asked that Hemlock Drive be added to the street paving list.

Wayne Sullivan stated the seal coat has not been applied, but they will look into it.

Mayor Choat stated the decorative signs can be bought by the subdivision and we will install them. The basic is what we put up, but we are more than happy to help.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	636.00
Non-Departmental	35,189.34
Mayor and Council	6,008.50
Administration	2,868.49
Inspections	1,452.00
Municipal Court	792.99
Finance	47.61
Information Technology	2,249.51
Police Department	29,024.44
Fire Department	20,047.74
Public Works	34,717.98
Parks and Recreation	59,324.01
Library	21,912.92
Rental Property	789.09
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	215,060.62
CORRECTIONS FUND	7,807.14
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL	900.00
DRUG CONFISCATED	20.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	4,975.92
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	228,763.68

AAMCA Winter Conf - Porter - Gulf Shores - Dec 4-6 - \$285.00 plus lodging \$335.61
Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence - Staying Positive in Today's Environment - Watkins - Pelham -
April 25-26 - \$125.00

- Accept resignation Jesse Lincoln from Planning and Zoning
- Accept resignation Andrew Eastham from Public Works effective March 8, 2019
- Accept resignation Ana McCombs from Dispatch effective March 19, 2019
- Approve creating a second Park Maintenance Superintendent position
- Hire provisionally - Malcolm Lee Smith Park Maintenance Supt, Grad 20, Step 4
- Hire Trent Jackson - part-time Civic Center, Grade 7, Step 1
- Hire Gregory Bice - public works Grade 7, Step 2

Merit increases effective March 30, 2019

- Park & Rec - Andrew Peterson - Grade 26, Step 6
- Library - Maura Davies - Grade 18, Step 7
- Bobby Tomlin - Police - Grade 17, Step 9
- Jeremy Dunn - Police - Grade 17, Step 5, plus 10%
- Keith Fuell - Police - Grade 17, Step 8, plus 10%
- James McCool - Police - Grade 17, Step 9, plus 10%

Appoint Kim DeShazo to school board to replace Bill Roberts through May 25, 2024

Approve staff changes at the Library

- Create New position Head of Patron Services - Lindsey Kelley - Grade 18, Step 5- 3-16-19
- Promote to Circulation Supervisor - Brittany Roberts - Grade 13, Step 6 March 30, 2019
- Create New position Youth Services Librarian - Grade 18, Step 1
- Promote Susan Matlock to Adult Services Librarian upon graduation-Grade 18, Step 5 May 25

Extend Library hours on Thursday to 8:00 p.m. starting in September, 2019

Hire seasonal workers in the parks:

- Daniel Green - April 1, Laborer, Grade 7, Step 2
- Amy Kuhn - May 1, Pool Manager, Grade 12, Step 4
- Jacob Price - April 15, Laborer, Grade 7, Step 2
- Jordan Price - April 15, Laborer, Grade 7, Step 2

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

Councilman Taylor acknowledged Kim DeShazo as the replacement for Bill Roberts on the School Board. He stated he would like to have both of them here at a future meeting.

An ordinance to annex property at 7109 Happy Hollow Road was presented. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved Ordinance 2019-017-ANX be adopted annexing this property, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant and Taylor

Nays: None

An ordinance to reduce the number of Park and Recreation Board members from nine to seven was presented. Councilman Cook 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 and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Ordinance 2019-018-PK be adopted reducing the number of members, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-012 authorizing the installation of speed humps on Alabama Drive be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-013 authorizing participation in the Back To School Sales Tax Holiday on the third weekend in July be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2019-014 authorizing the extension of the Santek solid waste disposal contract for three years be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Proclamation 2019-005 on the Freedom Celebration to be held Fourth of July be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook. Councilman Plant extended a thank you to First Baptist Church for all they do for our community. The motion carried with Councilman Taylor abstaining.

Councilman Cook moved Proclamation 2019-006 on Parental Alienation Prevention be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Street lights and signs on Roper Road near Country Club Drive and Fairway Drive were discussed. Perry Cook asked to go back to the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee of four street lights along with signage rather than the two lights and one LED replacement head on an existing light as listed on the agenda.

Wayne Sullivan stated we have looked at it. The existing light at Country Club Drive needs to be upgraded to a LED fixture. The requested light at Floyd Bradford Road would only be about 100 feet from the Country Club Drive light and is closer together than we normally place them per our policy. The other two new lights are fine.

Councilman Taylor stated this was recommended by the Public Safety Committee and he felt this should override any city policy because of safety.

Mayor Choat stated we would leave it as recommended, except it would need to be to install three lights and upgrade the one existing light.

Councilman Taylor stated this is a public safety issue and needs to be done as recommended.

Councilman Cook moved the lights be authorized as recommended by the Public Safety Committee, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook carried over his report.

Councilman Freeman called upon J. R. Malchus in the Inspections Department who stated 128 inspections were done and 136 permits issued. Design Review approved four signs.

Councilman Freeman welcomed Kim DeShazo to the School Board and thanked Bill Roberts for his service. He stated he would like to recognize the Engineering Academy Students and the Girls Basketball team, as well as Ms. DeShazo and Mr. Roberts at our April 11 meeting.

Councilman Plant stated we approved a new position at the Library and are moving some employees. Susan Matlock is completing her MIL degree. The extended hours at the Library on Thursdays will begin in September.

Councilman Plant stated the carnival is setting up across from City Hall and encouraged everyone to go.

Councilman Taylor stated the Public Safety Committee has been busy doing surveys on roads. He thanked both Chiefs for their work.

Councilman Taylor stated the Chamber will have a shred day on Friday, April 5 from noon to 2 p.m. behind the Chamber office. They held a Job Fair last Thursday with thirty-three vendors and more than 200 job applicants. Business after hours will be held on April 8 at the new Bank of England, hosted by Donna Lowery. A ribbon cutting for Neighborhood concierge Pharmacy was held today and one for Metro Diner will be held on April 2. The Chamber luncheon will be April 18 with Dr. Pattie Neill of Trussville Schools as speaker. Trussville City Fest will be May 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will include a Battle of the Bands.

Mayor Choat reported that the work on the railroad is winding down. The permanent surfaces are down. He thanked the Council for extending the Santek contract. The utilities are being addressed on our downtown project. Russo is making progress and making up for weather delays. There will be a construction update meeting next week. We will meet with ALDOT the end of this week about the Highway 11 road widening project in front of City Hall. This will hopefully be a July bid letting. All of the widening will be on the south side of the highway, and is much needed.

Mr. Doug Davidson, 6164 Alabama Drive, thanked the Council for the speed humps to be installed between Glenn Cross and First Street. He stated too many cars fly down the road and pass other cars there. He stated they are requesting more help, and thanks for addressing this issue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter, City Clerk
taken by Stacy Frazier, Assistant to Mayor