

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, April 4, 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

Absent: Councilman Alan Taylor

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, April 9, 2019. 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, April 9, 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 Reverend Derrick Jordan of Hope Everlasting Ministry 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

Absent: Councilman Alan Taylor

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

Council President Freeman introduced the minutes of the March 26, 2019 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 Plant moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman recognized guests Dr. Pattie Neill, Mr. Bill Roberts, Ms. Kathy Brown, and Ms. Kim DeShazo from the school and school board.

Councilman Steele thanked Mr. Roberts for all he has done in guiding our Board from the beginning. He welcomed Ms. DeShazo.

Councilman Plant told Mr. Roberts that his community had called upon him more than it should have. He stated he had led the Board through some difficult and hard times, and he was greatly appreciated.

Councilman Cook echoed these sentiments and thanked Mr. Roberts for what he brought to the Board.

Mayor Choat stated Mr. Roberts has done more than most can imagine, and he appreciated it.

Ms. Peggy Washington Polk, 220 Highland Circle, stated it is difficult to get off of Highland Avenue and onto Highway 11 turning right or left at certain times of day. The new restaurants in the new shopping center have compounded this problem. She asked if it would be possible to get a traffic signal at this location.

Mayor Choat stated we have looked at this in the past and it was not warranted, but we can ask for another study.

Ms. Allison Barns, 5144 Promenade Drive, HOA treasurer, stated trees have been cut on the property behind their property and it is an eyesore for their neighborhood. She stated she had been told this might be in the County, but asked that someone come to look at it.

Proclamation 2019-007 acknowledging the Hewitt Girls' Basketball Team that made it to the State Championship game in Class 7A was presented by Councilman Steele. He read the proclamation and moved it be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Coach Tonya Hunter stated it was an honor to sit and watch these young ladies. She stated the community support during their game at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center was amazing.

Councilman Plant stated we are so proud of this team and proud that Morgan Kirk will be able to continue her basketball career at Tuskegee.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	100.00
Non-Departmental	63,543.03
Mayor and Council	2,312.89
Administration	1,955.74
Inspections	1,637.98
Municipal Court	153.63
Finance	462.35
Information Technology	15,599.28
Police Department	16,658.55
Fire Department	18,618.63
Public Works	6,092.23
Garbage	180,439.67
Parks and Recreation	89,915.54
Library	14,463.12
Rental Property	399.07
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	412,351.71
2018 BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND	168,916.22
CORRECTIONS FUND	7,298.90
DRUG CONFISCATION	72.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	2,684.76
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	591,323.59

Advanced Vehicle Concealment Contraband - Swope & Holloway- Irondale - \$250.00 each

Merit increases effective April 13

Robert Bernard Antonio - Police, Grade 17, Step 9

Johnathan Jones - Police, Grade 17, Step 3

David Warmus - Police, Grade 17, Step 9, plus 10%

Michael D. Hicks - Fire, Grade 17, Step 7

Kelly Wright Lloyd - Park & Rec - Grade 12, Step 6

Wayne Zeitvogel - Park & Rec - Grade 18, Step 6

Reappoint BZA members through February 15, 2022

Eddie Lee

Mike Rowe (Supernumary)

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

A public hearing on an alcohol license transfer for Aldi from Chalkville Road to 5485 Patrick Way was presented by Ms. Kimberly Glover, District Manager.

Councilman Plant asked how long Ms. Glover had been in this position with Aldi and was told six years. He asked was she involved in alcohol sales and how their employee training was done.

Ms. Glover stated their training is computer based, and ABC Board training that instructs on identification and sales to intoxicated persons.

Councilman Plant asked how long they have been on Chalkville Road and was told eleven years. He asked had there ever been any problems with alcohol sales, and was told no.

A public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved this alcohol license transfer request be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2019-015 awarding the bid on two Silverado trucks for the Fire Department to Donahoo Chevrolet in the amount of \$74,102.20 be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous. Councilman Plant stated this is within their budget.

An ordinance to establish building standards for annexations other than one and two family homes was presented. Fire Chief Tim Shotts stated this would require buildings to meet City of Trussville codes in place at the time the building was erected. Councilman Cook moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Ordinance 2019-019-PS be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Cook reported that TRA is meeting tonight. Park and Recreation met last night. There will be a soccer tournament with 1100 children from Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee involved from Friday through Sunday. November 9 will be the Cystic Fibrosis Run. They are adding a 10K this year in honor of the tenth anniversary of this run. There will be a 10K, a 5K and a fun run. There will be no summer basketball this year. We have 430 children enrolled in baseball. The Easter Egg Hunt was last Saturday. Ms. Carol Davenport is retiring from the Park and

Recreation Board after twenty years. The Beautification Board met last Thursday and selected judges from Blount County to judge the nominees.

Council President Freeman asked Inspections Officer J.R. Malchus for a report and he reported 102 permits have been issued in the first two weeks of April. Six of these were for new homes.

Council President Freeman stated he felt honored that three Education Board members were here and the Superintendent. He asked if they had any report they would like to make. Dr. Pattie Neill stated on April 17 Attorney General Steve Marshall will present a State School Safety Award to the Middle School. She stated she was proud of the City's help with the SRO program.

Councilman Plant gave the Library report for March as follows:

Figures for the month of March 2019

Total Circulation

All Circulation Activity including items
checked out, checked in and renewed: 27,244

Downloadable Audio/E-Books 2,509 Hoopla
Computer Use 1,353 (does not include use of Wi-Fi)
Library Visits 23,338
Reference Transactions 3,429
Library Programs 33 Program Attendance 612
New Members 105 Study Rooms visits 157

To celebrate National Library Week (April 7 – 13) all members of the Jefferson County Library Cooperative will forgive \$5 worth of fines per card. We have a coupon on our social media pages to advertise this service, but an actual paper coupon is not needed. Our Circulation Staff offers this to everyone with a fine on their card.

Sunday afternoon April 14th is our quarterly "*In Our Own Words*" presented by our library Friends. All library patrons 18 and older are encouraged to sign up to read their own writing: poetry, short stories, parts of a novel, family history.

For the Chamber, Councilman Plant stated Dr. Pattie Neill will be the speaker at the next luncheon.

Councilman Steele stated the Senior Citizen's Board met and is planning their next trip to Savannah. For Public Works he reported that some problem trees in the right-of-way have been taken down in the Cahaba Project. ACTA will be performing "Little Women" next.

Mayor Choat reported we have just completed our first year of car tag sales at City Hall with 5,618 tags sold. He reported Santek is behind in picking up brush and debris with everyone getting their yards ready for spring. The garbage contract has been renewed for three more years with Santek. He stated Aldi has a beautiful new store. He stated fibre is being installed along with the installation of the new light at Vann Road so that signals along this corridor can be synchronized. Interstate lighting is poor in the Birmingham area. A delegation from the Jefferson County Mayors' Association met with Mr. Cooper to ask that this be addressed. Some of the problems may be fixtures, but some of it is copper wiring that has been stolen. This wiring will most likely be replaced with a different type of wiring. Mr. Cooper will send someone out to assess the area and report back. Mr. Dejarvis Leonard of ALDOT spoke to the Eastern Mayors' group recently.

Mayor Choat stated Carol Davenport has been a great Park and Recreation Board member. We lost Leland Dockery, Utilities Board Chairman recently. We have a vacancy on our Planning and Zoning Board. We will be looking for people to fill these vacancies.

Ms. Peggy Washington Polk, 220 Highland Circle, stated this is the best City Council meeting that she has ever attended, and she has attended many as a department head in the City of Birmingham before her retirement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk