

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, August 8, 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, August 13, 2019. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Mr. Lee Shaffer of Brookstone Restoration introduced his company and stated they do pre-need assessments of buildings to prepare for disaster recovery. They will determine the size of the buildings, the locations of the electrical panels, gas lines, water lines, etc. and publish this information in a web-based Ready Action Plan (RAP) format, so that information is available should the need arise. This would be at no cost, but they would ask they be contacted in the event emergency remediation was necessary. He stated they realize that the State Bid Law would control any restoration required.

Mr. Brian Barksdale, Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, was recognized to explain the city's pension liability and the Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) liability. The Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) is better funded than most state plans. New accounting standards require that the liability for any underfunding by RSA and for all of the OPEB liability be shown in the financial statement. Mr. Jason Harp stated this is a significant impact, as the liability begins when an employee is hired and continues for as long as they are drawing benefits. The amounts are determined by actuaries who consider a number of factors to arrive at these figures.

Mayor Choat stated we have an estimate of \$75,000 on the administrative office renovations. He asked that this be added to the agenda for approval of this project.

The minutes of July 9, 2019 were discussed, and there should possibly be a clarification of statements made at that meeting.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 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 Plant 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 July 9, 2019 and the July 23, 2019 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele. Councilman Cook stated the July 9, 2019 meeting was very emotional, and some comments were made. He stated he did not mean to insinuate anyone did anything wrong, illegal, or unethical. He stated he apologized if this was how the comments were interpreted. The vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garland Wayne Odell, 6500 Waterford Cove, was recognized and asked support for the Wreaths Across America program.

Ms. Jenny Hughes, 312 Eastview Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35235, addressed the Council on a subject that is currently a matter of litigation.

Mr. Richard Epstein, 4742 Boulder Drive, asked the status of the light at Vann Road, and asked that lights be synchronized from the new light at Green Drive to WalMart. He stated Trussville Crossings Parkway needs to be restriped and also from Chalkville Road to the Pinnacle. He asked that signs saying "Do not block intersection" be placed on Chalkville Road at Boulder Drive. He stated the city needs a new pool. He asked the cost of the citizen survey letters.

Mr. Martin Horst, Queenstown Road, stated there was an unkempt property next to him, and snakes in this area around the pond was depriving he and his girlfriend of the enjoyment of their own property. The Inspections department assisted him in getting this cleaned up and he would like to express his thanks.

Mr. Reginald Smith, 3379 Chase Court, asked who was responsible for the street as you turn into his subdivision from Highway 11. He stated this area is rough.

Mayor Choat stated this is State right-of-way. They need to tie it in.

City Engineer Wayne Sullivan stated the turn lane was not put in as designed, and that has been the hold up.

Mr. Adrian Polk, 220 Highland Circle, stated from Valley Road there is a gravel patch, and he asked when this would be fixed.

Mayor Choat stated when the light is up at the entrance road, the entire road will be resurfaced.

Mr. Polk asked when the brush is picked up? He stated it comes on different days at his house.

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	175.00
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Non-Departmental	72,180.74
Mayor and Council	22,876.55
Administration	38,507.87
Inspections	1,750.10
Municipal Court	911.14
Finance	1,755.91
Information Technology	12,944.34
Police Department	43,411.82
Fire Department	17,634.06
Public Works	41,737.99
Garbage	181,725.85
Parks and Recreation	88,401.46
Library	25,474.67
Rental Property	649.95
Capital Outlay	887.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	551,024.45
2018 Bond Fund	1,664,941.52
Corrections Fund	4,048.42
Drug Confiscated Fund	1,141.62
Capital Projects Fund	76,411.61
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,746,543.17

Regions purchasing card - \$24,334.36

Alabama Narcotic Officers Conf - Holloway - Gulf Shores - \$150.00 plus expenses

AR 15/16 Armorer's Class - Morris - Cookeville, TN - \$495.00 plus expenses

AAMCA Fall Training - Porter - Tuscaloosa - Aug 28-30 - \$265.00 plus expenses

Residential Inspection Conf - Mann - Huntsville - \$850.00 plus expenses

Hire Peggy Washington-Polk as Director of Personnel effective August 19, 2019

Merit Increases effective August 17, 2019

Matthew Panepento - Fire - Grade 17, Step 7

Stephen K. Sanders - Fire - Grade 17, Step 6

J. Chris Slaughter - Fire Grade 17, Step 6

Charles Hester - Police - Grade 17, Step 3

Johnathan Goodrum - Police - Grade 17, Step 3

Add 5% premium pay for detective status effective August 3, 2019

Josh Payne

Daniel Swope

Nate Holloway

Add 5% educational premium pay for Colin Fach, Fire Dept.

Acknowledge retirement of Laura Edge, Library, effective October 1, 2019

Acknowledge retirement of Daniel Clark, Fire, effective September 1, 2019

Move Billy Brody, Part-time Fire to Full-time Fire effective August 31, 2019

Appoint Lindsey Rutland to TRA vacant position through November 22, 2022

Reappoint IDB members through July 14, 2025

David Livingston

Fred Goodnight

Mike Richards

Approve going out to bid for Entertainment District Wi-Fi

Approve \$75,000 for renovation project in Administrative office - completion 4-5 weeks

Councilman Plant moved these items be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor. Councilman Plant stated this list includes hiring our new Director of Personnel Peggy Washington Polk. We also need to acknowledge the retirement of Firefighter Daniel Clark and Laura Edge of the Library.

Mayor Choat stated Ms. Polk is the first Personnel Director in the city and comes with fifteen years as a Personnel Analyst for the City of Birmingham and then nine years as Director before her retirement.

The vote was unanimous.

A public hearing to rezone property at 5952 Service Road from A-1 to C-4 was called. Mr. Derek Limke presented the application and stated he planned to put a mini-storage facility on this site. Councilman Freeman stated this was recommended by Planning and Zoning.

Mr. Eric Bradford stated he supported business in this area.

The public hearing was closed. 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, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Ordinance 2019-034-PZ 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

An ordinance to amend the Massage Therapy section of the Trussville Zoning Ordinance was presented. The general requirements for a massage therapy establishment will remain a part of the zoning ordinance, however the application process and enforcement will be moved to the police department and adopted under a separate ordinance.

A public hearing was opened and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. 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 2019-035-PZ 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

A free-standing Massage Therapy ordinance was presented. This ordinance will outline background checks to be performed on applicants, the approval process for licensing, and enforcement of violations by the police department. Councilman Taylor 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, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor then moved Ordinance 2019-036-ADM 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

An ordinance to authorize a three-way stop at the intersection of Parkway Drive and Pine Street 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 Steele, 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 2019-037-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, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor stated we have several resolutions for the installation of speed humps that were recommended by the Public Safety Committee. He moved Resolution 2019-032 to authorize the installation of speed two humps in 400 block of Linden Street be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2019-033 to authorize the installation of speed two humps on Mountain Ridge Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-034 to authorize the installation of three speed humps on Barkwood Trace be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2019-035 to authorize the installation of two speed humps on Annette Street be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-036 to authorize the installation of one speed hump on Dawns Way be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2019-037 to authorize the installation of a speed hump on Hidden Way be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2019-038 in support of the 2020 Census Partnership be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2019-039 declaring certain furnishings and equipment in Administrative Office as surplus be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Proclamation 2019-017 declaring Totally Christmas a citywide event be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

An annexation request for property at 7972 Roper Road belonging to Mr. Doug Stone was presented. Chief Rush stated there have been a number of calls for the Sheriff's Department at this address. Mr. Stone stated the calls were made by his brother's wife who lives next door. She had a problem with one of his grandsons, but that grandson no longer lives there and is not allowed on the property.

Chief Rush stated they show seven calls this year at 7972 Roper Road.

Councilman Plant asked who lives in his house and he replied he, another grandson and his wife and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Stone stated he called the sheriff one time to get a different grandson off of his property and he is not allowed to come back onto the property.

Councilman Plant asked the nature of the calls and was told trespass, harassment, and domestic violence.

Councilman Taylor asked that this be referred back to Planning and Zoning for a recommendation.

A request to annex property at 7942 Roper Road belonging to Randy Edwards was presented. This was recommended by Planning and Zoning, and is being taken up tonight to allow school registration. Councilman Steele 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, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Steele then moved Ordinance 2019-038-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 Cook reported the Park and Recreation Board met last night and approved work on the soccer field. The department is taking over the Christmas event held at the Civic Center. Trussville Gymnastics Academy has thirty students.

Councilman Freeman reported for the Board of Education that their institute last week was one of the best ever. Enrollment is close to 4500, with 500 employees. He asked J. R. Malchus to report on the Inspections Department. There have been 126 permits, 12 of these for new homes, issued in the past two weeks, and 191 inspections done. Councilman Freeman stated Planning and Zoning met last night and approved some subdivisions and annexations.

Councilman Plant stated Laura Edge at the Library is retiring. Public Safety is busy. He recognized Jane Alexander who stated the museum will be open on Saturday from 10:00-1:00.

Councilman Steele carried over his committee reports. He stated ACTA is conducting children's acting classes.

Councilman Taylor stated the Chamber Board met this morning and is focusing on membership and the search for a new executive director.

Mayor Choat stated the citizen surveys are out, and he asked that anyone receiving one please fill it out and return it. He stated he has received some calls about this being an anonymous survey, but there is a place for the address at the end. He stated these go back to the consultant and the city does not see this. The address is for the consultant's tracking purposes.

Mayor Choat stated we sold 5618 car tags last year from April through March. In three months this year we have sold 3069. He stated the renovations in the Administrative Department will begin next week. Most of the staff will move out, but the front window will be open at City Hall.

Councilman Freeman thanked Mr. O'dell for the job he does for Wreaths Across America.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk