

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 23, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, July 18, 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, July 23, 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, July 23, 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 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 July 9, 2019 meeting for approval. Councilman Plant stated he had not had time to go over them. Councilman Taylor stated he read them, but would ask that they be carried over. and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. Mayor Choat stated he received a call late this afternoon about an ALDOT contract for work in the downtown district improving Glenn Avenue to Chalkville Road. ALDOT will participate in this project in the amount of \$60,000. The Council will not meet again until August 13, and he would like to have this contract approved. Councilman Steele moved the agenda be approved with this amendment, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Barber, former District Attorney, was recognized and thanked the City Council for their ongoing support of Prescott House. This agency works with children from very difficult situations. They would not be able to operate without assistance from municipalities. He introduced Director Mary Beth Thomas. He stated after thirty-two years, he is stepping down from the Prescott House Board. He stated he is leaving it in good hands.

Mr. Jim Wolfe, 251 York Street, stated the street signs and stop signs that were put up several years ago are looking bad.

Ms. Donna Heinz, 104 Reid Drive, spoke about the rezoning matter across from Winn Dixie. She stated she sat in traffic for forty minutes last week trying to go from Winn Dixie to Target, because the traffic signal was out at Target. She stated police were directing traffic at that location when she finally got there. She stated before we consider more commercial in our town, this needs to be considered. She stated when she moved here ten years ago, we were small and quaint. She stated she feels we have ample opportunity to shop, and she would like to see this left to nature.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	4,650.92
Non-Departmental	860.44
Mayor and Council	108.94
Administration	9,112.92
Inspections	7,701.80
Municipal Court	481.52
Finance	471.47
Information Technology	3,165.97
Police Department	55,941.42
Fire Department	38,392.50
Public Works	21,631.23
Parks and Recreation	94,126.85
Library	25,371.77
Rental Property	1,393.77
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	282,015.31
CORRECTIONS FUND	6,023.73
CONFISCATED FUND	10,075.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	4,559.85
2018 BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND	125,449.75
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	949.39
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	429,073.03

Motorcycle Skills Training - Davis - Spring Hill, TN Oct 8-12 - \$75.00 plus expenses
 Evidence Technician Program - Jackson & Payne - Birmingham - Sept 17-19, Oct 22-24, & Nov 19-22 - \$250 ea.

Ala. Narcotics Officer Assn - Swope - Orange Beach - Aug 20-22 - \$150.00 plus expenses

Crimes against Children - Warmus - Dallas, TX - Aug 12-15 - \$600 plus expenses

Patrol Supervisor Course - Dunn - Stapleton, AL - Sept 23-26 - \$100 plus expenses

Merit increases effective August 3, 2019

Kyle Wilson - Police - Grade 17, Step 4

Daniel Dent - Park & Rec - Grade 12, Step 4

Jeffery Jerome Bryant - Street - Grade 7, Step 5

Richard Golden - Police - Grade 17, Step 9, plus 5%

Nathanael R. Holloway - Police - Grade 17, Step 9, plus 10%

Award an additional 5% educational incentive for completion of 4-yr.degree to Warmus, PD (total incentive 15%) effective July 20, 2019

Employee matters - Parks & Recreation

Upgrade Martin Horst from laborer to Recreation Leader - Grade12, Step 2

Hire Recreation Leader - Chevelle Lee -Grade 12, Step 2 Pending background check

Remove Jacob Price from Payroll
Move Jordan Price from seasonal to part-time effective August 13
Move Amy Kuhn from seasonal to part-time effective August 19
Hire Nicholas Rayburn part-time
Hire Tony Hampton part-time
Patrick George remove from part-time
Remove Anderson Connor Mays from part-time

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

Council President Freeman stated the first item on our agenda is a request to rezone 522 and 518 Main Street from R-2 to Q-C-2. The public hearing was held at our last meeting and the vote will be tonight. Councilman Plant read the ordinance with all of the included qualifiers, and moved Ordinance 2019-029-PZ be adopted, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

Councilman Cook stated the Hamilton property has been for sale for several years. He stated he did not know the applicants. He stated he has heard several people speak on the development. There are no restrictions on Lot 1. Lot 2 is planned for a service station and c-store. If someone was going to build a service station, Paul Carruth would be his choice. This is supposed to be constructed with brick and rock and compliment the Board of Education Building. We need to hold to this plan. Lot 3 will possibly be subdivided. Lot 4 is for the Board office. Lots 5 and 6 need more qualifiers. Councilman Cook stated he felt we need more discussion on what will go there. As it is now, it could be anything. He stated we need time to get with the developer to find some middle ground.

Councilman Taylor stated the comment was made that this development could be anything. We need to clarify that this could be anything allowed in a C-2 classification not addressed by the qualifiers.

Councilman Plant stated he appreciated Ms. Heinz's comments. He stated he was caught up in the same traffic snarl when the light was out at Target. The city does not build shopping malls. That is a decision made by private entities. We can't tell someone that they cannot develop property, or that they can't develop property until storefronts are filled. The surrounding properties are already commercial without exclusions.

Councilman Cook stated he understood there will be some land swapped. The city owns land that will be swapped for a larger portion. He asked who applied for the zoning on the City property, and was told the Mayor. He stated we do not need to let someone bring a list of what they want to do. We need uses that are what we want. This is a disservice to our town.

Councilman Freeman stated individual Councilmembers do what they think is best for the city regardless of how big or how small.

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

Yeas: Councilmen Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: Councilmen Cook and Freeman

Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex property at 2724 Floyd Bradford Road, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved the property of Terry and Tommy King at 2724 Floyd Bradford Circle be annexed under Ordinance 2019-030-ANX, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Cook moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex property on Bedford Circle, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Cook moved Ordinance 2019-031-ANX annexing property at 6634, 6632, and 6610 Bedford Circle, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Cook, Freeman, 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 annex property belonging to Donald Graben at 6495 Service Road, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor then moved Ordinance 2019-032-ANX annexing property at 6495 Service Road, seconded by Councilman Steele and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Steele moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex property at 8381 Will Keith Road, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Steele then moved Ordinance 2019-033-ANX annexing property at 8381 Will Keith Road, seconded by Councilman Plant and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-027 authorizing the purchase of three Dodge Chargers for undercover officers from the State Bid list at a cost of \$26,859.14 each be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-028 approving budget amendments be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Proclamation 2019-015 on the Back to School Bash on the Mall be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Proclamation 2019-016 on the Rotary Barbeque be approved, seconded by Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2019-029 authorizing Charter to install fiber connection lines from the police department to EMA and back. This was seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2019-030 authorizing an ALDOT easement from Glenn Avenue to Chalkville Road., in which ALDOT will provide \$60,000 of funding for this loop road. This was seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-031 authorizing an easement from Witte for work in the downtown entertainment district, at Mike and Mike Automotive, at a cost of \$11,540.45. This was seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook stated the Utilities Board met yesterday and discussed projects and the budget. Water usage is trending up and supplies are adequate. Gas usage in residential areas is average and is trending down in commercial areas.

Councilman Freeman reported the BOE will meet next Thursday. Design Review met last night and approved one home addition in the historical district and some signs. The Inspections department issued 70 permits and did 192 inspections.

Councilman Plant carried over his report.

Councilman Steele stated the IDB will meet later this week. The Senior Board met today and are planning the anniversary of the Center in August. There will be music and lunch. Their recent trip to New Orleans was cancelled due to hurricane Barry. They will reschedule or get a refund.

The public works department took down some trees behind the library and laid sod. ACTA is holding auditions for Clue.

Councilman Taylor stated he attended a performance of "Brigadoon" at ACTA and they did a wonderful job. Public Safety met and welcomed new member John Patterson. The Back to School Bash and the Rotary Barbeque approved tonight were both recommended. Tuesday, October 1 will be National Night Out. Several requests for speed humps were reviewed. He gave the Fire Department report for June.

Councilman Taylor asked Chief Rush about our officer that was in the accident recently, and was told he is recovering and may be released to return to light duty in a couple of weeks.

Councilman Taylor stated the Chamber is searching for a new Executive Director. The City's Finance Committee met last week. The city is fiscally sound and is ahead of last year at this time.

Mayor Choat stated the Valley Road project is a little behind schedule, but we hope to have it open by the middle of next week. Jefferson County will assist us in paving Pineview Road and installing a light.

He stated we are starting the design phase of the Braden's plaza. The Rotary Club is donating a four-sided clock, and there will be a wall and a grassy area. The new LED lighting is up at the Civic Center, and LED lighting will be installed on Husky Parkway.

Mr. Richard Epstein asked the status of the light at Brooks Crossing and was told it is still at ALDOT. He stated the Braden's fence looks bad. We should consider signs that say "Coming Soon" showing the plan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk