

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President 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 the agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Councilman Freeman stated the sculptor who is preparing the bust of Sgt. Stegall will be at our September 24 meeting as well as Sgt. Stegall's family. This bust will be placed in our Veterans' Memorial Park. The budget and projects will be discussed at this meeting also.

Councilman Taylor stated he will be out of town next Tuesday.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 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 Plant to lead in prayer. Councilman Steele 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 August 27, 2019 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook stated he was not present at the workshop. Councilman Steele moved the minutes be approved as amended, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. Councilman Cook asked that the proposed new rate schedule for the Civic Center be added to the consent agenda for approval.

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

Mr. Richard Epstein, 4742 Boulder Drive, stated traffic is backing up from the new light on Chalkville Road at Green Drive. The lights are not synchronized. This is compounded by people making left-hand turns from Valley Road, the shopping center, and Norrell Drive. He stated it took him twelve minutes to get to I-59. He stated the stripes need to be redone at Walmart and at Sams.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Non-Departmental	40,346.15
Mayor and Council	14,869.76
Administration	10,992.35
Inspections	790.94
Municipal Court	155.92
Finance	4,094.89
Information Technology	26,048.86
Police Department	25,964.59
Fire Department	25,013.99
Public Works	21,223.83
Garbage	182,216.57
Parks and Recreation	63,260.95
Library	25,426.57
Rental Properties	195.38
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	442,099.85
2018 BOND FUND	182,678.77
CORRECTIONS FUND	4,064.27
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	563.55
DRUG CONFISCATION FUND	199.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	84,419.64
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	713,262.53

AMROA training - Poe, Payne, Porter, Mathis, Hamilton - Tuscaloosa - Oct 2-4, 2019 - \$225.00 plus travel expenses

Merit increases effective September 14, 2019

Casey Michael Davis - Police - Grade 17, Step 8

Eric Rush - Police - Grade 34, Step 3

Hire Hunter Lane Willingham - Civic Center Fitness - part-time

Appoint Chris Cobb to Park Board through February 28, 2022

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

Councilman Plant read Proclamation 2019-020 on Constitution Week, and moved it be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele. Councilman Plant recognized guests from the Josiah Brunson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and guests from the Birmingham Cahaba Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2019-042, the 2019 Transportation Plan for the Rebuild Alabama Gasoline Fund, be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2019-043 declaring certain items in the Park and Recreation Department as surplus, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Proclamation 2019-021 on Patriot Day be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook reported TRA met and discussed the demolition of two pieces of property. Quad one is progressing well. In Quad two demolition bids will go out within the next fourteen days on the former Herb's Hardware building. He stated a new member, Chris Cobb, was appointed to the Board tonight. Park and Recreation sponsors two packs of Scouts. The lacrosse program is looking for fields to play on. We have just completed enrollment in our fall athletic team programs, including flag football, baseball, gymnastics, adult softball, archery, adult volley ball, and youth soccer,

Council President Freeman stated Design Review looked at nineteen presentations. Building Official J.R. Malchus stated they have issued permits for twelve new houses with a total of 108 permits in the past two weeks. Council President Freeman reported that last night divisions of two properties were approved. These were at the former GoldKist plant and on Railroad Avenue. In August there were thirty permits for new homes issued. For the Board of Education he reported that school is off and running and football season is underway.

Councilman Plant reported the Library has received a \$10,000 grant for juvenile nonfiction. The Library now has gallery space. He reported public safety has been busy. The finance committee is working on the budget. The historical museum will be open on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. This event will be in conjunction with the Library. Mr. Mike Roper will display some of his artifacts.

Councilman Steele stated the IDB discussed the former GoldKist site, and how new lots can be developed in the park. They have resolved the situation with one of their tenants. The Senior Citizens' Center celebrated their twentieth anniversary. Public Works is cutting roadsides with their new bush hog. ACTA will perform the play "Clue" later this month.

Mayor Choat stated the conceptual plan of the landscape on the Bradens corner will be presented at the Chamber meeting in October. There will be a clock on the corner and a seating wall. In the Spring of next year, Linden Street will become a right turn only. There will be a traffic signal at Glenn Avenue. Alabama Power will move the poles from Main Street. Valley Road will become right in and right out. You will exit to the left at Valley Loop Road to a traffic signal. We will mill Pineview and pave and put up a street light, and resurface Valley by the end of the month. On the Vann Road traffic signal, he stated he has a letter that says all of the elements have been met and the project is now in the hands of the contractor Stone and Sons.

Mayor Choat stated the city survey results were received on Friday. Most were favorable comments, and we will work on other areas. He stated he talked to Barry Stephenson who heads the Jefferson County Board of Registrars who told him they may seek a fourth polling place in Trussville to lessen the number of voters assigned to each current location. This could possibly be the Civic Center. He encouraged everyone to respond to the 2020 Census next Spring as the numbers determine city funding. Traditionally Trussville has had good participation. There will be additional sites platted on the GoldKist property to attract industry.

Council President Freeman reported that at our next Council meeting on September 24, Col. Buzbee, sculptor of busts of fallen warriors will be here along with the family of Stg. Jason Stegall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk