

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, October 17, 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, October 22, 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, October 22, 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. Boy Scout Troop 245 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 October 8, 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. Mayor Choat asked that item G. be rephrased to indicate he be authorized to negotiate with Tillman Consulting for a contract for appraisals and acquisition of property for the downtown loop road. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved as amended, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Richard Epstein, 4742 Boulder Drive, congratulated City Clerk Lynn Porter on the nice article in the Cahaba Sun. He reported that on Chalkville Road at Snake Hill, there were trees on the power lines. He stated the holes are drilled for the traffic lights at Vann Road. He asked that the City Hall parking lot be restriped. He suggested a picture of the Braden Plaza plan be posted at the

corner of Chalkville Road and Main Street instead of the fence. He asked that the traffic signals on Chalkville Road be coordinated as the new one is out of sync. He stated the Mayor's talk at the Chamber Meeting was very informative.

Mr. Steve Cramer was recognized and stated these members of Boy Scout Troop 245 are working on their citizenship in community merit badge.

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	282.60
Non-Departmental	56,304.02
Mayor and Council	13,299.64
Administration	22,015.51
Inspections	5,883.63
Municipal Court	9,370.50
Finance	39.09
Information Technology	1,424.94
Police Department	91,725.31
Fire Department	24,557.15
Public Works	230,798.13
Parks and Recreation	130,343.65
Library	29,080.64
Rental Property	1,237.68
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	616,092.49
2018 BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND	4,118.85
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	203,772.52
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	1,585.90
CORRECTIONS FUND	13,445.30
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	839,015.03

- Leadership Skills - Findley (Police) - Dec. 16-18, 2019, Birmingham, \$325.00
- Criminal Investigation - Payne (Police) - Dec 16-20, 2019, Birmingham, \$495.00
- Basic Narcotics Investigation - McCool & Swope - Meridian, MS - Costs: Lodging only
- Fire Chiefs Executive Development - Shotts & McLaughlin - Feb 3-6 - Tuscaloosa -\$185.00 each
- Arson Investigators Conference - Fore - Nov 3-7, 2019 - Gulf Shores - \$125.00 plus lodging \$339.00 and meals
- Alabama Power lighting upgrades to LED
 - 3 lights Parkway Drive near ACTA and 2 lights on Bethune Parkway
 - 1 light at walking track by Cahaba Elementary and 3 lights ACTA parking & pool
- Accept resignation of dispatcher Maria Duarte
- Accept resignation of Christopher Kyle McKinney (Fire) effective October 22, 2019
- Reappoint Keith Corson to Library Board through October 25, 2023
- Merit increases effective October 26, 2019
 - Stephen Jordan - Police - Grade 17, Step 4
 - Adam Anderson - Police - Grade 17, Step 4
 - David Andrew Griffith - Fire - Grade 20, Step 9
- Merit increases effective November 9, 2019
 - Timothy Wayne Keith - Park & Rec - Grade 12, Step 6
 - Shawn Robinson - Park & Rec - Grade 15, Step 3
- Hire part-time Parks & Recreation effective October 26, 2019
 - Alexia Turner - Grade 5, Step 1 (Gymnastics)
 - Tanna Friday - Grade 5, Step 5 (Gymnastics)
 - Annette Krucina - Grade 5, Step 5 (Gymnastics)
 - Karli Guyther - Grade 5, Step 5 (Gymnastics)
 - Carley Sims - Grade 5, Step 9 (Gymnastics)
 - Christian Gagliano - Grade 7, Step 1 (Tennis)

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

A hearing on a restaurant retail liquor license for Taco Mama was called. Attorney Brad McGibboney, 2800 Shades Crest Road, stated their restaurant will serve beer, wine and liquor.

Council President Freeman pointed out that alcohol sales are a privilege. We monitor this closely. He asked what their policy on checking identification was.

Mr. McGibboney stated they check everyone who appears to be younger than thirty. When asked about training, he stated they have a member of Taco Mama to train the manager and employees at each location that opens. They train what to look for on the identification, and what to do if someone appears to be intoxicated. He stated they did not use the Responsible Vendor Program, but have an internal company policy that does a week of training prior to opening.

Council President Freeman asked if they had ever been cited for underage sales, and he replied no. He stated the only citation they have ever received was for serving pitchers of margaritas at happy hour. They found that only pitchers of beer were allowed. This has changed now.

Council President Freeman welcomed them to Trussville and asked when they would open, and was told mid-November.

Councilman Cook asked their hours and was told Sunday through Thursday 10:30 to 9:30, and Friday and Saturday 10:30 to 10:30. He asked how new trainees are educated and how often refreshers are done, and the status of a new employee prior to training?

Mr. McGibboney stated training is done one week before the store opens, and the manager is trained to train new employees.

Councilman Plant asked did he know who the manager would be in Trussville, and was told Mr. David Sloan would be at the Trussville site. He has previously been at the Crestwood location, but lives in Trussville.

Mr. McGibboney stated they also take alcohol sales very seriously.

Councilman Plant stated we occasionally run stings on underage sales. If this occurs, you may be asked to come back before the City Council to defend your license.

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

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2019-052 approving and accepting a Jefferson County Community Grant in the amount of \$10,000 that will be used to defray the cost of the traffic signal preemption equipment for the fire department be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Proclamation 2019-025 for End Epilepsy Day be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2019-053 awarding the bid for a dump truck for public works be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2019-039-ADM to declare property at 518 Main Street as surplus for property swap, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Steele then moved Ordinance 2019-039-ADM be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant, and Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2019-054 to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract with Tillman Consulting for ROW appraisals and acquisition be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele. Councilman Cook verified that this is to negotiate a contract and not to award it, and was told yes. The vote was unanimous.

An ordinance to annex 6635 and 6639 Bedford Circle was presented. Mr. Rick McDowell stated he petitioned to annex and the Planning and Zoning Board recommended it. He stated he had petitioned about three years ago, but the property was not contiguous at that time. Due to some recently annexations in his area, he is now contiguous.

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 Steele

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Ordinance 2019-040-ANX annexing this property be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant, and Steele

Nays: None

Council President Freeman announced a special meeting on a tax incentive agreement with Birmingham Realty, Inc. on Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 8:30 a.m.

Councilman Cook stated TRA met and discussed projects and the direction to take. Park and Recreation discussed fields for practice.

Councilman Plant gave the Library Report for September 2019 as follows:

Total Circulation

All Circulation Activity including items checked out, checked in and renewed: 27,036

Downloadable Audio/E-Books/Hoopla 2,845

Computer Use 1,326 Test Proctor/Notary 8/16

Library Visits 24,623

Reference Transactions 2,819

Library Programs 28 Program Attendance 711

New Members 34 Study Rooms visits 183

September Food for Fines campaign: 580 items delivered to TEAM from Trussville Public Library.

All age group areas (Children, Teen and Adult) have added additional programming. Please visit our Facebook page

@Trussville Public Library to view details of programs and events.

The additional two hours added to Thursday's schedule is very popular with the community for providing additional study time and space for study groups.

Councilman Plant stated this is the last meeting that Council President Freeman will be chairing our meetings. He stated he appreciated the good job that he has done.

Councilman Steele called upon Wayne Sullivan to report for the Public Works Department. He stated they have begun vacuuming leaves. He stated he appreciated the new truck that was approved.

Councilman Steele stated ACTA will be conducting an acting class workshop.

Council President Freeman stated there will be a Board of Education retreat on Monday. He called upon J.R. Malchus to report on permits issued. Mr. Malchus stated permits have slowed up some. There have been 207 new home permits issued in the last fiscal year. Council President Freeman commended Mr. Malchus and his staff for the job they do. For Planning and Zoning, Council President Freeman stated they recommended some zoning actions and approved some subdivisions.

Councilman Cook recognized some of the new part-time hires for our gymnastics program. He stated this is a good addition.

Mayor Choat stated he met with Mr. Cooper of ALDOT last week. He proposed an 80/20 split on our interstate lighting. There will be \$150,000 needed for a study to determine whose lights are whose. \$30,000 of this was allocated by the Mayors' Association. We are evaluating Valley Road and Linden and the new road. The new road is now in use. He thanked Commissioner Knight and the County Commission for the \$10,000 grant. Sheriff Pettway, Senators Shelnut and Roberts, and Representative Garrett have all contributed to make our city safer.

Mayor Choat stated he was sad to report that Jane Bailey is stepping down from the Planning and Zoning Board. She will serve until we can find a replacement. Darrell Skipper will chair this Board and Jim Meads will be vice-chair.

Mayor Choat stated the Highway 11 widening project in front of City Hall is progressing. We have three businesses we are negotiating with. The City Hall parking lot will be paved after the construction equipment is gone.

Representatives of the Epilepsy Foundation thanked the Council for the proclamation. They are starting a new chapter in Trussville.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk