

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in a special session on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Council President Pro Tem Zach Steele presided over the meeting and City Clerk Lynn Porter recorded the minutes.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Pro Tem Zack Steele
Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Brian Plant
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Council President Jef Freeman

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
Attorney Rick Stotser

Council President Pro Tem Steele called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. Councilman Taylor moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

The matter of authorizing a tax incentive agreement for Birmingham Realty Company, Inc, at 218 Main Street was presented.

Mayor Choat stated this agreement is on Half Shell Oyster House for \$1.2 million in sales taxes generated by this tenant, to be reimbursed over a ten year period. The first two years this would be a 100% reimbursement, 66.7% in years three through six, and 50% in years seven through ten. They anticipate revenues of \$5 million annually.

Mr. Chuck Callin, Barber Companies, stated Half Shell Oyster House is coming to the Birmingham area and opening in Lakeview and in Trussville. The company is from Biloxi, Mississippi. He said that their store in Flowwood, Mississippi has the same demographics as Trussville and that store does \$7 million annually. They own an interest in a seafood house and use fresh seafood. The owner was excited about Trussville - what is happening downtown, the schools, and the neighborhoods.

Mr. Callin stated construction should start ninety days from the execution of the agreement and take six months to complete. He stated they will turn the site over to Half Shell in February, and they have agreed to complete build-out in 120 days.

Mayor Choat stated their design fits well with out plaza design on the former Braden property. They have stipulated a start and completion date, and this will come on line about the time our entertainment district comes on line.

Councilman Cook asked about the clause on the substitution of business if approved by the City Council.

Mayor Choat stated the City would have to approve any new tenant that continued under this tax agreement.

Councilman Cook asked would this apply to a relocation of a business already operating in Trussville, and was told no.

Attorney Stotser stated, should the business not perform to these levels, the agreement ends in ten years and no other money will be due.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-055 authorizing this agreement be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook.

Councilman Cook asked would the entire shopping center get a facelift, and was told yes.

Mr. Callin stated they have not addressed the former bowling alley yet.

The vote was unanimous.

No other business coming before the City Council in this special meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk