

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session immediately preceding on November 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Zack Steele presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Council President Zack Steele
Councilman Jef Freeman
Councilman Brian Plant
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

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, November 26, 2019. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Police Chief Eric Rush addressed the Council about flashing signals at the schools. Eleven signs will be needed. They will be able to control these signs if there is an early school dismissal. The cost will be \$110,000. It was suggested that we talk to the schools to see if they will agree to use the Education Trust funds for this installation. This would require resolutions from each body.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Steele presided over the meeting and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

Council President Steele called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Plant to lead in prayer. Councilman Freeman led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Zack Steele
Councilman Jef Freeman
Councilman Brian Plant
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Perry Cook

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
Attorney Rick Stotser

Council President Steele introduced the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting for approval. Councilman Taylor moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

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

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Liabilities	112.37
Non-Departmental	5,857.25
Mayor and Council	12,230.69
Administration	492.03
Inspections	892.94
Municipal Court	1,593.81
Finance	9.50
Information Technology	1,327.00
Police Department	24,672.80
Fire Department	16,215.73
Public Works	24,844.78
Parks and Recreation	23,656.87
Library	5,902.48
Rental Property	51.01
Capital Outlay	145,461.84
Debt Service	14,673.83
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	277,931.93
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	5,839.00
CORRECTIONS FUND	7,912.06
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	291,682.99

Merit increases effective November 23, 2019

Robby Pruitt, Public Works, Grade 15, Step 5

Justin Ferguson, Public Works, Grade 17, Step 3

Merit increases effective December 7, 2019

John Middleton, Police, Grade 17, Step 5

Hire Mike Hinson, Finance Director, full time effective 12-7-2019, Grade 34, Step 3

Promote Fire employees

Brandon Jones from Firefighter/paramedic to Lieutenant - Grade 20, Step 10

Cindy Jones from Lieutenant to Captain - Grade 24, Step 7

Chris Franklin from Lieutenant to Captain - Grade 24, Step 7

Authorize purchase of one 2020 Silverado Pickup Fire Dept- \$36,606.30 addn to prior bid

Approve Contract with Pritchard Industries for PD for biweekly cleaning

Renew contract with Rivertree Systems for auditing

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

A request to transfer a restaurant retail liquor alcohol license for Konomi to the new owner was presented by Mr. Zhenai Chen, assisted by current license holder Feng Yong for translation.

Councilman Taylor asked Mr. Chen if he had previous experience in alcohol sales and where, and was told yes, in Michigan. Councilman Taylor asked the name of the establishment and if there had been any problems with underage sales, and was told there had been no problems with this at Soho Sushi.

Mayor Choat asked what was their policy for identification and was told they ask for ID for anyone under thirty. This is the same as the current policy, and the staff is trained this way.

Councilman Taylor asked if they were members of the Responsible Vendor Program, and was told they were formerly, but now the trainers that were trained at RVP do the employee training. Councilman Taylor if there have ever been any incidents at this location and was told during their first year of operation they were cited for not checking an ID, but nothing after that. They have been in business here for fifteen years.

Councilman Plant reminded the gentlemen that we take alcohol sales seriously. If there is a sting operation and a violation is found, the Mayor will be notified and you may be required to attend a meeting to show cause why the license should not be revoked.

Councilman Freeman moved this application be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Yong stated Trussville has been very supportive of his business and he will miss the customers. He stated this business is very hard, and he will now be semi-retired and work on other ventures.

Fire employees to be promoted were recognized. Brandon Jones has been a Firefighter and paramedic since 2007, and is promoted to Lieutenant. Cindy Jones has been with the department since 1999, and is currently a Lieutenant over the EMS division. She is being promoted to Captain. Chris Franklin has been with the department since 2001 and is currently a Lieutenant over training. He is being promoted to Captain. New badges reflecting their rank were pinned on each employee.

An ordinance to amend the Business License Ordinance to include a category for transportation management at a flat fee of \$250.00 per year was presented.

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this amendment, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Freeman, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2019-046-ADM amending the business license ordinance be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Freeman, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

An ordinance to set the speed limit on Valley Road from Chalkville Road to Roosevelt Boulevard at 40 miles per hour was presented. 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 Steele, Freeman, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor then moved Ordinance 2019-047-PS establishing this speed limit be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Freeman, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2019-058 authorizing the installation of speed humps on Carrington Drive be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2019-059 accepting the donation of a clock from the Rotary Club to be placed in the plaza at Main Street and Chalkville Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2019-060 declaring park office equipment as surplus be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2019-061 declaring file cabinets in the administrative department as surplus be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2019-062 authorizing Longevity pay as approved in the budget be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-063 authorizing the purchase of fifteen SCBA units at a cost of \$7,394.00 each for a total of \$110,924.00 be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-064 authorizing the financing on the SCBA units through Government Capital be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Park and Recreation Director David Vinson stated the Park and Recreation Department has received a matching grant of \$175,000 to upgrade the ballparks behind the Library. He stated he hopes to have these fields ready by Spring.

Councilman Freeman called upon Scott Mann to give the Building report. Mr. Mann stated they have issued 106 permits, 12 of these for new homes and one for a new business in the past two weeks. Design Review approved two signs and a parking lot.

Councilman Freeman reported the primary and secondary teacher of the year awards were made on November 18. He stated our schools perform at an exceptional level.

Councilman Plant stated an updated copy of our financials through the end of the fiscal year was distributed tonight.

Councilman Taylor stated Public Safety is doing traffic studies around our schools. Flashing lights will be installed to slow traffic down at the appropriate times. He thanked the Council for the promotions in the Fire Department.

For the Chamber, Councilman Taylor stated the Christmas tree lighting will be December 7 and the parade will be December 14. A lot of new businesses are opening, including Taco Mama and a barbeque restaurant to open at the former Joel's location.

Council President Steele stated we are looking for a Senior Center Director to replace Sandi Wilson who is leaving at the first of the year to accept a position as Parks Director in Vestavia Hills. The Senior Center will be closed the last two weeks of the year.

Council President Steele recognized Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan who stated all three vacuum trucks are running. He thanked the Council for the new dump truck.

Mayor Choat stated Mike Hinson will move from a contract employee to a city employee effective December 7. The traffic signals are up at Vann Road and Highway 11. They will blink for a week, and be up and running before Christmas. Dunn will be doing paving work at Brooks Crossing to tie in the deceleration lane and resurface Brooks Crossing Boulevard to the gate. There is a drainage problem at Cahaba Manor that we will meet on tomorrow. The street is torn up at Shirley's Florist and Elite Jewelry. You can access these two businesses from the back, but this is a problem during Christmas.

Mr. Adrian Polk, Highland Circle, asked about the blinking light on Chalkville Road near the restaurants. He stated it is confusing traffic in the area. He stated the light near Wendy's Hamburgers needs a left turn light.

Mayor Choat stated the County will make the decision on that light. When the new light was installed on Green Drive, the old one began flashing only. It is probably traffic coming off of the interstate that is confused by it. This light may come down. The new light was installed because you can no longer turn left from Valley Road, and this is the alternate route to turn left. The County is looking at the possibility of having two lanes going north.

Council President Steele wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk