

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 14, 2020

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Steele presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

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

Absent: None

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The workshop was convened and Mr. Matt Stoops of Sain Associates presented a roadway evaluation proposal. When this survey is completed, you will have a map. Red will indicate bad roads and green will indicate good roads. The report will also give a six to eight-year maintenance plan. There may be certain road treatments recommended that can extend the life of certain roads.

Councilman Taylor asked how roads in multiple jurisdictions would be addressed, and was told there is no good answer for this.

Councilman Freeman asked could this help when we go to the County to get roads paved?

Mayor Choat stated we do not want to say we will pave certain roads as of a certain date. He stated this will help us to know our major problem areas.

Mr. Stoops stated this survey will cost \$87,000 with most for survey costs.

Councilman Freeman asked is a traffic study included, and was told no.

Wayne Sullivan stated pavement preservation sometimes extends the life of a road from five to ten years without paving.

Mr. Stoops stated the field work will take three to four months, then another two to three months for the plan.

This item will be added to the agenda.

The Council received the agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. 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, January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Steele presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

Council President Steele called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Taylor 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 Perry Cook  
Councilman Freeman  
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Brian Plant

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

Council President Steele introduced the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting for approval. Councilman Freeman moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

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

The consent agenda included as follows:

Accounts Payable	
Liabilities	270.17
Non-Departmental	26,023.84
Mayor and Council	6,896.97
Administration	32,809.44
Finance	8,596.09
Inspections	8,444.03
Municipal Court	10,062.59
Information Technology	2,905.18
Police Department	165,763.71
Fire Department	133,660.37
Public Works	78,423.60
Garbage	188,764.14
Parks and Recreation	148,976.91
Library	35,198.63
Rental Properties	499.64
Capital Outlay	45.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	847,340.31
STATE GAS 7-CENT FUND	122,082.00
2018 BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND	767,075.48
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	1,892.06
CORRECTIONS FUND	11,190.17
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,749,580.02

At-Scene Collision Reconstruction - Feb 3-14 - Calera - Davis - \$800.00  
Gov Finance Officers Conf - Hinson - Feb 18-20 - Mobile - \$325 - no lodging  
Alabama Transportation Conf - Sullivan - Feb 11-12 - Montgomery - \$225 plus lodging & expenses  
AAMCA Conf. - Porter - Feb 18-20 - Hoover - \$265 (??? don't know yet)  
Fire Chiefs Executive Conf - Chris Schmohl - Tuscaloosa - Feb 3-6 - \$185.00, plus lodging  
Promote Connie Watkins to Public Safety Dispatcher III, Grade 19, Step 8, eff 1-18-20  
Hire Hollye Grosvenor, Public Safety Dispatcher II, Grade 16, Step 1, effective Jan 18,  
Promote Katie Jones, Library, from part-time to full time circulation clerk eff 1-18-20  
Hire Steven Paul Phillips, Firefighter, Grade 19, Step 2, effective Jan 18, 2020  
Hire Matthew Gregory Williams, Firefighter, Grade 19, Step 1, effective Jan 18, 2020  
Hire Kristie Scott, Fire Admin Clerk, Grade 13, Step 4, effective Feb 3, 2020  
Hire Makeda Smith, Senior Center Director - Grade 18, Step 10, effective Feb 1, 2020  
Reappoint John Floyd to Tree Commission through Feb 28, 2022  
Approve Roadway Evaluation proposal by Sain & Assoc - \$87,000

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, was recognized and asked that reflectors be placed on Valley Loop Road. He stated there needs to be additional or bigger signs on the fence at Braden's, as the one on Chalkville Road cannot be seen unless you are stopped in traffic right in front of it. The lights on Chalkville Road need to be regulated. There is a "walk behind" stripping machine available for less than \$35,000.

A hearing on a property nuisance at 3584 Queenstown Road was called. Mr. Troy Needham stated he tried to get people to help him after the fire. He talked to Habitat for Humanity and others who told him they do not help single people - only families. He stated he has had no one to help him get his belongings out. He stated the house is for sale.

Mayor Choat stated we have been trying to work with you for over a year. The structure is a safety concern and a public nuisance. A demolition permit was issued in December 2018.

Mr. Needham stated he can't afford to have the house taken down.

Mayor Choat stated we will give you a chance to get your belongings out.

Mr. Joe Needham asked was there a demo permit to take the house down, and was told yes. He stated all of the family members here tonight are hard of hearing, and he wanted to be able to explain to them what went on tonight.

A female family member stated the house is seventy-five years old.

There being no other comment, the hearing was closed.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2020-001 declaring this nuisance be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

An ordinance to make one block of Morrow Avenue one-way south bound between Main Street and Butler Street was presented.

A public hearing was opened and Mr. Wayne Taylor, 123 Dew Drive was recognized. Mr. Taylor stated he was not opposed to this, but had a question about additional parallel parking that would be created by this action.

Mr. J.T. Murphy, CCI Engineering, stated three additional parallel parking places will be created in this area.

There being no other comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Taylor moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor then moved Ordinance 2020-001-ADM to make one block of Morrow Avenue one way south bound be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Council President Steele stated there was an item on our consent agenda to promote Dispatcher Connie Watkins to Dispatch Supervisor III. He recognized Chief Eric Rush who stated Connie was hired as a firefighter in 2001, and transferred from the Fire Department to the Police Department as a Dispatcher in 2010. This promotion is well deserved. He presented a plaque to her.

Chief Rush also recognized Holley Rowen who was hired as a dispatcher tonight.

A Stormwater ordinance was presented for approval, after the required public hearing and two-week response period. Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Freeman, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2020-002-ADM approving this ordinance be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Proclamation 2020-001 on School Board Recognition Month be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous. Councilman Freeman stated he does not think most people realize the time these members invest in the school system. He commended these individuals.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2020-002 approving right-of-way acquisitions for the downtown loop road on three properties, seconded by Councilman Freeman and the motion carried with Councilman Taylor abstaining.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2020-003 approving right -of-way acquisitions for the downtown loop road on two properties, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the motion carried with Councilman Taylor abstaining.

Councilman Cook reported the TRA is meeting right now. Park and Recreation met last night and discussed building construction.

Councilman Freeman called upon JR Malchus who reported 114 permits and 117 inspections have taken place in the first two weeks of the year. At Planning and Zoning last night, a new subdivision was approved and three rezonings were recommended.

Councilman Taylor stated he had received the end of year reports for public safety. The police department answered 19,036 calls. Theft of Vehicle arrests are up 61% since the FLOC system was installed three months ago. The fire department made 37,030 responses, up 23.5% from last year.

Council President Steele asked Wayne Sullivan how we fared in the weekend storms. He stated we only had a couple of trees down in the storm. Gary Meadows stated over 200 people attended Senior Center Director Sandi Wilson's send off party. Council President Steele stated we have hired Meketa Smith as our new director, who will be coming on board soon.

Mayor Choat stated we are celebrating the 200-year anniversary of the founding of the Trussville community. This first weekend will include a tour of Cahaba Elementary School and the Museum and a play will be performed at ACTA twice during the day. The time will be 10:00-2:00. Each month after there will be some activity on the second Saturday.

Mayor Choat stated we are discussing street lights on Valley Road with the power company. He suggested the nose of the two islands be painted with reflective paint. He stated the traffic signal at Vann Road is flashing. A turn signal will be added to the light at Mary Taylor Road. Freddie's has agreed to pay for this. He showed a hat given to him reading "Trussville is Happening."

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

Sincerely,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk