

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

RESCHEDULED MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall preceding the rescheduled City Council meeting. Council President Zack Steele presiding and Stacy Frazier served as recording secretary in the absence of City Clerk Lynn Porter.

Those members present were as follows:

Council President Zack Steele

Councilman Perry Cook

Councilman Jef Freeman

Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: Brian Plant

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 following the workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at Council meeting.

Chris Rigdon of Trussville Country Club discussed a new scholarship fund he is heading for the benefit of Trussville City employee's children. He is working with Jon McDonald with Serra Dealerships to establish this. They have an initial check for \$5,000 that they would like to present to the Council. This was added to the agenda for the meeting following the workshop. Rick Stotser will draw up the guidelines for this fund.

Chesley Payne of Massey, Stotser explained the Ordinance relating to the gift and property swap with FARMOR. LLC. Steve Mordecai with Southpace Properties also answered questions related to the property, primarily how the 8.3 acres that will be a park will not be turned over until after final plat.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in a rescheduled session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Steele presided over the meeting and Stacy Frazier served as recording secretary.

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

These persons answering present to roll call were as follow:

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

Absent: None

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

Council President Steele introduced the minutes of the December 10, 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 Steele moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Liabilities	\$	150.00
Non- Departmental	\$	10,857.59
Mayor & Council	\$	14,405.00
Administration	\$	21,593.45
Inspections	\$	941.76
Municipal Court	\$	1,517.47
Finance	\$	3009.32
IT	\$	47.53
Police Department	\$	25,056.47
Fire Department	\$	19,477.16
Public Works	\$	31,523.01
Park & Recreation	\$	65,428.80
Library	\$	10,573.87
Rental	\$	816.47
General Fund Total	\$	205,398.35
2018 Bond Constructions Fund	\$	843,499.01
Capital Projects	\$	62,971.50
Corrections	\$	4,754.67
Grand Total	\$	1,136,623.53

Police – Promote Detective Rob Hicks to Sergeant, Grade 20, Step 8

Hire Police Department effective January 4, 2020 – pending physical

Gregory Frugola, Grade 17, Step 5

Michael Montana, Grade 17, Step 7

Hire Library effective January 2, 2020, pending physical and background

Erica Calvert – Children’s Librarian

Megan McQueen – Teen Assistant

Santana Harmon – Part-Time temporary

Hire Tennis – Kristi G. Elacqua part-time, effective December 18, 2019, Grade 7, Step 1

Add Meals By Misti to catering list at the Civic Center

Assume power on street lights Winslow Drive – 2 on road extension

Approve creation of HR Project Coordinator , Grade 28, Step 9

Council President Steele then moved to the audience for public comment. Brook Neilson, 313 Dogwood Trail, a student at Hewitt Trussville High School and a member of the girl’s Lacrosse team approached the podium to read a letter that she had prepared for the Council. She expressed her concerns over the inadequacies of the fields that the Lacrosse teams are playing on. Conditions of the fields cause many games to be have to be rescheduled. They are asking for permission to play on the football field at the stadium for games only. This way there would be no conflicts with weather or field conditions.

The assistant girl’s coach, Angela Weissgeuher also read a prepared statement to the Council asking for consideration of the use of the stadium field. She stated that they have tried repeatedly to work with the school to find out who has a say over this but have run into many dead ends. It was stated that other schools like: Jackson Olin, Mountain Brook, Auburn and others are all allowed to play on the field at their High School stadium. Why can’t we do that also? Clay-Chalkville lets the Trussville boys team use their field so Trussville should let their own team use the field too. All sports should be equally important. They have had 6 students receive offers to play at the college level.

Tandi Smith, 154 Rockridge Ave, member of Park Board and has a daughter playing Lacrosse, handed out a packet to each Councilmember. Her information addressed concerns that were brought up at a school meeting previously. She answered issues relating to painting the field, tearing up the field, creases where goals stand, lights and clean up, sanctioning. Council President Steele stated that this relates to him personally and his opinion is that others should be able to use the fields. Councilman Cook also is a proponent of others using the fields. Councilman Taylor stated that we need to be careful legally because the management of the field is up to the school. They control the field even though we make the debt payment. Councilman Freeman said that we need to do some more research. Give us time to do that.

Chris Rigdon, Trussville Country Club and Jon McDonald, General Manager, Serra, presented a check to the Council for \$5,000 for an employee scholarship fund to help the children of city employees. City

Attorney, Rick Stotser plans to draft the guidelines for the management of the fund. Chris stated that he is thankful for Trussville and is glad to help.

Police Chief, Eric Rush recognized Rob Hicks of the Police Dept. on his promotion to Sergeant. He has been an officer for 18 years and 12 here at Trussville. He does a great job for us and will continue to do so.

Public hearing for Dollar General for off premise beer and wine license was opened by Council President Steele. Don Heeley, Assistant Manager with Dollar General was present to speak on their behalf. He answered questions from the Council concerning his procedures for checking IDs. Their system requires manual input of birthdate on every person purchasing alcohol. No one spoke against and the hearing was closed. Councilman Steele made the motion to approve, Seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Proclamation 2019-028 – Human Trafficking Awareness Month- was introduced by Councilman Freeman. Julia Meyers, JR League of Birmingham was here to speak on the issue. In Birmingham it is a 150 million industry and we have to do all we can to stop it. The most common time for trafficking is in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. so we need to help stop it in the workplace. Council Freeman made the motion to pass Proclamation 2019-028, Seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2019-071 – Charitable Gift Agreement – Chesley Payne addressed the Council regarding the proposed swap of property with FARMOR, LLC . There will be three different transactions taking place. Property will be swapped with FARMOR for the property where the BOE office will be and there will be a swap of the park property but not until the final plat of that piece only. This will consist of 8.3 acres. Council Freeman made the motion to adopt and it was seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor introduced the SWMPP ordinance. This is a Stormwater ordinance with the first Public hearing tonight. Council President opened the hearing. The response period is two weeks and is to be adopted in January. No other questions and the hearing closed.

Ordinance 2019-048-ADM – Amend Ordinance 2016-035-ADM- Councilman Freeman moved to suspend the rules procedure to allow the immediate consideration. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call – the vote was unanimous. Chief Shotts clarified the changes were made to clean up the wording and to zone out tenant spaces. Councilman Freeman motioned to pass Ordinance 2019-048-ADM, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The vote was unanimous and the Ordinance passed.

#### Council Reports:

Perry Cook – Park & Rec – Pickle Ball fees were discussed at the Park Board meeting the night before. There will be a Soccer Jamboree March 7, 2020. TAG has 140 students registered and 6 coaches now.

Jef freeman – Design review was postponed, BOE met last night and discussed the 2040 plan with Mayor Choat, which involves an Education Corridor along Husky Parkway. Paine Elementary is up 31 students since the beginning of school and will add 18 more in January. Bill Roberts has started a Character scholarship fund with \$20,000 and his former employer is adding \$10,000. Great to see all the giving to BOE and the schools.

Zack Steele – Carry Over

Brian Plant – Carry Over

Alan Taylor – Public Safety – Congratulations on the Promotion tonight for Rob Hicks.

Chamber – Tree lighting and Parade had a great turn out and the weather was great, Attorney General Steve Marshall will be the speaker at the Chamber Luncheon on Thursday. I have been asked to be on the board of the scholarship fund for Bill Roberts Scholarship. This is an honor and glad to serve.

Mayor Choat – Light at Vann Road will start blink on Friday, Dunn has been delayed due to weather, meeting today regarding the light at Hamilton and Winn Dixie.

Mr. Epstein from the audience wanted to say thank you for the sign at the Braden's Corner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Frazier  
Mayor's Assistant