

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2020

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, March 19, 2020 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 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 the Council received a preliminary agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 24, 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 a tele-conferenced regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Councilmembers, the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk accessing remotely, and with the public able to view the meeting in progress. 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 explained that we are in compliance with Governor Ivey's Proclamation issued March 18 declaring a COVID-19 public health emergency, and that this Proclamation allows a waiver of the Open Meetings Act for governmental bodies to meet by telephone, video conference or similar communication, during this period. This Proclamation limits discussion to COVID-19 and essential city business, thus there will be no reports and no discussions not pertaining to these items. He explained that with this unique situation where all of the members are not all in one place, Mayor Choat will be describing each item for consideration before one of the Council makes a motion.

Council President Steele called upon Councilman Taylor to lead in prayer and Councilman Freeman to lead the pledge to the flag.

The members answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Taylor moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and the consent agenda were presented for approval. Those items appearing on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Accounts Payable

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Liabilities            | 1,844.00   |
| Administration         | 366.97     |
| Inspections            | 288.36     |
| Municipal Court        | 233.18     |
| Information Technology | 29.33      |
| Police Department      | 30,130.95  |
| Fire Department        | 23,892.91  |
| Public Works           | 13,322.15  |
| Parks and Recreation   | 35,670.13  |
| Library                | 3,624.53   |
| Rental Property        | 379.85     |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL     | 109,782.36 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  | 6,030.00   |
| CORRECTIONS FUND       | 2,831.07   |
| DEBT SERVICE           | 2,500.00   |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 121,143.43 |

*NOTE: Approval of the training below is contingent upon the lifting of the employee travel ban due to the Covid-19 virus.*

NASRO - Montgomery, Filetti - Orange Beach - May 31- June 5- \$990 ea plus lodging & expenses  
 TAASRO - Bates, Antonio, Bowen, Smith, Dillon, Rush - Orange Beach- May 31- June 5- \$ 200 ea  
 ( Filetti & Montgomery comp) plus lodging & expenses

Administrative Investigation of Jail/Correction Officer Misconduct- Morrette, Posey- Cullman- May 19-20 \$550.00

Approve Full Moon as Civic Center Vendor

Accept transfer for David Lee Maddox to PD effective 3-28-2020, Grade 17, Step 5

Councilman Cook moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution on a permit agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation, and authorizing the Mayor to sign on the City's behalf was introduced. This will be for a traffic signal to be erected on Highway 11 at the intersection of Hamilton Place which is under construction on the north side of the highway and the center entrance to the Winn Dixie shopping center on the south side. Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2020-016 be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and the vote was unanimous.

An ordinance to annex a portion of the property at 4534 Martin Wilson Road was presented. Mayor Choat stated this is approximately one-half acre that is being taken from a 14-acre tract, and sold to a neighbor to give a bigger side yard. The person buying this property is already in the city and wishes for this property to be in the city as well.

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

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2020-011-ANX be adopted annexing this property, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

An ordinance to approve the sale of property belonging to the City to ALDOT for the U. S. Highway 11 widening project in front of City Hall was presented. This will for right-of-way and for temporary construction easements. Mayor Choat stated the State will pay for the widening, but the City is responsible for the costs of all right-of-way purchases and temporary construction easements for the project, that includes fourteen individual properties. We will handle our portion as a property donation. This ordinance declares the property as surplus and authorizes the Mayor to execute a deed to ALDOT on project STBH7073.

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

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Ordinance 2020-012-ADM be adopted annexing this property, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, Plant, and Taylor

Nays: None

A resolution to approve a purchase contract on Tract 12 - APCO Credit Union, for the Highway 11 widening project was presented. Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2020-017 be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution to approve a purchase agreement on Tract 10, 109 Glenn Avenue, from Stonecrest, LLC on the downtown loop road project was presented. Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2020-018 be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the motion carried with Councilman Taylor abstaining.

A resolution to suspend meetings of all unincorporated boards and committees that are not required to meet by the Code of Alabama during the COVID-19 public health outbreak was presented. Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2020-019 be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution to approve awarding a contract to Axon Enterprises, Inc. for Tasers, body cameras, and software integration at a cost of \$515,946.08 was presented. Attorney Rick Stotser stated his office has researched this and reached out to the Public Examiners office, who advised them that, due to the unique integration of this product, that it could be considered a sole source provider exempt from bid, and that there are several Attorney General's Opinions that support not bidding this item under the Homeland Security exemption from the bid law. Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2020-020 awarding this contract and authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the city be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat stated he is in support of the Jefferson County Health Department's limitations on the number of people gathered in one place and in social distancing. He urged everyone to continue to take caution even though there are no known cases in Trussville.

Council President Steele thanked the Mayor for staying on top of this and encouraged everyone to stay at home.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter, City Clerk