

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2020

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 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
City Attorney Rick Stotser

The workshop was convened and the Council received a preliminary agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, . The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Mr. Ben Cork of Cork, Hill and Associates presented the FY 2019-2020 Audit for approval. He stated this is a clean opinion. One significant change is the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) increase of \$3 million. This is due to new reporting requirements. Sales taxes are now being reported differently than in prior years. He pointed out that the Management Statement prepared by Finance Director Mike Hinson is more colorful than in past years using charts to show percentages of revenues and expenditures. He stated the staff at City Hall do a good job, and are cooperative in getting all of the records together for the audit.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 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 Taylor to lead in prayer. Councilman Cook led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons 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
Attorney Rick Stotser

Council President Steele introduced the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting for approval. Councilman Taylor moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. The Consent agenda read as follows:

Accounts Payable

Non-Departmental	12,085.55
Mayor and Council	3,440.49
Administration	4,497.22
Inspections	826.57
Finance	275.00
Police Department	15,328.97
Fire Department	6,253.02
Public Works	4,825.62
Parks and Recreation	27,543.64
Library	15,210.82
Capital Outlay - Grants	60,082.14
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	153,177.79
COURT JUDICIAL FUND	120.05
CORRECTIONS FUND	980.11
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	154,277.95

- Revenue Officers Training - Poe, Hamilton & Mathis - Tuscaloosa - Oct 7-9, 2020 - Training postponed -Previously paid \$225.00 ea., plus lodging
- Skills of Positive Leadership - Bradford, & Reid - Summerdale, AL - Aug 31-Sept 2 - \$350 ea, plus lodging
- Court Security - Posey - Cullman - July 7-9 - \$295.00
- Motorcycle Challenge - Dunn & David - Jul7 21-25, 2020 - Gallatin, TN - No cost, plus lodging
- AL Narcotics Officers Assn - Dillon, Jones, McCool, Holloway, Swope, Martin, Rush - August 17-20 - \$150. Ea, plus lodging
- Hire lifeguards for 2020 season
 - Layton Lambert, Grade 7, Step 3
 - Kelly James Ryan, Grade 7, Step 4
 - Chase Armstrong, Grade 7, Step 2
 - Aubrey Renee Mavin, Grade 7, Step 4
- Hire Ta Huffstutler, fitness instructor - Grade 15, Step 4
- Hire Stacy Frazier, Public Relations Coordinator, Grade 24, Step 3 effective 6-6-2020
- Hire Malcolm Northern - Dispatcher - Grade 16, Step 1 effective 6-20-2020 pending physical
- Hire Steven Szajko, Firefighter/EMT - Grade 19, Step 1 effective 6-15-2020
- Promote Chase Trammell to Firefighter/Paramedic, plus 2 yr. degree- Effective May 23, 2020 - Grade 19, Step 2, plus 5%
- Accept resignations from IDB
 - Cecil Medders
 - Mike Richards

Councilman Freeman moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the vote was unanimous.

A public hearing for alcohol sales at Half Shell Oyster House was presented by Bryant Asbury, operations manager, and Megan Lynn, alcohol sales trainer. Mr. Asbury stated Ms. Lynn is a certified trainer and trains their employees on food safety and on alcohol sales.

Ms. Lynn stated she does TIP and RVP training with all new hires. She will train the Trussville employees before the restaurant opens, and then will return every ninety days to train any new hires. She stated it is their policy to card everyone who appears to be under forty.

The were asked how many locations they operate, and responded fourteen in all, with five in Alabama.

Councilman Plant asked about prior violations, Mr. Asbury responded in ten years, there have been three incidents with underage sales company wide. In each case the employee committing the offense was fired. He stated alcohol sales constitute about 16.5% of revenues, with the remainder being food. This varies some from store to store.

Councilman Plant stated our police department periodically conducts sting operations, and reports back to the City Council. If the Council is notified, a restaurant holding an alcohol license may be called back before the City Council to show cause why their license should not be revoked.

Councilman Taylor stated he was glad they have chosen to come to Trussville.

A public hearing was opened, and there being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilman Plant moved this alcohol license be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

When asked about his menu, Mr. Asbury stated about 15% of their sales are oysters either raw or prepared in different ways. They also offer other seafood and steaks, as well as many side dishes.

Councilman Taylor moved the FY 2018-2019 audit be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous. (Copy attached.)

An amendment to our tag sales ordinance to add a tag official was presented. This is to satisfy bonding requirements for tag sales. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved Ordinance 2020-014-ADM be adopted as presented naming the City Clerk as the tag official, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2020-042 accepting the streets in Hunters Creek, Phases 2 and 4 for city maintenance with a one-year warranty be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Freeman moved Resolution 2020-043 accepting the streets in Longmeadow, Sectors B-1, B-2, and B-3 for city maintenance with a one-year warranty be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cool moved Resolution 2020-044 approving a contract with Regional Planning Commission for an APPLE grant for a corridor study on Chalkville Road between Green Drive and Midway Church Road be approved. This was seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2020-045 to approve a contract with Jefferson County for municipal election services be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2020-046 to approve a Change Order on the Quad 1 landscaping be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook carried over his report as his committees have not met during COVID.

Councilman Freeman stated Planning and Zoning met last night and recommended several annexations, approved some subdivisions and recommended some zonings. He stated the Board of Education will meet on June 16.

Councilman Plant stated we had a very positive Finance Committee meeting last week. He expressed his appreciation to public safety as they have been on the front lines during the COVID outbreak and during the period of civil unrest.

Councilman Taylor stated the Leland Dockery Tribute car show has been rescheduled for June 16. The First Baptist Church has been discussing an abbreviated Freedom Festival on Fourth of July. There will be a band and fireworks from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. They are debating food trucks versus encouraging family picnics.

Councilman Taylor stated the Utilities Board met and discussed their ADEM audit. There will be a Chamber Board meeting tomorrow. There will be Movies on the Mall on July 11.

City Clerk Lynn Porter pointed out that our first meeting in July conflicts with the postponed Presidential Preference Primary runoff. City Hall is a polling place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. After discussion this meeting was changed to Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Choat stated Commissioner Joe Knight had texted him saying Floyd Bradford Road will be reopened tomorrow. The Greenway Ballfield project is progressing. The Civic Center is now booking small events. He stated we have signed agreements on all but one piece of property on Highway 11 for our widening project, and we will be meeting with them later in the week.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk