

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 23, 2020

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:00 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 Alan Taylor

Absent: Councilman Brian Plant

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The workshop was convened and Mr. Jim Meads of Sain and Associates addressed the Council concerning grant money available for sidewalk construction. This are TAP funds through ALDOT for up to \$800,000. The City's portion would be \$300,000. These could be used to implement the City's ADA compliance plan. His suggestion would be to request the maximum for the Mall and Cahaba Project area that are not ADA compliant. Option one would be the area from Highway to the Mall along Parkway Drive, and Option two would be the area around the Mall. Based on his estimates, this amount would do either of these projects.

Discussion followed on the large trees in this area, and the fear of killing the trees or having to take them down to do the project. The problem with the prior sidewalk grant through ALDOT was discussed. Mr. Meads was asked would the State not choose the contractor and he responded that they would. He stated the cities of Mountain Brook and Homewood have done extensive sidewalk construction using these grants with no problems. It was pointed out that not one, or two, but three problem contractors were assigned to the Trussville sidewalk project and the State asked the City not to file against the bonding company when the job was not completed. This cost the City additional money each time a new contractor was selected by the State.

The Council received the agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held at 6:00 this evening. 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, June 23, 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 Freeman to lead in prayer. Councilman Taylor 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 June 9, 2020 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook asked that spelling of his name be corrected. Councilman Freeman moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. A grant from Jefferson County for \$10,000 for the Senior Citizens Program was added. Councilman Freeman moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Non-Departmental	1,134.00
Administration	1,247.24
Municipal Court	60.00
Police Department	12,586.08
Fire Department	12,675.82
Public Works	11,434.64
Parks and Recreation	21,480.18
Library	5,313.33
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	65,931.29
CONFISCATED FUND	520.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	12,786.97
CORRECTIONS FUND	14,221.26
MUNICIPAL COURT	350.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	93,809.52

Judicial Seminar - Chamblee - Gulf Shores - Sept 24-26 - \$350 plus lodging
Creating Great Culture Through Leadership - Lovell - Jacksonville, AL - Aug 18 - \$149.00
Ambush & Lethal Environment Recognition - Curran - Birmingham - Sept 14-16 - \$325
CVSA Examiner - Hicks - Nashville, Sept 14-18 - \$395.00 plus lodging
Approve agreement with Alabama Power Company for security cameras on Braden's corner - \$233.33 per month, plus appx. \$35.00 power costs
Park & Rec - Seasonal employees effective June 20, 2020
Connor Calhoun, Grade 7, Step 1
Kristi Elacqua - Grade 7, Step 2
Appoint Steve Turner to Planning and Zoning Board through June 11, 2026
Change order numbers 2 & 3 - Powers - Greenway Ballfield
Upgrade Pam Loggins to Recreation Leader Grade 12, Step 4 effective 06-20-2020

The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2020-047, to approve an ALDOT Trussville Clay Road, Supplemental Agreement to close out this project, be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Proclamation 2020-011 on the Freedom Celebration be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the motion carried with Councilman Taylor abstaining as he works for First Baptist Church who sponsors this event.

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex a portion of 4534 Martin Wilson Road, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-015-ANX to annex a portion of 4534 Martin Wilson Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex 3380 Old Roper Road, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-016-ANX to annex 3380 Old Roper Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex 3376 Old Roper Road, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-017-ANX to annex 3376 Old Roper Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex 6006 Advent Circle, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-018-ANX to annex 6006 Advent Circle be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex 3325 Smith Sims Road, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-019-ANX to annex 3325 Smith Sims Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex 5751 Carrington Way, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-020-ANX to annex 5751 Carrington Way be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex 8290 Goodner Mountain Road, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-021-ANX to annex 8290 Goodner Mountain Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex 8244 Goodner Mountain Road, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-022-ANX to annex 8244 Goodner Mountain Road be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex 8500 Skyline Way, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-023-ANX to annex 8500 Skyline Way be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Steele, Cook, Freeman, and Taylor

Nays: None

Mayor Choat stated Steve Turner was on the agenda to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board. He was formerly the Mayoral appointee to this body. He announced the appointment of Bill Lowery as Mayor's appointee to P & Z through November 1, 2020.

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2020-048 authorizing ALDOT improvements on I-59 northbound from CR10 to the St. Clair County line within the city limits be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2020-049 authorizing acceptance of a \$10,000 grant from Jefferson County for Senior Citizen Center operations, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Steele announced the Presidential Preference Primary Runoff on July 14. The City Council meeting will be moved to Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., with the workshop at 5:00 p.m. due to the conflicting date.

Councilman Cook reported for Park and Recreation that adult volleyball and softball play has begun.

Councilman Freeman asked JR Malcus for a building report. Mr. Malchus stated in the past two weeks eleven permits for new homes and one permit for a new business have been issued and two hundred inspections have been done.

Councilman Freeman stated Design Review met and gave design approval to Christ Church Presbyterian on Watterson Parkway and some signs.

Councilman Freeman reported for the Board of Education saying graduation was held two weeks ago. Awards were presented in a Zoom on-line ceremony. He stated our school system was able to go from classroom to the cloud seamlessly during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Board is working on hurdles of restarting school this fall.

Councilman Taylor stated for public safety that he appreciated our two chiefs and the jobs they have done during the pandemic and social unrest. These have been tough times.

Councilman Taylor stated the Utilities Board lobby continues to be closed. Business is conducted online, by mail and at the drive through. The lobby may be closed permanently. Effective June 15 they will resume disconnecting accounts for nonpayment.

Councilman Taylor reported the Chamber has their fair food event and it went well despite weather.

Councilman Steele reported work has been done at ACTA on the air conditioning. They also have received a \$9,900 grant from the County for stage improvements.

Councilman Steele stated he agreed with Councilman Taylor on the job our public safety departments are doing. He stated he also agrees that the schools have done an exceptional job.

Mayor Choat reported that he would meet with ALDOT on Thursday on the widening of Highway 11. ALDOT will review the right-of-way agreements and we hope to be on the September bid letting.

Mayor Choat stated there will be a review on Quad 1 progress later this week. We have received a credit on our waste contractor bill for this month on the brush pick up.

Councilman Taylor stated construction is starting on the Common House Restaurant near the stage.

Council President Steele stated Half Shell Oyster House will open in late July.

Mr. Richard Epstein, Boulder Drive, stated it takes from twelve to sixteen minutes to get from Boulder Drive to I-59.

Mayor Choat stated, at our last meeting we approved a study to look at ways to help with the traffic.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk