

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 28, 2020

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Zack Steele presiding and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:

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

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, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at Council meeting.

Mr. Evans Brown was recognized to explain the differences in the Tier I and Tier II retirement plans under the Retirement System of Alabama (RSA). He explained that the legislation enacting the Tier II plan was promoted by the State of Alabama to help control their spiraling retirement costs, but was effective on all agencies under RSA, and became effective January 1, 2013. This action changed the retirement age and the service multiplier for Tier II employees employed after the effective date. The original legislation was amended to allow local governments to make independent elections as to treating their Tier II employees the same as Tier I employees as to retirement age and service multiplier. The city may also choose one of three options on employee contributions for Tier I and Tier II employees. This will cost the city \$75,085 annually in "buy back" costs, ending in the fifteenth year.

After discussion, the Council asked that this be added to an agenda in August with the Tier II employees to bear the increased employee costs in exchange for increased retirement benefits, and with no increase in employee costs for Tier I employees who would see no additional benefit from this change.

City Clerk Lynn Porter left the workshop at this point, and Stacy Frazier took over recording secretary duties.

An ordinance restricting use of unlicensed golf carts on public streets was discussed. This will be assigned to a committee for further study.

The bike ramp on the mountain bike trails in the sports complex was discussed. There is a by-pass route in place around this ramp, and no action was recommended at this time.

An offer on city property at the end of Anderson Circle was discussed. The City Council was in general agreement to sell this tract, however, it will have to be subdivided from a larger tract before this can be done.

There was discussion of making changes to our Tyler financial software from a server-based option to a cloud-based option, that will give more flexibility for remote access with COVID-19 concerns or quarantine. This was added to the consent agenda 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 rescheduled session on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 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 Plant led the pledge to the flag.

These persons answering present to roll call were as follow:

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

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

Council President Steele introduced the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting for approval. Councilman Cook asked that the minutes be corrected on page 4 regarding 6270 Service Road. It should read affirm instead of denied. Correction noted. Councilman Cook moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

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

The Consent agenda was presented as follows:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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| Revenue/Liabilities | \$ | 135.00 |
| Administration | \$ | 1838.99 |
| Inspections | \$ | 611.48 |
| Municipal Court | \$ | 580.00 |
| Finance | \$ | 275.00 |
| IT | \$ | |
| Police Department | \$ | 6992.16 |
| Fire Department | \$ | 4741.07 |
| Public Works | \$ | 23,114.70 |

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| Park & Recreation | \$ | 19,623.45 |
| Library | \$ | 4,581.46 |
| General Fund Total | \$ | 62,493.31 |
| Bond Construction | \$ | 539,686.19 |
| Capital Projects | \$ | 864.00 |
| Court | \$ | 395.00 |
| Corrections | \$ | 5,563.07 |
| Debt Service | \$ | 148,338.00 |
| Grand Total | \$ | 609,001.57 |

Approve: Gymnastics tournament travel – Stanton & Sims – 2 nights lodging & 3 days food

September 11-13 – Bounders Beach Bash – Foley

September 18-20 – Festival of the Stars – Montgomery

November 20-22 – Blue Grey Invitational – Montgomery

Defensive Tactics Training – Taylor- Oct 5-9- Tuscaloosa- \$600.00, no lodging

Police Motorcycle Skills – Dunn, Davis, Kennedy & Golden- Oct 6-10- Spring Hill, TN- No registration costs – lodging & meals

Extend Dunn contract through July 11, 2021 per extension contract terms

Hire Patrick James Blom, Firefighter, Grade 19, Step 2, effective Aug 1, 2020

Hire Timothy White, Recreation Leader, Grade 12, Step 2, effective Aug 1, 2020

Approve purchase and installation of crossing lights Chalkville Road – \$ 61,000- Materials Temple Electric \$51,480, Installation Stone & Sons \$9,520.

Authorize Mayor to sign contract to switch Tyler Software from server to hosted system (COVID)

AGENDA ADDENDUM

Approve Fire- Jesse Clifton, Fire Marshall – Police Academy - \$750.00 plus lodging \$1400.00

Council President Steele then moved to the audience for public comment. Richard Epstein asked would they consider a right turn off Pineview and what about the blinking lights on at Morrell?

Council President Steele asked to move up on the agenda the approval of the Massage Therapy license for Charles Beard. Mr. Beard was present. He is the President and he will be located across the street from Captain D's. He spent 25 years as a therapist for the Tampa Bay Bucs and the last 4 years in Mt. Laurel. Primarily concentrates on deep tissue sports therapy with high school and college athletes. Also offers 50+ mobility and flexibility training. Councilman Taylor asked him if he had ever been sited and he answered no. The motion to approve the license was made by Councilman Cook and Councilman Taylor Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Ordinance 2020-028-ANX –7138 Roundstone Drive. Comes before the Council with the recommendation of Planning & Zoning. Councilman Freeman moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Plant and upon a roll call , the votes were:

Yeas : Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, Plant & Taylor.

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved that this ordinance be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas : Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, Plant & Taylor.

Nays: None

Ordinance 2020-029-ANX – 7275 Roper Road & 3504,3491/3507,3501,3505 Smith Sims Rd. Comes before the Council with the recommendation of Planning & Zoning. Councilman Freeman 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, the votes were:

Yeas : Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, Plant & Taylor.

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved that this ordinance be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas : Councilmen Steele, Cook, Freeman, Plant & Taylor.

Nays: None

Resolution 2020-053– Appoint Poll Workers - Councilman Plant made the motion to adopt, Councilman Cook seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2020-054 –Budget Amendment FY 2019-2020 budget - Councilman Taylor stated that the Finance Director closely watches each month & sometimes needs to make adjustments so that budget will more closely match actual. Thank you Mike Hinson for what you are doing to keep the city on track. Councilman Taylor made the motion to adopt, Councilman Freeman seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2002-055 – Buddy Choat elected Mayor. Councilman Taylor made the motion to adopt, Councilman Plant seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat thanked the people of Trussville for their confidence in him. “Priorities this term were Downtown and Valley Road. Downtown is close to completion. Thank you Council for your support. Other things accomplished were hiring a financial advisor to help with bond markets, hiring a finance director and creating a HR department. Thank you council for getting us where we are today.” Councilman Freeman stated that the Mayor has done a great job and he is proud to have served with him. Councilman Plant expressed the same sentiments. Mayor Choat also thanked the department heads and legal team.

Council Reports:

Jef freeman –Planning & Zoning – JR Malchus reported that Half Shell has obtained their CO, building off Watterson is coming along and BOE making good progress with their plans.

Brian Plant –Chamber is very limited in what they can do right now. Jane Alexander of the Historical Committee is still working every day. Finance committee has done an in depth review of revenue. Reserves are very strong and we are prepared. Thanked Mike Hinson for watching revenues during these uncertain times.

Alan Taylor – Utilities had their annual PSC inspection and no deficiencies were found. They have a new website and their lobby will remain closed. Cash payments are down to less than 8%. Chamber had their golf tournament yesterday. It was very hot, had 104 players and someone did win the \$10,000 hole in one challenge sponsored by Courtesy. Finance – Excited about the position of the city during COVID. A financial advisor has helped and will help in refinancing.

Zack Steele –IDB met last week and went over new covenants. There is a new tenant in park effective Oct 1. Senior Center is still not being used but meals are picked up there every day. Public works – North/South Mall paving about to start.

Mayor Choat –New crossing lights on Chalkville Road were approved and to be installed by Stone & Sons. The school is to pay for crossing lights at each school. Downtown intersection should be completed by this weekend. They have worked 24 hours a day to get it done and they have done a great job. Lights should start flashing soon. Quad 1 is really taking shape. Misty Ridge HOA sent a letter that was read by Mayor Choat thanking Public works for fixing an issue in their neighborhood.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Frazier
Mayor's Assistant