

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 20, 2020

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 5:30 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 Brian Plant
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: None

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The workshop was convened and the Council received the agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held after the workshop. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

Mayor Choat stated he has talked to representatives from the Trussville Cemetery Committee. Several members are getting older and they have been unable to find others to step up to fill leadership positions to carry on the business of Mt. Nebo and Trussville Cemetery. They would like to convey this property to the city along with their records and any grounds maintenance funds. He asked to be authorized to negotiate with the committee, and bring information back to the City Council for any final decision. The Council agreed to add an item to the consent agenda to authorize the Mayor to continue discussions.

Mayor Choat stated we have been working on a Joint Use Agreement between the City and Trussville City Schools. He stated the original draft sent over had verbiage that the City was not comfortable with. This document will be tweaked and brought back to the City Council.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in a rescheduled regular session on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. This meeting was moved due to municipal elections to be held on Tuesday, August 25. 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 Plant 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 Brian Plant
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
Attorney Michael Brymer

Council President Steele introduced the minutes of the August 11, 2020 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. The consent agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable	
Non-Departmental	26,052.66
Mayor and Council	3,928.75
Administration	5,192.46
Inspections	4,092.44
Municipal Court	4,173.75
Information Technology	3,007.41
Police Department	6,081.25
Fire Department	12,858.46
Public Works	2,507.64
Parks and Recreation	21,140.35
Library	17,908.75
Rental Properties	25.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	119,373.18
2018 CONSTRUCTION BOND FUND	2,716.40
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	11,229.50
CORRECTIONS FUND	2,133.98
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	69.29
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	135,522.35

- AMROA 52nd Annual Conference Shipp, Sept 2-4 - Hoover - \$265.00
- AMROA Certification - Poe, Hamilton, & Mathis - Oct. 7-9 - Tuscaloosa - Pre-paid for cancelled class in April, plus lodging
- ADEM Permit renewal MS4 - \$7,060.00
- Approve Team Viewer - Remote access software - \$20,375.00
- Detective & New Criminal Investigator - Deloach & TBD (New) - Calera - Oct 12-16 - \$525.00 each
- FTO Instructor - Hicks - Irondale - Sept 23-25 - \$150.00
- Authorize Mayor to negotiate with Trussville Cemetery Committee

Councilman Freeman moved the agenda and consent agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried with Councilman Taylor abstaining on the cemetery item as he owns plots in the cemetery.

An ordinance to annex 8421 Will Keith Road was presented. Councilman Freeman stated this was recommended by Planning and 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 vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2020-030-ANX be adopted as presented, 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 request to annex 7290 Poston Road was presented. Councilman Freeman stated this was recommended by Planning and 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 vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2020-031-ANX be adopted as presented, 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 Taylor moved Resolution 2020-060 approving right-of-way purchases for the proposed Highway 11 widening project be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2020-061 approving right-of-way purchases for the downtown loop road be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the motion carried with Councilman Taylor abstaining.

Council President Steele asked everyone to vote at the municipal election on Tuesday.

Councilman Cook reported TRA received an update on the Entertainment District. In the Braden corner and Barber property area the board was shown renderings of two buildings on the TRA property. He reported the Parks and Recreation Board met on August 10.

Councilman Freeman stated Design Review met on Monday and approved a remodel in the Cahaba Project and two signs near the entertainment district. For the Board of Education he stated many have moved here for the schools. He congratulated the financial team who helped the City in refunding some of our warrants on a fine job.

Council President Steele stated it was nice to have Councilman Freeman to explain to us what was going on as the warrants were sold.

Councilman Plant gave the Library report as follows:

Library Report
July 2020

Total Circulation:	
All activity including items checked out, checked in, and renewed	19,221
Downloadable Audio/E-Books	3,528
Hoopla	873
Computer Use:	Closed due to COVID-19
Library Visits:	Closed due to COVID-19
Virtual Library Programs:	33
Program Attendance:	1,519
New Members	7
Craft Bags delivered curbside	485

Reopening Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Monday -Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Curbside will continue also. Saturday curbside only 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Continue virtual programming in all departments. Computer labs still closed. Limited to 30 patrons with 1 hour limit on visits. No meeting rooms or study rooms. Masks required. Friends bookstore remains closed.

Councilman Plant stated the Historical Committee has a new member Gary Lloyd. The Chamber is working on a new logo. For finance, he reported our warrant refunding resulted in a \$9 million savings.

Councilman Taylor reported the Utilities operations are going fine. There are some delinquencies with the current COVID-19 climate. Kemps Kitchen will have a ribbon cutting on August 24, and Half Shell Oyster House on August 31. Junkie to Funkie will have one on September 27. For finance, he reported we are in the middle of preparing the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1.

Council President Steele stated the IDB has not met and the Senior Center is still closed. For public works he asked Director Wayne Sullivan to update us. Mr. Sullivan stated they have cleaned up Valley Road removing trees that have fallen in the right-of-way. They are also working on a drainage problem in Cahaba Manor.

Council President Steele stated ACTA is working on their next performance.

Councilman Cook stated the TRA received their annual audit and has a clean report.

Mayor Choat reported Quad 1 is moving on. Russo Corporation should have this completed by mid-September. Our first event will be the combination City Fest/Bicentennial/Tailgate on September 26. He stated schools opened last week and all went well. The first football game is Pinson on Friday night. Our gymnastics program has grown to 99 with nine teams.

Mayor Choat stated the joint use agreement and resolution between the city and the schools was distributed tonight. This is just for information tonight. He asked each member to read it and offer suggestions. He stated he has asked that a few items be changed and our attorney is working on this. It will come back to the Council for approval in September.

Mayor Choat wished luck to each candidate for office on the ballot next week.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk