

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 27, 2020

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Tuesday, October 27, 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 this evening at 6:00. 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, October 27, 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 Jef Freeman to lead in prayer. Councilman Brian Plant 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 Rick Stotser

Council President Steele introduced the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting for approval. Councilman Freeman moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous.

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

The consent agenda read as follows:

#### Accounts Payable

Administration	884.22
Inspections	2,052.81
Finance	93.90
Information Technology	2,527.00
Police Department	125,402.17
Fire Department	18,793.64
Public Works	209.78
Garbage	21,316.17
Parks and Recreation	2,093.00
Library	63,437.16
Rental Property	193.00
Capital Outlay	59,365.00
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>296,367.85</b>
CONFISCATED FUND	2,219.75
CORRECTIONS FUND	2,160.35
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>300,747.95</b>

Approve quotation security system fiber, installation & networking Entertainment District - TSA,  
Inc. Birmingham - \$20,326.80

Police Department resignations and retirements

Benjamin Short - Effective November 1, 2020

Steven D. Brown - Effective January 1, 2021

Lisa Cline, records, Effective January 1, 2021

James J. Morris - Effective January 1, 2021

Police- Promote Clint Riner to Lieutenant - Grade 24, Step 7, plus 10% effective Nov 7, 2020

Police Department Hires effective November 7, 2020

Hire Police Officer Rodney Pierce - Grade 17, Step 4 (Transfer from Hueytown)

Hire Police Officer Brian Matthew Williams - Grade 17, Step 5 (Transfer from JCSO)

Hire Givonne Halbert - Administrative Clerk - Grade 13, Step 4 (Transfer from Birmingham)

Accept quotation from Massey Asphalt Paving - Poston Road - \$15,323.70

Resolution 2020-072 awarding the bid to replace the roof at the Fire Administration building was presented. Councilman Taylor moved this resolution awarding the bid to Garner & Associates Roofing & Facility Services in the amount of \$397,800.00 be approved, seconded by Councilman Plant, and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Choat stated there is an insurance claim for storm damages that will pay for most of this cost.

Councilman Cook moved Resolution 2020-073 awarding the bid for a ramp/tilt trailer for the Public Works department to WTM, Inc., dba Winston Trailers in the amount of \$27,940.50 be approved, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Plant moved Resolution 2020-074 awarding the bid for two 2021 crew cab ATVs for the Police Department to Shoals Outdoor Sports in the amount of \$42,768.80, seconded by Councilman Freeman, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2020-075 advising that no bids were received for the replacement and installation of a projector in the exhibit hall at the Civic Center. This project will be negotiated and the Mayor is authorized to sign the contract. Councilman Taylor seconded this bid, and the vote was unanimous.

An ordinance to annex 2892 Queenstown Road was presented. 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 the roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman then moved Ordinance 2020-035-ANX be approved annexing this property, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

An ordinance to surplus a real property easement and convey it to Birmingham Realty Company was presented. 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 the roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Freeman moved Ordinance 2020-036-ADM be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Plant, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Cook had no departmental report.

Councilman Taylor stated he would like to take a point of privilege and speak about this Council. He stated at the dedication of the entertainment district this morning he was reminded of the day he and Council President Steele stood there in the road and tried to image what could be done in the area. This Council contributed to this change in the city. He stated Councilman Freeman was on the TRA and they were sitting around a table throwing out ideas, and now this is real. Brian Plant and his family have served for twenty years. Whether things are good or bad, the family weathers them with the council member. He thanked him for his service.

Councilman Freeman stated Design Review met and approved plans for Imperio Steak House going in the former Courtyard location and Sky Bear Confectioners going in the former Parish location. A sign was approved and First Financial will be locating in the Winn Dixie shopping center. The committee also reviewed plans to refurbish the old bowling alley.

Councilman Freeman thanked the Council and stated he was touched today in seeing the new district and remembering what it looked like. This turned out better than we expected. This is what we dreamed of and it took a lot of heart. He thanked everyone for their support.

Councilman Plant gave the Library reports for August and September. He stated he was elected twenty years ago at the age of thirty-three. He stated he has worked with some here tonight for the entire twenty years. He stated he was proud of each employee and their commitment to public service. He stated he was committed to their training and tried to have their backs. He stated he wanted to let them know what a blessing they have been to this community. Public Safety employees put their lives on the line. He stated Councilman Taylor is correct, that this is a family affair. He stated his wife Donnette has given her heart and soul to the city. He stated he has served with fine council members, two great mayors, and a host of board members. This group has done an outstanding job. He stated City Clerk Lynn Porter has been like a mother to him. He stated she is a hard-working woman and has earned respect. He thanked Jane Alexander for her dedication to the Historical Committee and her work with the Jennie June Croley Literary Club. He stated he appreciated everyone. He stated he is starting a new stage in his life. He stated he will be leaving for Arizona next week to accept a new job. He stated the new Council will do an outstanding job. The City's greatest days are ahead. He thanked the community for the last twenty years.

Councilman Steele stated this Council can be described as synergistic. He stated he felt they have transformed the City, and you could tell this by the experience today. He stated he

thought back to the 2016 campaign when Councilman Jef Freeman told him that we had to fix Morrow Avenue. People are moving into the city. There is a lot of new construction. He stated he has been on opposite sides with each Council member on certain matters this term, but he considers them friends and he respects them immensely. He thanked City Clerk Lynn Porter for being a resource for information. He stated he did not think people realize how much she has done and the part she has played. He stated he appreciated Rick Stotser and how he gets things done and points out things that we do not see. There have been important city changes. He stated he looks forward to seeing what the new Council will do.

Mayor Choat stated what we have just gone through is what the Council is about. These members have night meetings that take them away from their families. All of them have a heart for Trussville. He stated this administration wanted to make a positive impact on the City. Without Councilman Freeman and his vision we would not be here today with the entertainment district. He stated this administration has faced some tough topics, and there will be more to come. Answers are not cut and dried, but rather are what we think is best for the city. Mayor Choat stated he served with Councilman Plant for two terms on the Council before this one. He encouraged him to always think about that. The example he set in earlier administrations is what made the current members want to run.

Councilman Cook stated he has served on the Council for two terms. He stated he also served on TRA and enjoyed it immensely. He stated he felt these Councilmembers were all friends of his. He stated they do not always agree on every topic, but they resolve their differences to do what is best for Trussville. He wished the next administration well. He stated Lynn Porter has given him civics lessons all this time and has been a great help. The leadership in Trussville is phenomenal. He stated he has served under two Mayors and they are both great. Without this leadership, we would not be where we are today.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk