

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in an organizational session on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville Civic Center.

City Clerk Lynn Porter welcomed guests and recognized Reverend Mike Ennis to give the invocation. Scout Troop 216 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Clerk Porter introduced Judge Robert Vance to administer the oaths of office to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

City Clerk Porter called for nominations for Council President for the coming year. Councilman Cook nominated Councilman Alan Taylor. There being no other nominations, Councilman Cook moved nominations be closed, seconded by Councilman Short, and the motion carried. Councilman Cook then moved Councilman Taylor be elected as City Council President for the coming year, seconded by Counselor Bright, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Taylor, as the newly elected presiding officer, began to preside over the meeting.

Council President Taylor called for nominations for Council President Pro Tempore for the coming year. Councilman Short nominated Councilman Perry Cook for Council President Pro Tempore. There being no other nominations, Councilman Short moved Councilman Perry Cook be elected as Council President Pro Tempore, seconded by Counselor Lisa Bright, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Taylor presented an organizational ordinance containing the rules of order. Councilman Cook moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Short, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Taylor, Anderson, Bright, Cook, and Short

Nays: None

Councilman Cook then moved Organizational Ordinance 2020-037-ADM be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilman Short, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Taylor, Anderson, Bright, Cook, and Short

Nays: None

Council President Taylor announced that the City Council meeting nights will remain as second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Short moved Resolution 2020-077 appointing Carl E. Chamblee, Jr. as Municipal Judge for a term of two years be approved, seconded by Counselor Bright, and the vote was unanimous.

Counselor Bright moved Resolution 2020-078 appointing the firm of Massey, Stotser, and Nichols as city attorney and prosecutor be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Short moved Resolution 2020-079 appointing Daniel Joseph Weinrib as City Clerk be approved, seconded by Counselor Bright, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Choat was recognized and announced Councilmember work areas as follows

Councilmember Anderson -
Councilmember Bright -
Councilmember Cook -
Councilmember Short -
Councilmember Taylor -

Mayor Choat announced his appointment to Planning and Zoning to serve in his stead is Kris Reeves. His administrative appointment is Wayne Sullivan.

Counselor Bright moved Councilman Ben Short be the Planning and Zoning appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the motion carried with Councilman Short abstaining.

Counselor Anderson moved Resolutions numbered 2020-080 through 2020-109 designating banks as depositories for city funds and persons to sign on those accounts. This was seconded by Counselor Bright, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmembers were recognized for comments.

Counselor Anderson stated she is excited about serving. She thanked her family members for being here tonight. She thanked Lynn Porter for her service.

Counselor Bright recognized family and friends and thanked everyone for coming out. She stated she feels blessed and is excited to be here. She stated she looks forward to a successful four years.

Councilman Cook stated he was honored to serve a third term. He recognized his wife

Elaine. He thanked the previous City Council for keeping things in motion. He stated the outgoing City Clerk has been a constant civics lesson for him. He thanked her for what she has done for the city and for the city council. He stated he looks forward to working with the new clerk.

Councilman Short introduced his family. He thanked Chief Rush and former Councilman Jef Freeman for answering his many questions.

Councilman Taylor recognized his wife and recognized former Mayor Gene Melton, School Superintendent Pattie Neill, School Board President Kathy Brown, School Board member Steve Ward, and former Councilman Jef Freeman. He stated it was an honor to serve the city, and an honor to work with two great mayors. The city has been blessed with great leadership. He thanked Lynn Porter. He stated the city's best days are ahead of us.

Mayor Choat recognized family members. He thanked everyone for being here. He stated he felt this Council can all work together. He recognized department heads. He thanked former Councilmen Jef Freeman, Zack Steele, and Brian Plant. He stated this council will continue along the trail blazed by former Mayor Gene Melton. He thanked Attorney Rick Stotser. He stated he looked forward to the next four years and to serving with the new Council.

Council President Taylor recognized the Jennie June Croley Literary Club and invited everyone to stay for refreshments they are serving here tonight.

Council President Taylor called upon Reverend Mike Ennis to give a benediction.

No other business to be considered in this organizational session, a motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
Former City Clerk