

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

DECEMBER 17, 2020 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a workshop session on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm at Trussville City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its regular session scheduled for 6 pm. Council President Alan Taylor presided over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary. Those members present were as follows:

City Council

Council President Alan Taylor
Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Ben Short

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
City Attorney Rick Stotser

The order of consideration for the agenda was determined, with one proposed resolution removed from consideration until January. The Council also discussed the idea of starting the workshops at 5 pm, instead of 6 pm, beginning in January 2021. The primary reason to do that is to let Planning & Zoning have its monthly workshop at an earlier time. All councilors agreed to change the start time. There being no other business, the workshop was adjourned.

DECEMBER 17, 2020 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6 pm at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Alan Taylor presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Taylor called the meeting to order. Councilor Anderson led the prayer. Councilor Short led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Alan Taylor
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Ben Short

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

After reviewing the minutes from the December 3 workshop and December 8 regular session, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve all minutes as originally drafted. **UNANIMOUS**

Council President Taylor introduced the agenda & consent agenda. Upon his request, Councilor Cook moved and Councilor Anderson seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Hire Jonathan White, Adenike Bates and Jasmine McCain as Corrections Officers (Grade 16 – Step 2), effective Jan 2, 2021
- Hire Tony Armstrong as Police Officer (Grade 17- Step 2), effective Jan 2, 2021
- Hire Janice Gallagher as part-time Front Desk Assistant (Grade 6 – Step 1), effective Jan 2, 2021

- Hire a candidate (name withheld pending pre-employment drug test results) as a part-time Fitness Assistant (Grade 6 – Step 1), effective Jan 2, 2021
- Hire a candidate (name withheld pending pre-employment drug test results) as a full-time Parks & Rec intern (10-week program; Grade 7 – Step 1), effective Jan 2, 2021
- Hire a candidate (name withheld pending pre-employment drug test results) as a part-time Gymnastics Coach (Grade 5 – Step 2), effective Jan 2, 2021
- Promote TFD Paramedic Mathew Panepento to Fire Lieutenant (Grade 20 – Step 6 plus 10% premium pay), effective Dec 19, 2020
- Appoint Butch Motley to the Parks & Recreation Board, replacing Councilor Jaime Anderson; term expiring Feb 28, 2024

The following Accounts Payable report was also part of the approved consent agenda:

VOUCHERS DUE BY DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

DATE: December 17, 2020

ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 2,632.77
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 1,017.07
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 1,342.84
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 8,050.50
IT (6018)	\$ 13,590.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 10,667.48
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 16,838.66
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 2,839.91
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 30,586.26
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 11,194.41
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 9,861.58
RENTAL PROPERTY (6452)	\$ 25.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 108,646.48
CIVIC CENTER DIVISION (08)	\$ 4,196.99
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 5,636.57
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 118,480.04

Council President Taylor then requested that the Council approve the agenda as submitted. Councilor Cook moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Upon recognition from Council President Taylor, Councilor Anderson introduced a drafted proclamation declaring January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. She then called upon Junior League anti-trafficking chairwoman Julia Meyers, who addressed the public about this slavery/exploitation issue. It was moving. Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the drafted proclamation. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation 2020-19**

Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for unanimous consent to immediately consider a proposed ordinance. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then moved and

Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve an ordinance that would annex residential property 303 Mobile Avenue 35173 into the city. The Planning & Zoning Board had unanimously recommended the annexation with the caveat that no manufactured housing would ever be allowed there. *The owner readily agreed to that.* Council President Taylor opened a public hearing and asked if there was anybody present to speak in favor of or against the proposed annexation. Owner Edna Clark introduced herself. Since nobody else spoke up, he closed the public hearing. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the ordinance as drafted. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance 2020-044-ANX**

Upon recognition from Council President Taylor, Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution that would declare as surplus three City Hall assets. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2020-120**

Upon recognition from Council President Taylor, Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution that would empower the city to take corrective action on a dangerous residential building on Snake Hill Road and its owner. He moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2020-121**

Upon recognition from Council President Taylor, Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution that would approve the City Industrial Board's proposal to shrink its governing board to seven (7) from nine (9) by amending its own Articles of Incorporation. The IDB had petitioned the City earlier in the week by passing its own resolution. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2020-122**

Upon recognition from Council President Taylor, Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution that would approve the City & the City Industrial Board's selling an IDB lot to Smith Roofing LLC through a purchase-&-sale agreement. The IDB endorsed the proposal earlier in the week by passing its own resolution. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2020-123**

Upon recognition from Council President Taylor, Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution that would confirm the Trussville Redevelopment Authority's status as exempt from ad valorem taxation. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2020-124**

Council President Taylor announced that beginning in January, Council workshops will start at 5 pm, instead of 5:30 pm.

The City Council gave their reports on their respective portfolio assignments.

Councilor Anderson announced that the remaining Elf show productions were cancelled due to a COVID outbreak; ACTA elected Dianne Bobo as its new president; the library will be closed over Christmas and New Year's holidays; and Wreaths Across America will occur on Dec 19.

Councilor Bright recognized city school board members Kim Deshazo and Steve Ward in attendance. She then announced that the city BOE is awaiting state approval of a new administration building; the city BOE also hired Jason Gaston to do publicity and public outreach; the city BOE also plans to build new tennis courts for its middle and high school teams; various city school teachers are named Teacher of Year winners; after IDB Chairman David Livingston was recognized, IDB announced its future board size contraction and that board members delivered holidays food trays to industrial park businesses; and Public Works continues to vacuum leaves.

Councilor Cook announced that the Parks & Recreation board met on Tuesday Nov 15 and appointed Butch Motley to its board; Lacrosse Day turnout was healthy; Participation in pickleball, softball, volleyball, gymnastics, the 5K run, youth basketball and tennis programs are growing; Inspections department handled 91 permits and 149 inspections; and the local Boy Scout troop is having its annual pine straw sale.

Councilor Short reported that Planning & Zoning had just met on Monday Dec 14 and that the Design Review committee will meet at 6 pm on Monday Dec 28.

Council President Taylor reported that the utilities board met with auditors, which is an annual occurrence; finance committee has not yet met; public safety committee is between meetings; chamber of commerce had a cookie walk; and the annual Christmas parade was moved to Sunday Dec 13 due to weather.

Mayor Choat reported that public works would repair the Barclay Terrace road; the city and city school board are moving the local BSA troop to the old junior high building; a city finance report is expected at or around the end of January; the City will accept online applications during January 2021 for the upcoming Trussville school board vacancy; and asked the public to keep Darrell Skipper in its prayers as he recovers from minor surgery.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Dr) uttered his support for Alabama Crimson Tide football then mentioned again his desires of a backup generator and new pool at the civic center.

The Council then adjourned its regular session at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk