

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

FEBRUARY 18, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a workshop session on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5 pm at Trussville City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its February 23 regular session. 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

The order of consideration for the agenda was determined. The Council also discussed city-owned property behind Anderson Circle as well as Arbor Day & Arbor Week recognitions. There being no other business, the workshop was adjourned.

FEBRUARY 23, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 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 Ben Short

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

Councilor Perry Cook was absent.

After reviewing the minutes from the February 4 workshop and February 9 regular session, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve all minutes as originally drafted. **UNANIMOUS**

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

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Reappoint Tommy George to Zoning Adjustments Board; term expiring Feb 15, 2024
- Reappoint Colin Sears to Parks & Recreation Board; term expiring Feb 28, 2025
- Hire Shelby Smothers as part-time P&R unclassified laborer (Grade 7 – Step 1), effective Feb 27, 2021
- Hire DeRico Tilley as part-time seasonal P&R track-&-field coach (Grade 7 – Step 4), effective Feb 27, 2021
- Section X. Auditing Accounts

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

VOUCHERS DUE BY DEPARTMENT	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	
LIABILITIES (4500)	\$ 100.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL (6010)	\$ 1,506.88
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 16,101.11
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 63.38
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 107.96
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 62,853.92
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 18,999.64
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 1,781.01
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 14,451.29
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 8,915.69
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 5,113.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$ 14,400.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 137,893.68
CIVIC CENTER DIVISION (08)	\$ 6,813.01
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 4,172.04
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 148,878.73

There were no public comments.

Councilor Bright introduced a proclamation honoring the Hewitt-Trussville High School Girls & Boys Indoor Track & Field teams on winning their respective 7A state championships. After she read the entire proclamation, Huskies Head Coach Tom Esslinger thanked the city council and the community. He introduced his players, coaching staff and athletic director who were in attendance. Athletics Director Lance Walker also spoke, heaping generous praise on both Coach Esslinger and Esslinger’s predecessor David Dobbs (now an assistant coach and somewhat retired) Wife Anita Dobbs also received recognition. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation 2021-02**

After a break for group pictures, President Taylor resumed the meeting by opening a public hearing on Logans Roadhouse’s restaurant retail alcohol application. General Manager Danny Hall introduced himself. He explained that Logans had new ownership following bankruptcy so they had to complete a new application. He answered questions from Councilors Taylor and Bright regarding training for bartenders and wait staff. Hearing no inquiries from the audience, President Taylor closed the public hearing. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution for Logans’ ABC license. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-10**

President Taylor opened a public hearing on El Patron Mexican Restaurant’s restaurant retail alcohol application. Owner Arturo Cabrera introduced himself. A resident of Rainbow City, he told the council that his bartenders and wait staff undergo required training about serving alcohol. He already has two Mexican restaurants in Gadsden and one in Columbus, Miss. He answered questions from Councilors Taylor and Anderson about checking identifications of

customers, any previous citations and his management of multiple restaurants. Hearing no inquiries from the audience, President Taylor closed the public hearing. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution for El Patron's ABC license. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-11**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution, authorizing invitations to bid on a tennis courts resurfacing project for Parks & Recreation. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-12**

At Council President Taylor's request, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to let Mayor Choat negotiate the sale of certain real estate on behalf of the City, subject to Council's approval at a subsequent meeting. **UNANIMOUS.**

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

Councilor Anderson recognized Library Director Jason Baker in the audience. She informed the public that his library staff received the Group Gatekeeper Award from the local chamber of commerce for their exemplary service to our community during the pandemic; that ACTA finished its production of *The Courtship of Eddie's Father* and will start working on its next production *Moon Over Buffalo* (April 15-25 show dates); that the city Beautification Board will accept contest applications throughout March; and that the City Veterans and Cemeteries committees will hopefully meet next month for the first time.

Councilor Bright welcomed outgoing city school board member Stan Garrett. She announced that the City had finished interviewing prospective successors to Garrett. Because UAB will vaccinate faculty at all city schools, in-school students will have two home-based virtual learning days; that the Girls Huskies basketball team is playing in the quarterfinals of the state high school tournament; that there are two merit scholar finalists from the high school; and that the city Industrial Development Board recently met. She then recognized Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan, who announced that his crews were picking up papers out of curbs and gutters along Highway 11 and cleaning up city parks.

Councilor Short reported that the Planning & Zoning Board met to consider the Longmeadow Subdivision; that the Design Review committee approved new Ascension Health signs, replacing St. Vincent's signage, as well as proposed signs for Rodney Scott's BBQ and Hero Donuts.

Council President Taylor reported from the Finance Committee that the City has strong year-to-date financials through December. He also announced that the Chamber of Commerce board had a successful virtual banquet, complete with dinner boxes. It was a gala fundraiser supporting anti-cancer science research.

Mayor Choat discussed COVID-19 vaccine distribution, sharing information from a group Zoom call. He has tried unsuccessfully to bring a vaccine site to the city. The closest ones are at Christ Health Center (5720 1st Avenue South in Birmingham and 2152 Old Springville Road in Chalkville) He also praised the Public Works Department for their road safety work prior to and during last week's snow.

During audience comments, resident Richard Epstein thanked the city for Fire Department's quick assistance of his 10-month-old granddaughter recently.

The Council adjourned the regular session at approximately 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk