

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### MARCH 9, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a workshop session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5 pm at Trussville City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its regular session that evening. 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. The Council reviewed supporting documents for a proposed properties acquisition. The Council also discussed how to support ACTA financially. President Taylor informed the Council that they would need to go into executive session to discuss trade and commerce. There being no other business, the workshop was adjourned.

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### MARCH 9, 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 Cook led the prayer. Councilor Anderson 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 February 18 workshop and February 23 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 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:

- Designating Mayor Choat as Voting Delegate to the annual Alabama League of Municipalities business meeting; Council President Alan Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate
- Promote Circulation Supervisor Brittany Roberts to Teen Services Assistant (Grade 16 – Step 5), effective Mar 13, 2021
- Hire Jacob Carr as Firefighter (Step 17F – Step 1), effective Mar 13, 2021

- Hire Ashley Oliver as Revenue Examiner (Grade 18 – Step 7), effective Mar 27, 2021
- Hire Chase Ramsey as Police Officer (Grade 17 – Step 9), effective Mar 13, 2021
- Promote TPD K9 Officer Nate Holloway to Sergeant (Grade 20 – Step 8 with 10% education premium), effective Mar 13, 2021
- Section X. Auditing Accounts
- Appoint Sherrye Tolbert to the City Board of Education; term ending May 25, 2026
- Appropriate \$5000 to Arts Council of the Trussville Area (ACTA) for storage-related operating costs from the City General Fund

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

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NON-DEPARTMENTAL (6000)	\$ 17,906.26
MAYOR & COUNCIL (6010)	\$ 1,095.11
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 4,843.43
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 1,769.53
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 6,120.99
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 2,298.40
IT (6018}	\$ 22.97
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$ 694.65
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 34,804.43
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 3,513.01
PUBLIC WORKS (6231}	\$ 8,071.33
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 7,004.91
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 6,234.00
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 8,667.07
DEBT SERVICE (6800)	\$ 47,546.24
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 210,399.91
CIVIC CENTER DIVISION (08)	\$ 26,716.77
2018/2.020 CONSTRUCTION FUND (26).	\$ 27,408.21
CONFISCATED FUND (64)	\$ 710.96
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 2,551.41
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 464,257.34</u>

Assistant Fire Chief Keith McLaughlin summoned newly hired Firefighter Jacob Carr for recognition. Carr had been a volunteer firefighter for seven years prior to becoming fully employed here. He is an Eagle Scout.

Councilor Bright recognized Sherrye Tolbert, whom the City Council had just appointed to the City Board of Education, beginning on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She stood and said a few words. Fellow board members Ward, Brown and Sims were also in attendance.

After a break for group pictures, President Taylor resumed the meeting.

Councilor Short moved for unanimous consent to consider a proposed ordinance immediately. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS.** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed annexation for 8761 Will Keith Road, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance 2021-008-ANX**

Councilor Short moved for unanimous consent to consider a proposed ordinance immediately. Councilor Cook seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS.** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed annexation for 317 Mobile Avenue, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance 2021-009-ANX**

Councilor Anderson moved for unanimous consent to consider a proposed ordinance immediately. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS.** Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposal to appoint five board members, with staggered terms, to the newly formed City Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority. She moved and Cook seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance 2021-010-ADM**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution, authorizing invitations to bid on upfitting new police patrol cars for law enforcement purposes. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-13**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution, endorsing the Alabama Department of Transportation's repaving US Highway 11 project, spanning from the Cahaba River bridge to the St. Clair County boundary line. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-14**

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution, amending the FY2021 budget, to reclassify various revenue and expenditure line items within the Parks & Recreation Department. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-15**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution, acquiring the rights of way on two properties in order to build the loop road project near downtown. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-16**

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 the city library and the local chamber of commerce are hosting a jobs fair on March 18<sup>th</sup>, with social distancing protocols in place. Also, the city Beautification Board will accept nominations for the best yard, starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, ACTA had over 60 kids try out for 30 spots on its upcoming production *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*. She concluded by thanking the Council for its financial support for ACTA.

Councilor Bright mentioned incoming school board member Sherrye Tolbert. She reported on various high school athletic teams' exploits (2<sup>nd</sup> place state finish in girls basketball; strong season starts by girls softball and boys baseball). Also, the school board will meet on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, March 12<sup>th</sup> will be a virtual school day for all students while teachers get vaccinated. Also, the Industrial Development Board will meet on March 25<sup>th</sup>. She concluded her report by thanking Director Wayne Sullivan and the public works department for cleaning up Rock Park

Councilor Cook thanked Jim Nolan for responding back on social media behalf of the City to rebut at least one negative comment.

Councilor Short reported that the Planning & Zoning Board met to consider two annexations.

Council President Taylor reported that the Chamber of Commerce meeting will happen on March 10<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the Council and the entire community for their outpouring of support to his and his sister's families during their time of need. She passed away recently from cancer.

Mayor Choat announced that a pair of local pharmacies either had or would have the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. He also gave updates on the Cahaba River, Downtown Plaza and Parking Lot projects. He also mentioned the Rotary Clock.

During audience & public comments, resident and business owner Robert Hopkins (7677 Cottonridge Road) inquired about the status of his business license fees. The Council had passed an ordinance in 2019 to set his fees. President Taylor promised that he would receive follow-up answers from City Hall.

At President Taylor's request, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss a trade and commerce matter. The Council recessed at 6:33 pm, reconvened in executive session, then afterwards adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib  
City Clerk