

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

MARCH 30, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a workshop session on Tuesday, March 30, 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 welcomed Marc Ward, founder of non-profit Gray Car Murals. He addressed the Council about the idea of creating mural art in the downtown area, modelled on what nearby Oneonta is already doing. The Library Board and Gray Car Murals have already agreed to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for putting up a mural inside the branch. Ward had already raised funds for that mural. Questions ensued. After informal discussions, the Council agreed to add the approval of the Library Board's MOU to the consent agenda. Furthermore, they informally agreed to study the possibility of permitting mural art in the downtown area, which may include studying how other communities permit such art, how to regulate it, how much economic impact murals could bring, etc. There being no other business, the workshop was adjourned.

MARCH 30, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, March 30, 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 Bright led the prayer. Councilor Cook 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 March 9 workshop and regular session, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion to approve all minutes as originally drafted. **UNANIMOUS**

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

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Appoint Jimmy Mazrano to Parks & Recreation Board, replacing Colin Sears; term ending Feb 28, 2025
- Appoint Alan Friday to Industrial Development Board; term ending July 14, 2025
- Accept the transfer of Accounting Assistant II Rheanna Poe (Admin) to Vestavia Hills, effective Apr 2, 2021
- Reclassify Lauren Stanton to newly created Gymnastics Director position (Grade 23 – Step 7), effective Mar 27, 2021
- Hire Brandon Brown as Police Officer (Grade 17 – Step 9; transfer from Fultondale), effective Mar 27, 2021
- Add 10% Education Premium for Police Officer Chase Ramsey, effective Mar 27, 2021
- Approve Library Board’s Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with Gray Cars Murals based on the Design Review Committee’s recommendation. Per MOU, City & Library is responsible for wall maintenance & repair; GCM, for painting maintenance & repair
- Section X. Auditing Accounts

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

ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 1,610.34
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 2,446.68
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 600.00
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 1,366.00
IT (6018)	\$ 6,939.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 91,870.82
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 19,835.43
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 23,037.22
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 5,630.92
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 13,327.89
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 5,818.69
RENTAL PROPERTIES (6452)	\$ 42.45
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$ 4,361.67
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 176,887.11
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 4,191.72
BOND CONSTRUCTION (26)	\$ 20,925.80
CONFISCATED (64)	\$ 3,245.00
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 3,080.86
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 208,330.49

President Taylor opened the meeting for public comment. The March 30th Sign-In Sheet is attached to the end of these minutes for the purpose of recording a list of concerned citizens.

Peter Weber, Crossing at Deerfoot HOA president and resident at 5820 Deerfoot Court, addressed the Council about the city’s noise ordinance in the wake of the closing of Sheep Dog Firearms business and firing range. His association had passed a resolution, petitioning the city to use its regulatory powers to prevent a successor firing range at that location. Instead, they want another business that would be more compatible with their neighborhood. Neighbors James Jones (5927 Deercrest Lane), Brooke & Chris Cremers (6543 Deerfoot Crossing Road), Justin Regan (6524 Deerfoot Crossing Road), Matthew Blackmon (6438 Deerfoot Crossing Road) and Gary Roquemore (6615 Deerfoot Crossing Road) were there to support Weber’s efforts.

Donna Ware, resident at 4313 Windsong Trail, spoke for a few minutes about her and her neighbors' disgust with Stockton Partners' construction-related silt-&-trash runoff into Wild Acres Lake. The lake is now too muddy and impure for fishing and casual family recreation. She and her neighbors want to know what the City is doing to monitor construction activity and get Stockton Partners to clean up their environmental mess. She described all her actions thus far to work within the system. She circulated pictures to the Council. Mayor Choat answered her questions, even sharing that when he brought it up to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), ADEM told him "let us handle the situation." Neighbor David Livingston (4362 Windsong Court) asked about whether the city conducts mandatory inspections – weekly or after ¾" or more rainfall. Upon getting recognized by Mayor Choat, Building Inspections Officer J.R. Malchus answered that his department deploys drones. Dr. David Dobbs (7329 Windsong Drive), Scott Hults (4309 Windsong Trail), Shannon Martin (4309 Windsong Trail), Derek Mobley (7586 Windsong Drive), Bob Hodgkin (7952 Windsong Drive), Stephanie Moore (4324 Windsong Trail) and Doug Massey (7901 Windsong Drive) to expressed their support for Ware. Councilor Anderson asked what is Signature Homes' response, to which Malchus replied that they have submitted a remediation plan to ADEM. Councilor Anderson opined that the City needs to pressure them since they acknowledged responsibility but have not done anything about it. Mayor Choat floated the idea of a stop-work order until a remediation plan is approved. Lake property owner Jody Saiia spoke up, mentioning that he approved giving Signature Homes permission to use his property for legal purposes. Mr. Saiia stated that he wished he had a stronger contract agreement for access and use with Signature Homes. Brad Ware (4313 Windsong Trail, husband to Donna) asked why did the City not have a surface bond. Mayor Choat agreed to contact Signature Homes for an update on their remediation efforts.

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation declaring March 29, 2021 retroactively as National Vietnam Veterans Day. She moved and Councilors Bright, Cook & Short jointly seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation 2021-03**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution declaring July 4th as Trussville Freedom Celebration Day, which in effect would make a fireworks-&-music event hosted by Trussville First Baptist Church to be a public event. She moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS, except for an abstention from Council President Taylor, a TFBC employee. Proclamation 2021-04**

Councilor Short moved for unanimous consent to consider immediately a proposed ordinance. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS.** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed ordinance to amend the business license fee for a certain classification. In essence, it would maintain a flat \$250 fee while eliminating additional taxes based on percentage of prior year's revenue. He moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance 2021-011-ADM**

Councilor Short moved for unanimous consent to consider immediately a proposed ordinance amendment. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS.** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed ordinance to amend Ordinance 2002-026-PS, exempting the city pavilion and stage area from the noise ordinance. During the workshop, Mayor Choat had explained that there are already noise restrictions within contracts with the venue's stage management company. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **APPROVED BY A 3-2 VOTE (Taylor, Bright, Short as the majority; Anderson & Cook, minority) Ordinance 2021-012-PS**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution, authorizing the Mayor to sign a Debris Removal Memorandum of Understanding with Jefferson County on behalf of the City. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-17**

President Taylor then opened a public hearing of a proposed ABC retail license for La Farre LLC. Owner and city resident Adria Tortorigi (5933 Stonegate Lane) approached the podium upon invitation, to introduce herself. She is opening a high-end retail shop that will include beer and wine. She is seeking an off-premises license until she can get her kitchen opened, then she will re-apply for on-premises license so that she could host wine tastings. She answered questions about alcohol service to the Council's satisfaction. She also stated that she owns an identical shop up in Guntersville. Hearing no feedback from the audience, Taylor closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution, approving the off-premises-only beer and wine retail ABC license for La Farre LLC. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the drafted resolution. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-18**

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

Councilor Anderson reported that ACTA has released its summer camp dates and that *Moon Over Buffalo* tickets are now available. Also, the Library and local chamber of commerce had a successful job fair with 20 employers in attendance. Consequently, some job seekers did find gainful employment.

Councilor Bright reported that Public Works is nearly finished cleaning up from recent storms and have already moved on to grass-cutting. Also, the Industrial Development Board will meet on March 31st, as rescheduled. The local school board has already set its 2021-2022 academic calendar. Three city high school seniors were named National Merit Scholars. HTHS currently as highly-ranked softball and baseball teams.

Councilor Cook reported that the Parks & Recreation Board had recently met and voted to allow a youth baseball tournament at the end of the season as a fundraiser for the P&R. There are 436 kids enrolled in youth baseball and 750 in soccer. Football registration will happen soon. The softball association is busy with 19 teams. Parks & Rec successfully hosted a drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt, as well as a car show. Also, the Inspections Department remains busy tending to its various duties.

Councilor Short reported that the Design Review Committee recently met and approved, among other things, a sign for Hero Donuts and Rodney Scott's BBQ.

Council President Taylor reported that Trussville Utilities had crews providing assistance to 23 South Roebuck residences after last week's tornado. He thanked Police & Fire for all their hard work during the tornado. Also, the Chamber of Commerce will resume in-person lunch meetings, starting on April 15th.

Mayor Choat reported that based on a text exchange, he just had a meeting arranged with Signature Homes. Now that more locals have received COVID vaccinations, city senior programs will start back up next week (the first full week of April) Mayor Choat also brought up the ongoing issue of trains blocking city street crossings. He is trying to work out arrangements to meet with Norfolk Southern (NS). Mayor Choat asked citizens to call NS whenever the crossings are blocked for more than 30 minutes.

There were no audience comments. One councilor noted that the high school fishing team will send six kids (three two-person crews) to a national fishing tournament in June in South Carolina. One of those six is the son of Fire Chief Tim Shotts. Another councilor mentioned that the middle school-sponsored girls pickleball team won a state tournament.

With no further business, the Council adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk

SIGN IN SHEET

City of Trussville
Council Meeting

March 30, 2021

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1	Peter Weber	5820 Drevfoot Ct	205-655-2621
2	Donna Ware	4313 Wind Song Trl	655-8121
3	Douglas Massey	7901 WINDSONG DR	914-2903
4	Constance Jones	4318 Wind Song Way	655-2420
5			Help Wind Song Lake
6	Agree of Donna de Wind Song		
7	Mike Fin	4318 Wind Song Way	488 9897
8	Shannon Martin	4321 Wind Song Trail	35143
9	Russell Moore	4324 Wind Song Trl	948-7240
10	Stephanie Moore	4324 Wind Song Trl	514-0857
11	GRAA WARE		
12	Laura Pass	4301 Wind Song Way	205-655-4401
13	Pods Hogan		
14	Sm Adigen	7952 Wind Song Trl	205-469-8636
15	Bill and Ma Treadwell	788 Wind Song Dr	966-240
16	Angela Wright	4325 Wind Song Trl	289-884-4343
17	Rebecca Hallman	7700 Wind Song Drive	205-306-1977
18	David Hallman	"	"
19	David Livingston	4362 Wind Song Court	Trussville 205-918-590
20	Derek Mobley	7586 Wind Song Pr.	Trussville " 661-1124
21	Douglas Massey	7901 Wind Song Dr.	Trussville 205 9142903
22	Nancy Massey	7901 Wind Song Dr.	Trussville 205 9148722
23	Laurie Nabors	4302 Wind Song Way	Trussville 205-902-8944
24	John & Ann Adams	4312 Wind Song Trail	Trussville 205-655-7282
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