

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5 pm at Trussville City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its April 13th 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
City Attorney Rick Stotser

The order of consideration for the agenda was determined. Attorney James Hill, representing Aronov Realty & Trussville Retail Property LLC, briefly spoke to the Council and made himself available to answer questions about an economic development proposal. At Councilor Bright's request, the Council mutually agreed to add a proclamation honoring the Lady Huskies basketball team. There being no other business, the workshop was adjourned.

APRIL 13, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 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 Bright 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 30 workshop and 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 Short moved and Councilor Anderson 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:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts
- Re-appoint Nina Orr to the Trussville Beautification Board, term ending Jan 14, 2026
- Appoint Sue Peterson and Karen Black to the Trussville Beautification Board, terms ending Jan 14, 2026
- Appoint John Griscom to the Trussville Veterans Committee, term ending May 1, 2022

- Appoint Rob Langford to the Trussville Veterans Committee, term ending May 1, 2023
- Appoint Jim Wolfe to the Trussville Veterans Committee, term ending May 1, 2024
- Appoint Linda Burns and Chad Carroll to the Trussville Veterans Committee, term ending May 1, 2025
- Hire Ronnie Allen as Parks & Rec Gymnastics Instructor (Grade 12 – Step 4), effective Apr 24, 2021
- Assign laborer Daniel Green to full-time Parks & Rec seasonal laborer for baseball season (Grade 7 – Step 1), effective Apr 24, 2021
- Upgrade TFD Firefighter Spencer Sinewe to Firefighter Paramedic (Grade 19F- -- Step 2), effective Apr 10, 2021

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

NON-DEPARTMENTAL (6000)	\$ 13,679.60
MAYOR & COUNCIL (6010)	\$ 3,361.15
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 3,639.87
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 3,430.00
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 410.00
IT (6018)	\$ 522.48
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$ 10,999.85
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 43,670.81
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 20,847.35
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 17,314.93
GARBAGE (6232)	\$ 196,771.64
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 17,594.49
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 15,544.09
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 17,442.13
RENTAL PROPERTIES (6452)	\$ 49.96
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$ 2,244.90
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 367,523.25
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 22,741.39
CONFISCATED (64)	\$ 832.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS (68)	\$ 425.00
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 4,483.62
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 396,005.26

President Taylor used parliamentary discretion and moved up the drafted proclamation for immediate consideration. He recognized the Lady Huskies varsity basketball team. Councilor Bright introduced a proclamation commending the team on their excellent season. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation 2021-05.**

After a short photo-op recess, President Taylor recognized the city’s 12-&-under boys basketball team, which just won its first state championship. He and Mayor Choat gave recognition to the team’s season accomplishments. There was another group photo-op.

President Taylor resumed the meeting by recognizing ACTA board member Mike Rowe. Rowe spoke for a few minutes, giving a PowerPoint presentation of the non-profit group regarding its activities, plans and vision. They have outgrown their current facility and are exploring options for operating in a more optimal venue. He later shared copies of his presentation to the city council and city clerk.

Cynthia Anchrum (6701 Scooter Drive) and neighbor Debra O'Donnell (6709 Scooter Drive) jointly addressed the Council about water blockage causing their grass and other outdoor vegetation to die. They shared pictures. Mayor Choat promised to have City Engineer and Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan study their issue.

Donna Ware (4313 Windsong Trace) spoke on behalf of the Windsong community about the ongoing mud issue affecting the neighborhood lake. There has been erosion runoff from the nearby residential construction. Her community wants the City to pull Signature Homes' construction until the contractor complies with construction ordinances by installing its own retention pond. She read aloud Ordinance Section 14-61 to the council and public in attendance. Council President Taylor and Mayor Choat acknowledged the ongoing difficult problems she and her neighbors are experiencing. Councilor Anderson asked Building Inspections Officer J.R. Malchus for a departmental update regarding this matter. He answered.

Various neighbors were in attendance in support for Donna Ware:

- Brad Ware (4313 Windsong Trace) made additional comments
- David Livingston (4362 Windsong Court): "City's response seems underwhelming"
- Michael Lawlor (4439 Coach Drive) wanted to know how the city communicates with him and his neighbors
- Stephanie Moore (*address not listed*) expressed support for her neighbors' positions.
- Connie Jones (*address not listed*) asked Mayor Choat whether the City would be interfering with Alabama Department of Environmental Management's enforcement duties if the City were to issue a stop-work order.

Mayor Choat answered again that he and the City were aware of the situation. Inspections Officer Malchus answered that the City wanted maps from the contractor showing where they have done work to remediate the erosion. Mayor also answered that ADEM has already told the City "let us handle the process." The contractor has 60 to 70 days (mid-May deadline) to submit a remediation plan. Regarding communications with the neighbors, Mayor Choat replied that he communicates with Mrs. Ware since she is the designated Windsong representative.

Councilor Short moved for unanimous consent to consider immediately a proposed ordinance. Councilor Cook seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS.** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed ordinance to annex the undeveloped parcel associated with 8424 Will Keith Road. Planning & Zoning recommended it with the no mobile or manufactured home stipulation. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance 2021-013-ANX**

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Council President Taylor then introduced a proposed rezoning ordinance for a first reading. On the previous evening, the city Planning & Zoning Board considered an application to re-zone six contiguous undeveloped parcels on or near Floyd Bradford Road to R-G (Garden Home) from their current R-2 or R-2 (Single Family) designations, then voted 7-2 to recommend to the Council

a formal rejection. He explained to the audience that the city is required to complete a series of public notices before the Council can take a vote, probably in mid- to late May.

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution, awarding the tennis courts resurfacing bid to Lower Brothers Company Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$83,200. He moved and Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-19**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution, awarding the police patrol cars uplift bid to Brasher Electronics for an amount not to exceed \$103,895. He moved and Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-20**

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

Councilor Anderson thanked the Council for approving the Veterans Committee appointments. She acknowledged three members in the audience. She also acknowledged the ACTA representatives. ACTA will have summer camp programs running between late May and early August. She also promoted the upcoming *Moon Over Buffalo* comedy show. She acknowledged Library Director Jason Baker.

Councilor Bright reported that Public Works is nearly finished with cemetery care, except for tree cutting. Also, the Industrial Development Board will meet on April 22nd. The local school board will have its regular retreat on April 19th. She acknowledged school board members Mark Sims and former member Bill Roberts. Also, she praised the high school sports programs on their springtime successes. She also gave praise to Dr. Neill for the school system's managing change during the ongoing pandemic. 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.

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Council President Taylor reported that city finances continue to remain fundamentally strong. Also the Chamber of Commerce will have its first in-person lunch meeting at the city pavilion on April 15th.

Mayor Choat praised Library Director Jason Baker and staff for their early morning preparations leading up to the Mayors breakfast meeting. Also, the City has ordered limestone caps for the wall around the cemetery across the street. They are due to arrive in two or three weeks. He thanked the volunteers who agreed to serve on the city's Veterans Committee. Mayor Choat reported that Revenue Examiner Ashley Oliver just started working for the City. Also, city sales tax revenues are up 10% from this time a year ago. Also the entertainment district is enjoying early success hosting events.

For audience comments, resident Richard Epstein repeated his complaints about North Chalkville Road traffic lights as well as his request for a generator and pool for the Civic Center. He also mentioned the light pole taking up room on the Braden Road sidewalk. Donna Ware expressed praise to the City for having crosswalk lights at the Mall.

With no further business, the Council adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk