

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5 pm at Trussville City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its April 27th 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

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

Councilor Ben Short was absent.

The order of consideration for the agenda was determined. Councilor Cook brought up the idea of using city discretionary funds for re-sodding the dog park, which the Mayor and elected colleagues informally agreed to do. Civic Center Events Manager Josh Taylor, Park & Recreation Superintendent Drew Peterson and City Hall Accountant Jennie Shipp jointly presented the new ActiveNet software. They collectively explained its features, capabilities as well as the benefits for the department and the public in general. Mayor Choat gave the Council an update regarding the possible development of a City app for smartphone and tablet users. There being no other business, the workshop adjourned shortly after 6 pm.

APRIL 27, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 27, 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 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 Ben Short

Councilor Perry Cook was absent.

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

After reviewing the minutes from the April 8 workshop and April 13 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 agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS, with the notable exception that Councilor Short abstained from the AMIC delegate and alternate delegate selections matter.**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts
- Reassign Donna Newton to City Hall Administration from Parks & Recreation, effective May 3, 2021
- Hire Haley Hollis as Parks & Rec part-time Gymnastics Coach (Grade 5 – Step 3), effective May 8, 2021
- Promote Jason Parsons to IT Network Systems Admin II. (Grade 32- Step 7), effective May 8, 2021
- Hire Beth Burden, via mayoral appointment (Grade 13 – Step 1), to cover an immediate need in Municipal Court, effective May 3, 2021
- Approve installation of small cell technologies at 1118 North Chalkville Road and P&R Sports Complex at 4600 Riverbend Road, recommended by Building Inspections Officer J.R. Malchus, as required by Ord 2016-006-PZ
- Appoint Mayor Choat as delegate and Ben Short as 1st alternate to the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation annual membership meeting May 13 in Huntsville, coinciding with the League convention.

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

ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 611.26
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 554.67
HR (6017)	\$ 2,811.72
IT (6018)	\$ 1,250.00
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$ 410.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 13,933.51
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 19,374.98
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 15,882.20
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 24,281.79
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 2,465.81
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 14,894.59
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$ 278,454.16
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 373,674.69
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 1,631.36
CONFISCATED (64)	\$ 559.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 375,865.05

President Taylor recognized Exceptional Foundation Tricia Kirk and called her forward. He gave her a \$2500 check from the City, representing its annual allocation. Kirk thanked the city leaders for their continued support. Exceptional Foundation provides services to over 70 Trussville residents and their families, in addition to thousands of others throughout the north central region of Alabama. Nobody signed up for public comment.

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution, amending the city's records request policy. She moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-21**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution, which affirmed the City's permanent participation in the annual statewide school supplies sales tax holiday. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-22**

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

Councilor Anderson announced that the newly formed Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority met recently for the first time. Also, the newly formed Veterans Committee met for the first time. Chad Carroll is now its presiding officer. Also, the Beautification Board is now accepting nominations for landscaping awards.

Councilor Bright thanked Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan and his department for their continued hard work. He indicated they are still cutting grass. The IDB will meet Thursday April 29th to discuss a pair of business items. After recognizing school board member Kim DeShazo, she reported that the school leaders had its semi-annual retreat to plan the next academic year. The local high school has maintained its national blue ribbon and various accreditations. The Husky baseball, softball, golf and track teams continue to excel.

Since Councilor Cook was absent, Parks & Recreation Director David Vinson reported that the city's senior center is now open for half-days. It will eventually go full day whenever it is safe to do so. Also, there were 129 soccer teams playing in a tournament at the city's athletic fields.

Councilor Short reported that Design Review looked over the proposed Milo's remodeling submission.

Council President Taylor reported that the Utility Board is developing its ideas for capital projects. Also, the Public Safety committee has moved its meeting to May 13th. Even though he himself cannot be there, he encouraged the committee to conduct its business. Also, the annual carnival, held across the street from the city government campus, was a success.

Mayor Choat reported that he and the city clerk met with Chairman Barry Stephenson of the Jefferson County Board of Registrars earlier this month. Stephenson and his office have drafted new precinct boundaries for the City. The proposal would create two new precincts (Civic Center and Faith Community Church) and shift various neighborhoods accordingly to reduce the number of voters assigned to City Hall and First Baptist Church.

For audience comments, resident Richard Epstein reminded the Council of his request for a generator and pool for the Civic Center.

With no further business, the Council adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk