

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

MAY 6, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on Thursday, **May 6, 2021** at 5 pm at Trussville City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its May 11th regular session. Councilor Perry Cook presided over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary. Those members present were as follows:

City Council

Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Ben Short

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

Council President Alan Taylor was absent.

The order of consideration for the agenda was determined. Hoover Administrator Allan Rice and Hoover City Attorney Rod Evans introduced the idea of forming a regional solid waste disposal authority. Mayor Choat and City Clerk Weinrib contributed to discussions. Afterwards, Regions Bank representatives Cassandra Greer and Cedric Hunter gave a presentation on the proposed purchase cards plan, showing that the tracking software will generate spending reports, thus saving City Administration hours of work time every month. At Councilor Bright's request, the Council agreed to add a proclamation honoring the local mountain bike team. There being no other business, the workshop adjourned shortly before 6 pm.

MAY 11, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on Tuesday, **May 11, 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 Short led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Alan Taylor
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Ben Short

Councilor Jaime Melton Anderson was absent.

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

After reviewing the minutes from the April 22 workshop and April 27 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 Short seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented, which had an item added after the workshop. **UNANIMOUS**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts
- Promote TFD Billy Brodie to Firefighter Paramedic (Grade 19F – Step 2), effective May 22, 2021
- Approve TPD Officers Dalton Blackwood’s & Steven Sparks’ step raises to Grade 17, Step 2, effective May 8, 2021, due to completion of Police Academy
- Approve TPD Officer Steven Sparks’ 10% education premium, effective May 22, 2021
- Promote Library Clerk Katie Jones to Circulation Supervisor (Grade 13 – Step 2), effective May 22, 2021
- Promote Library Tech Services Head Debby McCombs to Tech Services Head/Building Services Coordinator (Grade 18 – Step 6), effective May 22, 2021
- Hire Sittre Jones and Nolan Armstrong as Lifeguards (Grade 7 – Step 1), effective May 12, 2021
- Hire Layton Lambert and Chase Armstrong as Lifeguards (Grade 7 – Step 3), effective May 12, 2021
- Hire Preston Peterson as a Lifeguard (Grade 7 – Step 4), effective May 12, 2021
- Reassign current Parks & Recreation laborer Noah Rigg to Lifeguard (Grade 7 – Step 5) for the summer, effective May 12, 2021
- Hire Abbie Monski, Haleigh Chambers and Mary Brewer as Lifeguards (Grade 7 – Step 1) for the summer, effective May 12, 2021

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

NON-DEPARTMENTAL (6000)	\$ 12,030.22
MAYOR & COUNCIL (6010)	\$ 199.94
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 2,850.78
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 911.29
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 5,018.26
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 7,240.46
IT (6018)	\$ 669.34
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$ 5,368.29
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 40,429.49
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 18,781.78
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 9,948.54
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 38,140.83
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 6,133.80
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 17,027.51
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$ 655.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 166,215.28
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 8,302.81
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 2,502.47
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 177,020.56

President Taylor recognized Trussville area resident David Barber. The former county district attorney accepted the City’s annual contribution to Prescott House. Barber thanked the

Council and the city for its continued support. He then introduced Prescott House executive director Mary Beth Thomas, who accompanied him to the dais.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation, honoring the Hewitt-Trussville Mountain Bike Team, which just won its third state championship over the last five years. She moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation 2021-06**

After a brief recess for group photos, President Taylor resumed the meeting by introducing a proposed rezoning ordinance for a first reading. After proper public notifications, the Council may consider re-zoning two undeveloped parcels associated with 8080 Gadsden Highway to R-2 (Single-Family Residential) from C-1 (Commercial) in June.

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution that would implement a new purchase cards management system, overseen by the City's finance director. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-23**

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Choat to enter into an economic redevelopment agreement with CAJE LLC for the former Ruby Tuesdays location. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-24**

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Choat to enter into a retail redevelopment agreement with Trussville Retail Property LLC, involving four store locations in the former K-Mart shopping strip. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-25**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution for the City to form a regional solid waste disposal authority with neighboring cities. She moved and both Councilors Cook & Short seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution 2021-26**

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

Councilor Bright gave Councilor Anderson's committee reports. The Veterans committee is planning a wreath laying ceremony and bust dedication on Sunday, May 30 at 3:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial across the street. The Beautification Board met last week and is still accepting nominations for beautification awards until judging on Monday, May 17th; the nomination form is available on the city website and on Councilor Anderson's Facebook Page. The Historical Board met and inquired about the replacement of the historical marker on Braden's Corner. The marker is at the public works building and will be placed back after its new location on the corner is identified by the Mayor and receives a paint job. Library Board members and Mayor Choat attended the auditorium dedication for Lindsey Kelley on May 5th; the plaque outside the auditorium was unveiled and there was a reception/lunch for family, friends and library staff. Many thanks to those who coordinated the dedication and luncheon. The cemetery authority held its second meeting last week and adopted rules and regulations. The group will consider bylaws at the next meeting on June 10th at 6:30 pm, as they continue to prepare to take over responsibility for Mt. Nebo and the Baptist cemetery

Councilor Bright reported that Public Works is still cutting grass. The IDB met on April 29th. It is still in negotiations regarding Lot 29. She and Mayor Choat met with Dunlap and Watson regarding an economic development planning. After acknowledging school board president Kathy Brown, Bright told the public that the school board is having a reception for departing school board member Stan Garrett on May 17th. She reported on the high school's golf, baseball and softball teams. She also gave a shout-out to the local Courtesy GMC dealership for its generous support of local schools. Recently, they eclipsed the \$100,000 mark in total giving.

Councilor Cook thanked the City for providing \$2500 in discretionary funds for repairing the Dog Park. Parks & Recreation Director David Vinson reported that the playground behind the library received repairs. The Inspections Department continues to stay busy. The Tree Committee has a pair of vacancies. Two arborists who live here expressed interest in serving.

Councilor Short reported that Planning & Zoning met on May 10th to review two proposed subdivisions and two proposed zoning changes. He mentioned that consideration of one rezoning proposal is moved to June.

Council President Taylor reported that the Public Safety committee is meeting on May 13th. The Chamber of Commerce is meeting on May 12th. On June 28th, it is hosting a hot dog lunch for city employees at the Civic Center.

Mayor Choat reported that traffic backups are occurring on south/west bound Highway 11 due to pavers installation. ALDOT Director DeJarvis Leonard told the mayor that the utilities issues are holding up the highway widening project.

During audience comments, resident Cindy Underwood thanked the City for its support of the Dog Park. She runs the Trussville Dog Park Auxiliary, a non-profit which oversees the grounds. City resident Richard Epstein asked the Mayor about the direction of the loop road intersecting North Chalkville Road. ("One way only") He then reminded the Council of his request for a generator and pool for the Civic Center. City School Board President Kathy Brown informed the public that assistant HTHS baseball coach and government/history teacher Jeff Schrupp is one of 16 finalists for the Alabama Teacher-of-the-Year award.

With no further public business, at Mayor Choat's request, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss a potential real estate transaction. **UNANIMOUS**. After a brief recess, the Council reconvened. Afterwards, it went back into regular session then promptly adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk