

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### JUNE 22, 2021 WORKSHOP

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

Councilor Perry Cook  
Councilor Lisa Bright  
Council President Alan Taylor  
Councilor Jaime Anderson

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

Councilor Ben Short was absent, thanks to his 21-inch/8-lb, 11-oz. newborn son Kristofer Allen Short. The audience reacted with smiles and a collective *AWWWWWW*.

The order of consideration for the agenda was determined. Afterwards, Mayor Choat informed the Council that the City intends to work with a planner for the purposes of acquiring new Christmas decorations for the downtown entertainment district area primarily as well as the library. These purchases, estimated not to exceed \$50,000, will be done in phases. Also, Trussville First Baptist Church has its bicentennial next month, prior to the next council meeting. The City Clerk will work with the Mayor and Council President to draft a proclamation, with Council's formal approval. Also, Mayor Choat and five members of the IDB will tour their Auburn counterpart's campus in July. There being no other business, the workshop adjourned around 5:30 pm.

### JUNE 22, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, June 22, 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 Lisa Bright  
Councilor Perry Cook  
Councilor Jaime Melton Anderson

Councilor Ben Short was absent to be with his baby.

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

After reviewing the minutes from the June 3 workshop and June 8 regular session, Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion to approve all as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

Council President Taylor introduced the agenda & consent agenda. Upon his request, Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Cook 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
- Appoint Jenna Jones to the City Tree Commission; term expiring February 28, 2024
- Hire Marley Carmichael as a Parks & Recreation Seasonal Lifeguard (Grade 7 - Step 1), effective July 3, 2021
- Approve 5% education premium for Police Officer Dalton Blackwood, effective July 3, 2021
- Hire Mary Howell as a Parks & Recreation Seasonal Pool Manager (Grade 12 – Step 1), effective July 3, 2021
- Hire Ethan Jennings as a Parks & Recreation Skilled Laborer (Grade 12 – Step 2), effective July 3, 2021
- Approve Firefighter/Paramedics Blake Bjornson and Hunter Reid step raise to Grade 19F, Step 2 effective June 19, 2021 due to completion of minimum standards
- Approve Firefighters Jacob Carr and Garrett Allen step raise to Grade 17F, Step 2 effective June 19, 2021 due to completion of minimum standards
- Sixth Amendment to Project Development Agreement with Downtown Trussville LLC

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

LIABILITY (2000)	\$ 975.68
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 223.46
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 1,553.36
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 7,342.04
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 13,892.19
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 35,724.37
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 5,426.04
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 12,889.68
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 4,965.62
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 82,992.44</b>
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 3,961.41
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 1,591.92
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 88,545.77</b>

During public comment, Jim Wolfe (251 York St) asked the City to tend to an overgrown lot at Glenn Avenue & Linden Street. Mayor Choat readily agreed to refer it over.

Councilor Cook made the motion to approve a proclamation honoring Trussville First Baptist Church's upcoming bicentennial celebration. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS with Council President Taylor abstaining. Proclamation No. 2021-14**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution accepting various streets within the Stockton Subdivision Phases 6, 7A, &B & 9. She moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-33**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution supporting the idea of opening a freestanding emergency department somewhere within the City for Grandview's certificate of need application. Dr. Jeremy Rogers was recognized in the audience. He is a city resident and the head ER physician at Grandview Medical Center. He stated that providing access to ER care here in our community would be a win-win for area residents and the City, especially the Fire Department. City resident Cheryl Hamilton asked about the size of the ER building. Mayor answered that there are no specifics yet. Discussions remain on-going and nobody has signed a lease. The concept

would be similar to the South Baldwin Medical Center. Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-34**

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution declaring four Fire Department vehicles as surplus. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-35**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution implementing a premium pay policy for public safety employees. She moved and Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-36**

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

Councilor Anderson passed on delivering a report since she had been out of town on military duty.

Councilor Bright reported that she attended the first Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority meeting as the Mayor's substitute. Its organizational meeting went well. Also, two city Industrial Development Board lots are drawing potential buyers' interest. Also, a group of IDB members and Mayor Choat will tour the Auburn IDB campus next month. Also, the school board recently met and afterwards honored various longtime employees who just retired. Also, the school board just hired Dr. Rachel Poovy as assistant superintendent, succeeding Dr. Mandi Logan. Also, the school board just gave 4% pay raises to all its employees, thanks to a 2% match from the state. Also, HTHS Softball Coach Taylor Burt earned 7A Coach of the Year honors.

Council President Taylor reported that despite recent rainfall, the threat of a summer drought looms for our city. The State Public Service Commission gave our local utility after a recent inspection. Chamber of Commerce stays busy with its summertime activities (board meeting, luncheon meetings, UAB Callahan Eye Clinic ribbon cutting, Movie on the Mall, upcoming golf tournament, July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration) Also, the Jefferson County Roundtable of City Councilors occurs this Friday.

Mayor Choat reported that the Alabama Department of Transportation awarded the City a \$193,000 grant for improving Edwards Lake Parkway. Also, both construction firms Russo and Dunn are supposed to re-pave Alabama Hwy 11 between Half Shell Restaurant and Watterson. Dunn will perform the work, and Russo will reimburse Dunn for its portion.

During final audience comments, city resident Cheryl Hamilton (513 Birch St) pointed out that there is no protective fencing around the deep retention pond at the Hamilton Place construction site, thus making it an attractive nuisance for kids. City resident Richard Epstein complained about the non-synchronized traffic lights on North Chalkville Road. He asked that the City needs to take cleaning rags to various traffic signs along North Chalkville Road. Last, he repeated his request for a pool and backup generator over at the Civic Center.

With no further public business, the regular session promptly adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib  
City Clerk