

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JULY 8, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, July 8, 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
Councilor Ben Short

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

The order of consideration for the agenda was determined. President Amy Peterson O'Brien of the Cahaba Homestead Heritage Foundation spoke at length about historic districts in general, as well as the strengths and weaknesses, ideas and opportunities for the Cahaba District. For the sake of brevity, a copy of the Trussville Tribune article about her presentation is attached to these minutes. Afterwards, City Finance Director Mike Hinson gave a brief presentation on the proposed FY2021 budget amendment resolution. City revenues have exceeded original projections, more than enough to cover any additional expenses. With the Planning & Zoning Board workshop looming, the Council's workshop adjourned at 7:02 pm.

JULY 13, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, July 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 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

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

After reviewing the minutes from the June 22nd workshop and regular session, Councilor Cook moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve both as presented. **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 Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts
- Hire Catherine Smith as part-time Parks & Recreation unclassified laborer (Grade 7 – Step 2) assigned to the Senior Center, effective July 17, 2021
- Approve 10% education pay premiums for Police Public Safety Dispatchers Malcolm Northern, Leanna Smith and Adrienne Mixon, effective July 17, 2021

- Approve 5% education pay premium for Firefighter Paramedic Hunter Reid, effective July 17, 2021
- Reappoint Kris Reeves to Design Review Committee, term ending August 23, 2024
- Reappoint Joyce Goodwin to Senior Citizens Advisory Board, term ending April 14, 2025
- Reappoint Jerry Little to the Industrial Development Board, term ending July 14, 2027
- Accept resignation of Wendell Gibson from the Industrial Development Board, term ending July 14, 2023

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

LIABILITY (2000)	\$ 3000.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$ 19,082.43
MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$ 2,483.39
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 6,394.79
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 1,445.36
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 7,396.08
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 1,918.75
IT (6018)	\$ 3,898.66
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$ 1,819.64
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 28,939.92
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 12,332.26
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 10,489.50
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 23,968.97
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 41,327.25
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 28,489.66
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 248,033.66
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 43,547.09
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 3,081.53
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 294,662.28

There were no public comments.

Councilor Cook introduced a drafted proclamation honoring Trussville Restaurant Week. President Taylor recognized Chamber of Commerce executive director June Matthews, who promoted public support of city restaurants as well as promoted upcoming Chamber events. Councilor Cook praised the restaurant community for their active support and civic involvement. Councilor Cook moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS with Councilor Short abstaining due to his wife’s restaurant delivery business. Proclamation No. 2021-15**

Councilor Anderson introduced a drafted proclamation declaring July 13 Alex Rudick Day to honor Ms. Rudick. She had received National Gold Award Recognition from the Girl Scouts of America for her anti-distracted driving service project. The University of Alabama freshman thanked the Council, her mother and family for their love and support in a moving speech. Her family and State Rep. Danny Garrett spoke up as well. Councilor Anderson too praised Rudick. Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-16** After a brief recess, the Council resumed its meeting.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution declaring five Police Department vehicles as surplus. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-37**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, which better reflects healthy incoming revenues. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-38**

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

Councilor Anderson reported that the Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority walked through both cemeteries. According to her, Stotser will look into potential and actual issues for the Authority and city. Tickets to the local production of The Sound of Music are sold out. She acknowledged Veterans Committee member and city resident Jim Wolf in the audience.

Councilor Bright reported that Public Works crews continue to cut grass whenever it is not raining. Also, a group of Industrial Development Board members and Mayor Choat toured the Auburn IDB campus in late July. She also acknowledged IDB member Wendell Gibson's recent resignation. After recognizing school board member Sherrye Tolbert in the audience, Bright reported that the school board will meet on July 19th. She also reported that the Council will honor the high school club fishing team with a proclamation at the next regular session, in recognition of its national championship at a fishing tournament in South Carolina. High school football starts its season by hosting Saraland on August 27th, the first five consecutive home games on the 2021 schedule.

Councilor Cook reported that the Parks & Recreation Board will meet on July 20th. On July 2nd, the Senior Center hosted over 100 people for its early July 4th celebration. He also reported that the Inspections Department have already issued 27 residential construction permits and conducted 300 inspections so far this month.

Councilor Short reported that Design Review Committee is between meetings. Short also reported, with pleasure, that DRC member Kris Reeves agreed to be reappointed. Short also gave a summary of the Planning & Zoning Board's actions during its July 12th regular session.

Council President Taylor reported that according to Utilities head Mike Strength, the City is temporarily out of its drought. He also reported that the Chamber cancelled its July board meeting. The Chamber is preparing for City Fest, slated for September 11th. The Freedom Celebration on July 4th drew over 10,000 people to the Mall. Councilor Bright complimented the organizers for providing more big screens and eliminating kiddie rides.

Mayor Choat reported that he enjoyed celebrating with the Trussville First Baptist Church at its bicentennial. He also reported that the City will install a new HVAC and humidity controller for Heritage Hall. He also reported that local Fellowship of Christian Athletes President Bill Gray will be the guest speaker at the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on August 6th. He also reported that brick pavers for Braden's Corner finally arrived and that the City will bid out its purchase for new Christmas decorations. He also reported that CenturyLink is removing its airborne lines from poles.

During final audience comments, city resident Jim Wolf suggested that for the next Freedom Celebration, the city considers adding more cones to adjacent residential streets. President Taylor indicated he would make a note of it for the Public Safety Committee's post-event meeting.

With no further public business, the regular session promptly adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk