

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, August 5, 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 Ben Short

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

Councilor Jaime Anderson was absent.

The order of consideration for the agenda was determined. Only a proposed rezoning ordinance was removed from the drafted agenda. Afterwards, the mayor discussed safety concerns in the entertainment district, more specifically with energetic children playing too aggressively at times in the pavilion-&-stage area. The Council informally supported his idea of installing signs and on occasion increasing the presence of police to preserve order. Ferus owner Coby Lake is exploring, at his own expense, the idea of developing a children's playground nearby. The agenda workshop adjourned at about 5:30 pm.

AUGUST 10, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021** at 6 pm at Trussville City Hall, with Councilor Perry Cook presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

Councilor Cook called the meeting to order. Councilor Bright led the prayer. Councilor Short led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
Attorney Michael Brymer, filling in for Rick Stotser

Council President Alan Taylor was absent.

After reviewing the minutes from the July 27th workshop and regular session, Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve both as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

Councilor Cook introduced the agenda & consent agenda. Upon his request, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Anderson 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
- Amend Jail Health Care Services Contract between the City and QCHC of Alabama Regarding Professional Liability, Commercial General Liability and Agreement Assignment
- Extend Resurfacing Maintenance Contract between the City and Dunn Construction on the same terms, conditions and prices, with July 11, 2022 end date
- Approve 5% education premium pay for Police Public Safety Dispatcher Michelle Payton, effective August 14, 2021
- Agree on Contract For Purchase with The Barber Companies (Purchaser) Regarding 1445 Gadsden Highway Property

- Hire David Rector as Parks & Rec Recreation Leader (Grade 12 – Step 1), effective August 14, 2021
- Transfer Parks & Recreation seasonal lifeguards Chase Armstrong and Ethan Wilson to part time Unclassified Laborer positions (Grade 7 – Step 1), effective August 9, 2021

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

LIABILITIES (2000, 2400)	\$ 2,112.91
NON-DEPARTMENTAL (6000)	\$ 23,508.95
MAYOR & COUNCIL (6010)	\$ 1,986.25
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 1,580.33
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 295.98
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 3,510.29
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 5,844.21
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$ 180.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 18,539.97
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 17,129.64
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 32,607.69
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 22,217.19
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 28,233.40
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 26,414.19
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$ 5,905.87
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 181,463.74
CIVIC CENTER DIVISION (08)	\$ 22,206.58
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 2,226.68
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 215,897.00

During public comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) provided the following feedback:

1. The roads to Wal-Mart and Sam's Club need striping
2. City signs need cleaning
3. Both Chalkville Road and Boulder Road need widening
4. Traffic is slow at the Glenn Street/US Highway 11 intersection, as well as along Chalkville Road going to the interstate
5. Chalkville Road/US Hwy 11 traffic light needs to be re-set
6. The Civic Center gym needs a swimming pool and backup generator

Councilor Cook called upon Police Chief Eric Rush for a special presentation. Rush summoned Corporal John Middleton, Officer Brian Williams and Officer Michael Montana to the front of the room then presented them with medals of honor for their heroic valor in saving a man's life. In April, a driver was speeding down US Highway 11. Officers caught up with the car and forced the driver to pull over, only to realize that the front seat passenger was bleeding profusely from a gunshot wound in the leg. Montana had a tourniquet available for the victim, who was writhing in pain. Within ten minutes, an ambulance arrived to take him to UAB Hospital. When the UAB emergency room medical team praised the ambulance paramedics for properly using the tourniquet, they replied, "We didn't do it. (Trussville) police did!" After a standing ovation and a brief recess for photographs, the meeting continued.

Councilor Short introduced a proposed ordinance then moved for unanimous consent for its immediate consideration. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then made the motion to approve a proposed ordinance annexing 5137 Vann Valley Drive. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-018-ANX** Property owner Keyton Hull thanked the City Council.

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Councilor Short introduced a proposed ordinance to annex 8440 Johnson Road then made the motion to table it due to a concern by the Fire Department. Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS. Tabled until another time.**

Councilor Cook announced that the next Council agenda workshop, including discussion of additional Cahaba Project regulations, will occur 5 pm on August 19th at the Civic Center.

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

Councilor Anderson postponed her entire report.

Councilor Bright reported that Public Works continues to cut grass when it is not raining. After acknowledging School board public relations chief Jason Gaston in the audience, she summarized the school system's STAY SAFE campaign. Schools re-open August 11th. The next school board meeting will be on August 31st. Tickets to the Schools Foundation Gala on August 14th are still available. Opening kickoff for the Huskies is Friday August 20th. The Huskies store is ready for online shoppers.

Councilor Cook reported that the Parks & Recreation Board is between meetings. Inspections Department remains busy. The Senior Center remains temporarily closed due to COVID. Inspections remains busy despite the slowdown in its inspections caseload. With the City's stop-work order still in place, the Stockton developer is making progress in his clean-up efforts.

Councilor Short reported that the Design Review Committee is between meetings and that the recommended annexations on the Council's agenda reflect his report from Planning & Zoning.

Mayor Choat reported that Dunn will soon repave parts of US Highway 11 and South Chalkville Road as well as pave the Entertainment District area. Contractors will soon install pavers and a wall over the next two-to-four weeks in the Entertainment District. There are footings for new restaurant construction over there, too. New road cutting for the downtown loop project will begin soon. Pinchgut Pies pizzeria just opened. Also, the City is delaying any new cemetery sales until they have clean records regarding available plots. Also, the interstate lighting project remains in limbo while ALDOT conducts preliminary studies to determine which lights belong to the City, Jefferson County and/or the State. Meanwhile, ALDOT continues to re-surface I-59/20 into St. Clair County. Also, he thanked the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the successful, well-attended Prayer Breakfast on August 6th. Also, he participated in a conference call with the County Health Department regarding the pandemic. Due to the widespread delta variant, our community has spikes of cases and hospitalizations, which mirror statewide and national trends. We expect to reach a peak over the next two weeks before any flattening may occur on or before Labor Day.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk