

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, September 9, 2021** at 5 pm at the City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its next 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
Councilor Jaime Anderson

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

In a departure from the usual procedure, Council President Taylor allowed discussion topics to precede the Council's review of the proposed agenda.

City Gymnastics Coach Lauren Stanton and Cheerleading Coach Todd Bragan discussed the idea of building a 20,000 square-foot gymnastics and cheerleading center as an expansion to the city civic center. Andrew Taylor and Jim Hartselle of Davis Architects estimated up to \$7.5 million in construction costs, along with \$750,000 for new equipment. As things currently stand, the Red Roof Gymnasium facility cannot keep up with growing demand for both programs' activities and lessons.

Next, city bond counsel Rod Kanter of Bradley Arant and investments advisor Chris Williams (Rice Advisory) discussed the financing of the former Sheepdog Indoor Shooting Range property on Deerfoot Parkway. The Police Department will re-purpose it as its own training center. Kanter and Williams also discussed the idea of refinancing/refunding the City's 2015 General Obligation School Warrants, in advance of a proposed ordinance for the Council's September 28th regular session. The Council appeared very receptive to that idea.

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. The agenda workshop adjourned at about 6:30 pm.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, September 14, 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.

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order. Councilor Anderson led the prayer. Councilor Short led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Councilor Jaime Melton Anderson
Councilor Ben Short
Council President Alan Taylor
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Perry Cook

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

After reviewing the minutes from the August 19th workshop, August 24th regular session and August 31st special session, Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve everything as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

Council President Taylor introduced the agenda & consent agenda. Upon his request, Councilor Cook 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
- Reappoint Ray Foushee to the Historical Board, with term expiring April 5, 2025
- Reappoint Debbie Waid to the Library Board, with term expiring October 25, 2025
- Appoint J.T. Murphy as Supernumerary to the Board of Zoning Adjustments, with term expiring February 15, 2023
- Approve the Renewal of the Health Services Agreement with QCHC of Alabama Inc., with Amendments, To Provide Care for Inmates; term running from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022
- Hire Rapheal King as Public Works Skilled Laborer (Grade 12- Step 2), effective September 25, 2021
- Hire Matthew Guerdat as part time Library Circulation Clerk (Grade 12- Step 1), effective September 25, 2021
- Approve 5% Complex Investigations Premium Pay for Police Officer Michael Montana, effective September 11, 2021

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

NON-DEPARTMENTAL (6000)	\$ 34,937.08
MAYOR & COUNCIL (6010)	\$ 1,837.78
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 7,093.48
INSPECTIONS (6012)	\$ 1,787.84
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 4,438.75
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 2,409.09
IT (6018)	\$ 671.21
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$ 159.23
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 51,815.52
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 26,828.31
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 64,002.63
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 56,023.44
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 25,545.71
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 38,277.49
RENTAL PROPERTIES (6452)	\$ 1,665.48
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$ 63,572.85
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 382,023.41
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 28,815.00
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT (09)	\$ 2,114.50
CONFISCATED FUND (64)	\$ 1,685.60
CAPITAL PROJECTS (68)	\$ 774.99
COURT JUDICIAL ADMIN FUND (80)	\$ 480.00
CORRECTIONS FUND (85)	\$ 3,368.39
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 419,261.89

There were no public comments.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-19** Various local families directly impacted by pediatric cancers received recognition and attention. Lisa Grissom Lothspeich and Shon Richey spoke to the Council briefly,

expressing appreciation. Organizers for the Trussville Witches Ride announced that this year's ride on October 23rd will raise funds for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. After a brief recess for a photo opportunity, President Taylor handed a framed proclamation plaque to Shon Richey, father of the late Avery Richey; then he continued the meeting.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the Hewitt-Trussville Homecoming Parade a public event. She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-20**

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed ordinance then moved for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. Councilor Short seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Cook then moved to adopt an ordinance to update the City's current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-020-ADM**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed rezoning ordinance for its first reading. The ordinance is scheduled for full consideration on September 28, 2021.

Councilor Short introduced a proposed ordinance then moved for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then moved to adopt an ordinance to annex the residential property associated with 416 Pineview Road. Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-021-ANX**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed ordinance then moved for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Anderson then moved to adopt an ordinance to implement rules and regulations pertaining to cemeteries owned and managed by the City Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority. Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-022-ADM**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution to declare various Library and City Clerk assets as surplus. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-44**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution to allow Trussville to enroll city leaders in the Economic Development Academy hosted by the Alabama League of Municipalities. She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-45**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution to award a bid for repainting the new Police Training Center's interior walls to Capps Painting & Remodeling. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-46**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution to reincorporate the City Industrial Development Board as the City Industrial Development Authority. She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-47**

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution to appeal a City Board of Zoning Adjustments variance decision involving the Winslow Parc subdivision to the 10th Circuit Court. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS with Councilor Short abstaining since he works for the 10th Judicial Circuit. Resolution No. 2021-48**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution to refinance Series 2015 General Obligation Warrants. The loan term remains the same but with a lower interest rate, thus providing the City an estimated \$1.6 million in savings. He moved and Councilors Anderson & Bright jointly seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-49**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution to implement a memorandum of understanding between the City and its Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority. She moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-50**

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

Councilor Anderson thanked the City Veterans Committee for hosting the 9/11 Commemoration program on the previous Saturday. American Legion Post 205 leader Tony Berenotto and John Griscom, in turn, thanked the City and the Veterans Committee.

Councilor Bright recognized School Board President Kathy Brown. She reported that 4947 students are enrolled in city schools.

Councilor Cook reported that Parks & Recreation Board will meet next week. Also, the Senior Citizens Center just re-opened after a lengthy COVID-related closure. Also, the Inspections Department remains busy with 176 remodeling/renovation permits, 15 new residential permits and 2 new commercial permits filed during August. Also during August, Inspections conducted 844 site visits.

Councilor Short reported that the City Planning & Zoning approved a new subdivision.

Council President Taylor reported that the Finance Committee has circulated a draft of the FY2021 budget for consideration. Also, Public Safety will soon make various recommendations for Council consideration. Also, after hosting CityFest on September 11th, the Chamber of Commerce is having its monthly luncheon September 16th at the Civic Center.

Mayor Choat thanked City employees for assisting with CityFest. Also, he reported that the South Chalkville Road & Main Street paving project is finally done. Also, MidSouth is staging its construction equipment for ALDOT's paving project on US Highway 11 towards Argo.

During audience comments, Pack 216 Cubmaster Tim Hallman (212 Delane Drive) expressed his disgust about "being evicted from a city building due to black mold." Audience members Girl Scouts leader Robert Letts (3024 Floyd Bradford Road), Esther Glenn (8063 Happy Hollow Road) and Katie Evans (147 Skyline Drive and a City library employee) were there in support of Hallman, as representatives of their respective scout groups. Each elected official, in turn, responded, expressing support for scouting organizations and vowed to help them find a new meeting place. Mayor Choat explained that it would be irresponsible to let anybody inside the building upon discovery of black mold, which the City had just learned about a few hours before. The City took this action to protect their health, he concluded. Parks and Recreation Director David Vinson confirmed he had already provided them a replacement venue for their upcoming weekend activities.

Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) once again suggested that the City re-stripe the roads near Sam's Club and Wal-Mart, install street lights down Valley Loop Road and parts of I-59, synchronize traffic lights on North Chalkville Road, and install a pool and back-up generator for the Civic Center.

Newly annexed city resident Samuel L. Winbush (416 Pineview Road) told the Council that stretches of Pineview Road roughly a half-mile from his home need street lights because it's pitch black.

Winslow Parc neighbors Julia York (6503 Winslow Drive) and Margaret Smith (6513 Winslow Drive) thanked the City Council for appealing the BZA variance decision to circuit court.

American Legion Post 205 leader Tony Berenotto thanked the City Council for its support of first responders, his AL Post and Constitution Week. He asked that the City support Wreaths Across America.

With no further public business, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to go into executive session in order to discuss a potential real estate transaction. **UNANIMOUS** After a brief recess, the Council reconvened in executive session until 7:50 pm. When that ended, so did the regular session.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib
City Clerk