

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, September 23, 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  
Council President Alan Taylor  
Councilor Ben Short  
Councilor Jaime Anderson

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

Councilor Lisa Bright was absent.

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda, including the addition of two proclamations, referred by the Public Safety committee. Afterwards, Mayor Choat and Finance Director Mike Hinson went over the proposed FY 2022 budget. The agenda workshop adjourned at about 6 pm.

### SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021** at 6:02 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 Cook 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 Rick Stotser

After reviewing the minutes from the September 9th workshop and September 14th regular 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 Bright moved and Councilor Anderson 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
- Approve 5% education premium for Police Dispatcher Candice Phillips-Warner, effective October 9, 2021
- Approve 10% education premium for Firefighter Paramedic Matthew Richardson, effective October 9, 2021
- Hire Anne Belue as part-time Recreation Unskilled Laborer (Grade 7 – Step 1), effective October 9, 2021
- Hire Jordan Arrington and Matthew Hensley as Police Officer (Grade 17 – Step 1), effective October 9, 2021
- Hire Edward Hill as Police Officer (Grade 17 – Step 2), effective October 9, 2021
- Hire Dalton Lewis as Police Officer (Grade 17 – Step 4), effective October 9, 2021

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

ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 488.71
IT (6018)	\$ 6,824.69
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 27,164.87
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 18,290.37
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 961.71
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 8,033.36
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 24,163.69
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 3,994.70
CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANTS (6671)	\$ 339.90
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$ 62,819.52
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 153,081.52</b>
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 6,965.29
CAPITAL PROJECTS (68)	\$ 16,804.87
CORRECTIONS FUND (85)	\$ 2,397.10
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 179,248.78</b>

During public comments, resident Brian Payant (409 Debbie Drive) asked the City Council to reconsider the City's noise ordinance exemption for the Pavilion. The UPS retiree complained that the loud music from there prevents him from enjoying quiet in his backyard. Also, Cub Scout Atticus Dowell (418 Linden Street) asked the City Council to help his pack find a new meeting space offering the same amenities that the prior space had (access to woods & trails, playground, fire pit, etc.)

Councilor Short introduced a proposed proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Allie Nanni of One Place Birmingham briefly addressed the Council and public. She introduced executive director Allison L. Dearing. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-21** After a brief recess for a photo opportunity, President Taylor continued the meeting.

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation declaring October 1 Down Syndrome Day and October 2021 Down Syndrome Month. Local residents Stephanie Langford and Hannah Baker briefly addressed the Council and public. She moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-22** After a brief recess for a photo opportunity, President Taylor continued the meeting.

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the Trussville Witches Ride a public event. Organizer Niki Lincoln briefly addressed the Council and public. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-23** After a brief recess for a photo opportunity, President Taylor continued the meeting.

Councilor Short introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the A21 Walk for Freedom (anti-human trafficking) a public event. Organizer Sonya Hendricks briefly addressed the Council and public. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-24** After a brief recess for a photo opportunity, President Taylor continued the meeting.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation declaring October 2021 as National Chiropractic Health Month. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-25**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed rezoning ordinance that would change Lot 1 of 585 Simmons Drive to **C-2 Commercial** & Lots 2 and 3 (Mermont Drive access) to **R-1 Single Family Residential**. All are **I-2 Industrial**. Council President Taylor then opened a public hearing. Property owner & applicant Richard Akel stood up and humorously gave his support. With no other feedback, Council Taylor promptly closed the public hearing. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-023-PZ**

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 for \$2.45 million in general obligation warrants to finance the acquisition and remodeling of

the new Police Training Center on Deerfoot Parkway. Bond counsel Rod Kanter briefly addressed the Council. Synovus Bank was the winning bidder among five banks. They offered a 10-year financing plan at 1.43% interest. Mayor Choat thanked Kanter for all his help. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-024-ADM**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution to allow on-or-off premises sale of beer and wine to La Farre. Council President Taylor then convened a public hearing. City resident Brian Payant asked what “on-or-off” meant. Council President Taylor answered, explaining that the owner wanted to host tastings on occasion. Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-51**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution to approve the City’s FY2022 budget. Mayor Choat thanked Finance Director Mike Hinson for his work, then summarized the budget for the audience’s benefit. Council President Taylor commended all departments for keeping up city services while controlling expenses. Councilor Cook thanked the mayor and all department heads. Councilor Anderson echoed her colleague (“Ditto”) Councilor Short moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-52**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution to proceed with plans to demolish the derelict residence at 220 Snake Hill Road. Council President Taylor then opened a public hearing on the matter. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the hearing. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-53**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment to a Project Development Agreement with Downtown Trussville LLC. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-54**

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

Councilor Anderson promoted ACTA’s productions of Little Shop of Horrors and Elf. Also, the Veterans Committee is planning its pre-Veterans Day event On November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. Committee member John Griscom told the public that they plan to have a blood drive, military vehicles and weapons out on the parking lot.

Councilor Bright reported that Public Works remains busy tending to their usual duties while working shorthanded. Also, the 9<sup>th</sup> grade will do virtual learning while teachers are proctoring a national board exam. Also, three HTHS students are National Merit Semi-Finalists. Also, the HTHS band is hosting a band competition on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Bright acknowledged school board members Sherry Tolbert and Steve Ward.

Councilor Cook reported that the City has temporarily resolved the Scouts’ situation for hosting meetings. Also, the Parks & Recreation department have had healthy enrollment in various fall sports (softball, 236; football, 195; baseball, 270; soccer, 820)

Councilor Short reported that Design Review Committee approved branding or re-branding signs for various businesses, including new arrival Pig Tails & Crews. They also reviewed a proposed mural by Marc Ward for the Trussville Tribune building. Also, Wing-It-On restaurant just had a soft opening.

Council President Taylor reported that on October 21<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Choat will give his annual State of the City address to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Choat reported that the two newly resurfaced tennis courts just opened. The City may re-surface other tennis courts the same way if these two perform well. They are tournament grade. Also, Praytor Road will get resurfaced after years of wear-&-tear by industrial traffic. Also, Mayor Choat will soon meet with ALDOT Director John Cooper regarding the US Highway 11 road widening project. Also, County Commissioner and city resident Joe Knight has a new road paving project for our community.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) once again asked about the City re-striping and about illuminating parts of the interstate within the City. Prompted by Councilor Cook, Mayor Choat said the City would look into re-striping the road. As for interstate lighting, Alabama Power is supposed to report back cost estimates to the local mayors association next month.

With no further public business, the Council adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib