

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### OCTOBER 26, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Tuesday, October 26, 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 Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary. Those members present were as follows:

#### City Council

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

Others present in official capacity: City Attorney Rick Stotser

Mayor Buddy Choat was absent.

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Because of the Mayor's absence, the Council mutually agreed to delay all discussion items to the November 4th workshop. The agenda workshop adjourned at about 5:12 pm.

### OCTOBER 26, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021** at 6:00 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 Bright led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

Others present in official capacity: City Attorney Rick Stotser

Mayor Buddy Choat was absent.

After reviewing the minutes from the October 12th workshop and 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 Cook moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts
- Promote Public Works employee Steven Bright to Skilled Laborer (Grade 12 – Step 1), effective October 23, 2021
- Promote Public Works employee Jeffrey Bryant to Skilled Laborer (Grade 12 – Step 3), effective October 23, 2021
- Promote Public Works employee Gary Daugherty to Skilled Laborer (Grade 12 – Step 4), effective October 23, 2021
- Promote Finance employee Jenny Shipp to Senior Accountant (Grade 23- Step 3), effective October 23, 2021

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

LIABILITIES (2000)	\$	5,999.79
NON-DEPARTMENTAL (6000)	\$	5,400.00
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$	1,002.03
INSPECTION (6012)	\$	2,429.70
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$	57.91
FINANCE (6017)	\$	137.06
IT (6018)	\$	2,684.86
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$	58.62
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$	19,750.54
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$	26,845.41
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$	6,157.91
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$	10,973.03
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$	5,855.24
LIBRARY (6451)	\$	28,359.78
RENTAL PROPERTY (6452)	\$	91.19
CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANTS (6671)	\$	888.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$	26,514.15
DEBT SERVICE (6800)	\$	7,623.21
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>150,828.43</b>
CIVIC CENTER DIVISION (08)	\$	10,977.97
CONFISCATED (64)	\$	12,823.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS (68)	\$	15,127.38
CORRECTIONS FUND (85)	\$	3,516.38
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>193,273.41</b>

Councilor Short introduced a proposed rezoning ordinance for the new Police Training Center at 5900 Deerfoot Parkway for its First Reading. No further action was taken.

President Taylor then opened a public hearing for Martys Trussville LLC's prospective alcohol license. The business is set to operate at 1423 Gadsden Highway, Suites #127-131. Councilor Cook read the related resolution. Owner Phillip Mims introduced himself and his management team. He already has three similar establishments in 5-Points South, Avondale and Irondale. He answered questions from councilors about the likely number of employees (*15-20 range*), responsible vendor program (*A few of his employees are also trainers for other establishments*), other completed training (*MOVE – Management of Violence Education*), anticipated food-to-alcohol ratio (*at least 60% alcohol*), age screening (*No one under 21 will be admitted; will use VeriScan to check drivers licenses*), operating hours (*no later than midnight or 1 am during the week; 1:30 am on weekends*), live entertainment (*only 1-person acts – perhaps with acoustic guitars, or karaoke*) and on-site security (*Yes, as needed*)

Since nobody from the public spoke up, Council President Taylor closed the public hearing. Councilor Cook moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-58**

Councilor Cook introduced a proposed resolution to surplus various Parks & Recreation assets. Councilor Cook moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-59**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution to correct Linden Street Vacation Resolution No. 2021-43. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-60**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution to approve the City's 2022 holiday schedule. Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-61**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution to amend the City's Purchase-Sale Agreement with DE General LLC so that the City and Industrial Development Authority (IDA) would share the costs for re-surveying Lot 26 in the industrial park. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-62**

Councilor Short moved & Councilors Anderson and Bright jointly seconded the motion for elect Councilor Cook as City Council President for the November 2021-October 2022 term. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to elect Councilor Bright as President Pro Tem for the November 2021-October 2022 term. **UNANIMOUS**

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

Councilor Anderson reported that the Library is hosting Trick-or-Treat on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, ACTA hired Christian Campbell as its new manager, just as the theater company is prepping for Elf, Little Prince and Steel Magnolias productions. Historical Committee plans to meet on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to the work of Historical Board member Gary Lloyd, the State of Alabama has designated Mount Nebo as a historical cemetery site.

Councilor Bright reported that the IDA board will mee on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, Public Works continues to mow and collect leaves while trying to hire more laborers. Also, the City School Board just had its leadership retreat, then toured its new building currently under construction. Councilor Bright acknowledged school board member Sherrye Tolbert. The high school football team will go up to Madison for the opening round of the state playoffs. Meanwhile the Lady Huskies just concluded its successful inaugural flag football season. Also, there have only been four known COVID cases in the city schools.

Councilor Cook reported that the Senior Advisory Board elected new leaders at its October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Senior Center now has new furniture. The Senior Center will host a health fair on November 5<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving dinner on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Christmas gathering on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Tree Commission met on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Two trees got removed because little limbs fell. The Tree Commission is preparing for Arbor Week. Also, Parks softball leagues end fall play on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, over the October 8-9 weekend, Maggie's Rules raised \$20,000 for Children's Hospital Pediatric ICU and \$23,000 for its Kindness Foundation Totally Christmas fund.

Councilor Short reported that the Design Review Committee would discuss the City's sign ordinance a its October 28<sup>th</sup> workshop.

Council President Taylor reported that the Utilities Committee met. There would be a small increase in rates, much lower than the regional or national averages among TUB's peer group. Also, Mayor Choat outlined various proposed city government expansions at the recent Chamber luncheon, sponsored by Trussville Water & Gas. Taylor concluded by thanking his colleagues for their trust as he presided over Council meetings over the past year. It was his third such leadership tenure over the past decade. In turn, each councilor thanked him and praised him for his humble leadership.

During audience comments, Austin Blair of LAH Commercial Real Estate praised the City & IDA as easy to work with. He looks forward to doing so again. Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) once again asked about the City re-striping the Wal-Mart area streets and about illuminating parts of the interstate within the City.

With no further public business, the Council adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dan Weinrib*

City Clerk & Recording Secretary