

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, November 4, 2021** at 5 pm at the City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Perry Cook presided over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary. Those members present were as follows:

City Council

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

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Mark Davis gave a presentation about a prospective Alabama Fallen Warriors Memorial project for the City. Consequently, the City Council added a Mayoral authorization to the Consent Agenda. The Council gave informal feedback to the Building Inspections Officer J.R. Malchus, City Clerk Weinrib and Mayor Choat about ideas for regulating yard sales as well as snipe signs. Fire Chief Tim Shotts and Inspections Officer Malchus informed the City Council about their ideas for amending the City's annexation ordinance. Afterwards, Mayor Choat informed the council about a prospective Miracle League project for the City. Councilor Alan Taylor gave a briefing about the Public Safety Committee meeting earlier in the day. The agenda workshop adjourned at about 6:05 pm.

NOVEMBER 9, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021** at 6 pm at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Perry Cook presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

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

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

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

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

After reviewing the minutes from the October 26th workshop and regular session, Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve everything as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

Council President Cook introduced the agenda & consent agenda. Upon his request, Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor 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

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| NON-DEPARTMENTAL | \$ | 25,339.69 |
| MAYOR & COUNCIL | \$ | 4,248.58 |
| ADMINISTRATION (6011) | \$ | 3,868.29 |
| INSPECTION (6012) | \$ | 1,944.24 |

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| MUNICIPAL COURT (6015) | \$ 7,569.82 |
| FINANCE (6017) | \$ 1,061.00 |
| IT (6018) | \$ 12,533.66 |
| HUMAN RESOURCES (6019) | \$ 5,813.18 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121) | \$ 66,880.44 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122) | \$ 15,924.92 |
| PUBLIC WORKS (6231) | \$ 5,790.97 |
| PARKS & RECREATION (6341) | \$ 13,059.70 |
| PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342) | \$ 15,545.43 |
| LIBRARY (6451) | \$ 10,519.61 |
| RENTAL PROPERTY (6452) | \$ 484.45 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANTS (6671) | \$ 1,600.00 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700) | \$ 10,210.26 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$ 202,394.24 |
| CIVIC CENTER (08) | \$ 4,979.58 |
| DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT (09) | \$ 98.20 |
| CONFISCATED (64) | \$ 16,163.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS (68) | \$ 75,893.72 |
| CORRECTIONS FUND (85) | \$ 3,805.97 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ 303,334.71 |

- Appoint Jeremy Tuggle to the Utilities Board to the Cities Utilities Board, succeeding Teddy Gilmer. Term ending December 1, 2024
- Approve the Construction Manager Agreement between the City and Power & Associates for new public restrooms near the Mall tennis courts.
- Approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between the City Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority and Wise's Cemetery Service Inc. for up to two years
- Approve 5% corporal premium for Police Cpl. Jeremy Dunn
- Promote Finance Department Revenue Examiner Ashley Oliver to Senior Revenue Examiner (Grade 21 – Step 7), effective November 20, 2021
- Authorize Mayor Choat to Represent the City for a Prospective Alabama Fall Warriors Memorial Project

During public comments, American Legion Post 205 leader Tony Berenotto thanked the City for its willingness to have the proposed Alabama Fallen Warriors Monument. He pledged his group's support.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation declaring November 9, 2021 as Madeline Mann Day, Judson Upchurch Day and Juliana Eberhardt Day in honor of the three HTHS seniors' National Merit Scholarship achievements. Mann is a National Merit Commended Student; the other two, National Merit Semifinalists. Bright moved, then Councilors Anderson & Short jointly seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-26** After a brief recess for photo opportunities, President Cook continued the meeting.

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation declaring November 15-21, 2021 as Amerex Week in honor of its golden anniversary and getting named 2021 Alabama Large Manufacturer of the Year by the Business Council of Alabama & Alabama Technology Network. The city's largest private sector employer plans to celebrate next week at the Ferus Pavilion. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-27**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed annexation ordinance for the undeveloped wooded lot at 8440 Johnson Road. He moved for its adoption, conditioned upon the ban of manufactured or mobile homes and the owner signing release and waiver agreement. Councilor Bright seconded his motion. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-028-ANX Addendum – Owner provided a signed copy the next day**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed annexation ordinance for the proposed Glendale Farms at Carrington Development (former Beard farm located on Carrington Road next to the railroad track) He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-029-ANX**

President Cook then opened a public hearing for the alcohol license applications from Pennyrile Hospitality LLC, doing business as Hilton Garden Inn, on Edwards Lake Parkway. Pennyrile bought the hotel from the previous owners. Nancy Galloway (Integral Hotel Management Company, which operates hotels on behalf of owners) represented the applicants. Hotel manager Karen Jacob was in the audience. Galloway answered questions from the City Council regarding its responsible vendor program, compliance track record and the ownership group. Since nobody else spoke up, President Cook closed the public hearing.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution to allow alcohol licensing for Pennyrile Hospitality LLC, doing business as Hilton Garden Inn. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-63**

Councilor Taylor introduced a proposed resolution to provide longevity pay for all City employees with at least five years of service time. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-64**

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

Councilor Anderson reported that the Library had 704 visitors at its Halloween event and that the Library will host Santa's workshop on December 6th. Also, ACTA will feature the stage productions of Elf (December 2-8) and Little Price (December 15) Tryouts for Steel Magnolias will occur December 6-7. Also, the Beautification Board will purchase new signs prior to its next contest. Also, the Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority finalized its independent contractor agreement. Also, the Veterans Committee successfully hosted its pre-Veterans Day event at the Civic Center parking lot.

Councilor Bright reported that HTHS will play Hoover HS on December 16th in the second round of the state football playoffs. School board member Sherry Tolbert added that the Lady Huskies flag football team advanced to the state semifinals. Also, the IDA will have its next meeting on November 19th. Also, Public Works continues to vacuum leaves, only this time with more available trucks.

Council President Cook reported that the Parks & Recreation Board will meet on November 16th. Also, the Senior Center will host a Thanksgiving luncheon on November 23rd and Christmas luncheon on December 17th. It is also hosting Totally Christmas on December 19 & 20. Also, Inspections remains busy. He reported its October 2021 activities. Also, the Tree Commission will review the city's tree ordinance at its next workshop for possible amendment recommendations.

Councilor Short reported that Design Review Committee is in-between meetings. Also, at its November 8th meeting, Planning & Zoning has referred over one negative and one positive recommendation on proposed rezoning to the City Council.

Councilor Taylor reported that at the Public Safety Committee meeting last week, they agreed to synchronize the speed limits on the northeasterly stretch of US Highway 11 between Parkway Drive and Deerfoot Parkway. Previously, there were different speed limits on that stretch of road, depending upon the direction of traffic. Also, the committee reviewed stop signs for the Roosevelt Road & Valley Road intersection as well as right-turn accesses at Homestead Village. Also, the Chamber of Commerce board meets on November 10th. Also, Trussville First Baptist Church is hosting a community Thanksgiving service, open to the public, on Sunday November 21st. On November 28th, the City will host its annual Christmas tree lighting dedication. On December 11th, the City will have its annual Christmas parade.

Mayor Choat reported that contrary to various rumors, ALDOT's US Highway 11 project heading towards Argo is not delayed. Also, ALDOT gave its contractor the go-ahead to widen US Highway 11 from Cedar Street to Deerfoot Parkway.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) called the lack of interstate lighting here in the City "a disgrace"

With no further public business, Councilor Short moved, then Councilors Anderson & Bright seconded the motion to go into executive session in order to discuss a possible commerce agreement. **UNANIMOUS** After its conclusion, the Council reconvened then promptly adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib