

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2021 WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, November 18, 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. There were no discussion items. Mayor Choat briefly explained to the City Council the need for the hazard mitigation resolution on the agenda. The Council also discussed the proposed changes to business licensing ordinance sections, particularly about regulating yard sales and insurance brokers. He also requested, and the Council mutually agreed, to move the December 23rd agenda workshop to December 28th due to the Christmas holidays. The agenda workshop adjourned at about 6:35 pm.

NOVEMBER 23, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, November 23, 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 Anderson led the prayer. Councilor Bright 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 consulting with his elected colleagues, Council President Cook announced that there would be a proclamation added to the agenda. The council members reviewed minutes from the November 4th workshop and November 9th regular session. President Cook pointed out to the city clerk a factual error under Council Reports. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve everything as presented, including the needed correction. **UNANIMOUS**

Council President Cook 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 Taylor 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

NON-DEPARTMENTAL (6000)	\$	3,000.69
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$	762.19
INSPECTION (6012)	\$	226.56
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$	210.89

IT (6018)	\$	38.19
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$	18,164.61
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$	10,402.08
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$	1,981.17
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$	854.15
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$	18,830.24
LIBRARY (6451)	\$	9,284.04
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$	46,165.45
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$	112,334.75
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$	6,552.28
DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT (09)	\$	267.50
CAPITAL PROJECTS (68)	\$	105,240.49
CORRECTIONS FUND (85)	\$	4,512.93
GRAND TOTAL	\$	228,907.95

- Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding Between Jefferson County and the City Regarding Debris Removal & Monitoring Services
- Promote Parks & Recreation employee Donald Sims to Skilled Laborer (Grade 12 -- Step 4), effective December 4, 2021
- Promote Parks & Recreation employees Zachary Coletti and Sherri Downey to Skilled Laborers (Grade 12 – Step 1), effective December 4, 2021
- Promote Public Works employee James Pilley to Skilled Laborer (Grade 12 -- Step 4), effective December 4, 2021
- Appoint Henry Boykins and Bonnie Evans to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, succeeding Gary Meadows and Mary Kennedy, with terms ending April 14, 2022

During public comments, Dan Dollar (7789 Wind Song Drive) spoke up against the proposed rezoning of Trussville Ridge. He gave the Council President and City Clerk a petition to stop the open roadways from Trussville Ridge to Wind Song subdivision, signed by 39 neighbors. Jennifer Bentley (7533 Carriage Cove) also voiced her opposition, out of concern for increased traffic, making her area less safe for young kids to play outside.

Councilor Alan Taylor recognized Teddy Gilmer and his wife Imelda in the audience, thanking him for 16+ years of service as a vocal member of the City Utilities Board. Taylor said that the Council would honor him with a proclamation once Mayor Choat puts his finishing touches on the draft. The entire room gave Gilmer a standing ovation. After a brief recess for pictures, Councilor Taylor then presented a \$2000 check to Fire Chief Tim Shotts in support of the Fire Department's Toys for Kids program. Area citizens had "passed the hat" during the communitywide Thanksgiving service at Trussville First Baptist Church held on Sunday on November 21st.

Council President Cook resumed the meeting by recognizing Councilor Anderson.

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation declaring December 18, 2021 as Wreaths Across America Day. Anderson moved, then Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2021-28**

Council President Cook then opened up a public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of the City Police Training Center, located at 5900 Deerfoot Parkway. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short introduced a proposed rezoning ordinance for the City Police Training Center campus, which would change its zoning to P (Park) from C-2 (Commercial). He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-030-PZ**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed ordinance to add more requirements for annexing residential or agricultural property into the City. She then moved for unanimous consent to consider immediately the proposed ordinance. Councilor Short seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Bright then moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2021-031-ADM**

Councilor Short then gave an introductory first reading of a proposed ordinance to rezone seven undeveloped Trussville Ridge parcels to Q-RG (Qualified Residential Garden) from R-2 (Single Family) After the City completes its mandatory public advertising, the Council can consider a rezoning ordinance on December 28th.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution supporting the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-65**

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed resolution declaring various Library assets as surplus. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2021-66**

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

Councilor Anderson promoted the upcoming local production of Elf (December 2-8) She also invited the public to attend the Fallen Warrior Memorial groundbreaking at 10 am on December 11th at Civitan Park.

Councilor Bright reported that at its most recent meeting, the Industrial Development Authority voted to sell Lots 40 & 41. IDA also delivered Christmas goodie trays to its tenants. She recognized IDA board member David Livingston and longtime school board member Steve Ward in the audience. She promoted HTHS Girls Flag Football. The 10-0 Lady Huskies play Smiths Station in the state championship final at Protective Life Stadium on Wednesday, December 1st. The public is invited to attend the Husky Walk in downtown Birmingham at 2 pm prior to kickoff.

Councilor Short reported that Design Review Committee approved proposed signs for an axe-throwing business in the Entertainment District, Legacy Ridge memory care on Gadsden Highway and Faith Community Church.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Utilities Board met last week and honored outgoing member Teddy Gilmer. Regarding Finance, Taylor shared that the City has a healthy AA+ rating from Wall Street as it prepares to do some refinancing. He also invited the public to the Nov 28th Christmas tree lighting and the Dec 11th Christmas parade. After the parade, Trussville First Baptist hosts its annual festival in the late afternoon.

Council President Cook carried over his portfolio report.

Mayor Choat reported on Amerex's 50th anniversary celebration at the Ferus Pavilion. He publicly thanked Teddy Gilmer for his service to the Utilities Board. He also reported that he and Police Chief Eric Rush are reviewing security plans for the Christmas parade to prevent tragedies like what just happened in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He also explained to the public that the City needed to pass Resolution No. 2021-65, approving the regional disaster mitigation plan, because of a 2000 federal law. The City is now set for the next five years. He also complimented the Senior Center staff for its Thanksgiving luncheon held earlier in the day.

During audience comments, Donna Ware (4313 Wind Song Trail) spoke in favor of the Bethune Parkway extension for public safety access and alternate traffic routing whenever the train blocks Camp Coleman Road. David Livingston (4362 Wind Song Court) asked about the proposed lot sizes and possible number of homes in the proposed rezoned area. Both Councilor Short and owner Jody Saiia answered. Jennifer Bentley (7533 Carriage Cove) and Dan Dollar (7789 Wind Song Drive) repeated their reasons for opposition. Zac Ward (7790 Wind Song Drive) and Phil Davis (7564 Wind Son Drive) also expressed their opposition.

With no further public business, the Council promptly adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib