

# CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

## JANUARY 6, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, January 6, 2022** 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:

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

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Mayor Choat informed the Council and city department heads that he and City Engineer Wayne Sullivan were awaiting an ALDOT briefing regarding the status of the US Highway 11 resurfacing project. Council President Cook stated President Pro Tempore Bright will preside over the regular session in his absence. There were no discussion topics. The agenda workshop adjourned at about 5:20 pm.

## JANUARY 11, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022** at 6 pm at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Pro Tempore Lisa Bright presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

She called the meeting to order. Councilor Taylor led the prayer. Councilor Anderson led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Pro Tempore Lisa Bright  
Councilor Jaime Anderson  
Councilor Ben Short  
Councilor Alan Taylor

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

Those absent were as follows: Council President Perry Cook

The council members reviewed minutes from the December 28th workshop and regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve everything as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

President Pro Tempore Bright introduced the agenda & consent agenda. At Mayor Choat's request, the Council informally agreed to add the hiring of two police dispatchers to the consent agenda. Upon her request, Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to accept the agenda and consent agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts

LIABILITIES (4500)	\$	1,064.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL (6000)	\$	66.18
MAYOR & COUNCIL (6010)	\$	600.00
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$	1,389.61
INSPECTION (6012)	\$	1,991.38

FINANCE (6017)	\$	456.40
IT (6019)	\$	51,902.37
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$	39,563.72
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$	10,311.80
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$	10,984.18
GARBAGE (6232)	\$	204,047.44
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$	41,222.32
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$	11,256.92
LIBRARY (6451)	\$	21,962.13
RENTAL PROPERTIES (6452)	\$	633.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY (GRANTS)	\$	6,006.56
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$	7,564.16
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>411,022.17</b>
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$	37,082.53
CONFISCATED FUND (64)	\$	8,618.94
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (68)	\$	1,519.50
CORRECTIONS FUND (85)	\$	2,148.03
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>460,391.17</b>

- Reappoint Melody Trimm to the Beautification Board, term ending January 14, 2027
- Hire Troy Vance as Public Works Unclassified Laborer (Grade 7 – Step 4), effective January 15, 2022
- Reappoint Reid Frazier and appoint Josh Wooten to the Public Safety Committee, terms ending January 11, 2025
- Hire Deporres Williams and Phillip Choisser as Police Dispatchers (Grade 16 – Step 10), effective January 15, 2022

During public comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) talked about traffic and non-synchronized signal lights on North Chalkville Road between his street and the interstate, as well as the need for streetlights along Valley Road.

President Pro Tempore Bright began the regular agenda by introducing a proposed proclamation declaring March 22nd as Coach David Dobbs Day. The retired track coach will be inducted in the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame on that day. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2022-01**

After a brief recess for a group photo and brief remarks by Dobbs, President Pro Tempore Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor introduced a proposed proclamation honoring the state champion Hewitt Trussville High School Huskies flag football team. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2022-02** The councilors plan to present it during halftime at the upcoming HTHS basketball game.

Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation declaring January 2022 as School Board Member Recognition Month. He moved and Councilors Taylor & Short jointly seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2022-03** City school board members Sherry Tolbert, Steve Ward and chairwoman Kathy Brown were in attendance. Bright announced she would present the proclamation at the upcoming school board meeting.

President Pro Tempore Bright then opened the public hearing on the proposed vacation of undeveloped streets, alleys and rights of way between Sutton Avenue and the Alabama-Tennessee railroad. Councilor Short gave a brief background on the matter. Since nobody else spoke up, she promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then introduced the proposed vacation resolution. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-01**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to settle various business licensing lawsuits between the City and insurer USAA. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-02**

During Council reports, Councilor Anderson reported that the Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority was making progress in the financial and property management of city cemeteries.

Councilor Short passed on giving a report. He mentioned that Planning & Zoning did not meet Monday since it had no new business to consider.

Councilor Taylor reported that Utilities revenues over December 2021 will be less than the previous December's but that January 2022's will be higher than January 2021's. City finances remain healthy as incoming revenues continue to outpace last year's. He also gave brief summaries of the Fire and Police departments' annual reports.

President Pro Tempore Bright reported that local high school student Tristan Atwood bowled a perfect 300 during competition. Also, HTHS softball coach Taylor Burt was just named National Coach of the Year, one of 20 such honorees. Also, Public Works continues to vacuum leaves. Laborers are also cleaning out excessive brush near the Cahaba River walking trails.

Mayor Choat announced that the City is accepting applications for volunteer city boards and commissions.

During audience comments, Ken Lindquist (104 Anderson Circle) described at length the risks posed by the dirt bike trail, north of the Fire Administration and Building Inspections campus. He believes that the City is vulnerable to uncovered injury liabilities.

With no further public business, the Council promptly adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib