

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, January 20, 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 about his request to install security cameras and flock cameras in various Parks locations. The Council informally agreed to add that to the consent agenda as a budget amendment. Mayor Choat then briefed the Council about Leadership Hoover and its sister organizations around the Birmingham metro area. After expressing his desire to help launch a Leadership Trussville chapter, the Council informally agreed to add that to the regular agenda as a budget amendment. The Council also agreed to add a IDA resignation and appointment to the consent agenda. The agenda workshop adjourned at about 5:57 pm.

JANUARY 20, 2022 NUISANCES PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 6 pm, the City Council convened in order to listen and participate in public hearings on nuisances, involving four residential and one commercial structure within the city. The entire council, including Mayor Choat, were in attendance when Council President Perry Cook brought the meeting to order at 6 pm.

President Cook opened a public hearing on 221 Ash Circle. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the public hearing. Building Inspections J.R. Malchus described the current state of the residential structure as abandoned, unsanitary and unsafe, among other terms. He recommended the City proceed to notify ownership and all other interested parties that the City will consider a resolution to remedy the ongoing problem at its February 8th meeting.

President Cook opened a public hearing on 7632 Happy Hollow Road. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the public hearing. Building Inspections J.R. Malchus informed the Council that he has already confirmed independently that a bank is loaning the property owner money so that he can bring his residence up to Code within the next six months. The Council agreed to take up this matter on February 8th.

President Cook opened a public hearing on 4720 Norrell Drive. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the public hearing. Building Inspections J.R. Malchus informed the Council that the owner has completed about 95% of the necessary cleanup. The Council agreed to take up this matter on February 8th.

President Cook opened a public hearing on 117 Lynn Drive. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the public hearing. Building Inspections J.R. Malchus informed the Council that the owner intends to list it for sale within the next two weeks and seeking/hoping to sell it within the next 90 days. The place is abandoned, infested and ongoing health hazard, yet in his professional opinion, it is repairable. The Council agreed to take up this matter on February 8th.

President Cook opened a public hearing on 7651 Happy Hollow Road. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the public hearing. Building Inspections J.R. Malchus informed the Council that the owner is supposed to submit within the next two weeks a schedule to fix everything, then take up to three months to complete that list. The Council agreed to take up this matter on February 8th.

With no further business, Council President Cook adjourned the public hearing by 6:15 pm.

JANUARY 25, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022** at 6 pm at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Perry H. Cook presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

He called the meeting to order. Councilor Bright led the prayer. Councilor Short led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Perry H. Cook
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Ben Short
Councilor Alan Taylor

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

Those absent were as follows: Councilor Jaime Melton Anderson (military duty)

The council members reviewed minutes from the January 6th workshop and January 11th regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve everything as presented. **UNANIMOUS**

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

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts

LIABILITIES (4500)	\$	18,996.85
MAYOR & COUNCIL (6010)	\$	1,100.00
ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$	5,294.33
INSPECTION (6012)	\$	6,809.45
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$	7,647.59
FINANCE (6017)	\$	456.40
IT (6018)	\$	3,400.00
HUMAN RESOURCES (6019)	\$	2,200.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$	119,948.14
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$	86,244.55
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$	26,786.47
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$	30,389.08
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$	28,950.74
LIBRARY (6451)	\$	3,595.12
RENTAL PROPERTIES (6452)	\$	53.95
CAPITAL OUTLAY (6700)	\$	5,061.39
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$	352,146.62
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$	26,200.61
CONFISCATED FUND (64)	\$	2,700.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (68)	\$	4,611.32
CORRECTIONS FUND (85)	\$	3,726.90
GRAND TOTAL	\$	389,385.45

- Hire Gary Glass as part-time Police Firing Range Attendant, effective January 29, 2022, for an annual salary not to exceed \$32,000
- Hire Antonio Hampton as Recreation Leader (Grade 12 – Step 1), effective January 29, 2022
- Hire Fredrick Wagner as Recreation Leader (Grade 12 – Step 4), effective January 29, 2022
- Approve 5% education premium for Public Safety Dispatcher Deporres Williams, effective January 29, 2022
- Approve 5% lead worker premium for Fire Marshal Jesse Clifton, effective January 29, 2022
- Reappoint Parks & Recreation Board members Chris Cobb & Tandi Smith, with terms ending February 28, 2026
- Accept the resignation of Board of Zoning Adjustments Chairman Eddie Lee, effective January 21, 2022
- Appoint Kara Steward to Board of Zoning Adjustments, replacing Eddie Lee, with term ending February 15, 2025
- Appoint Chase McMaster to the Industrial Development Authority, serving out Wendell Gibson’s term until July 14, 2023
- FY2022 Budget Amendment to add 36-Month Agreement with Alabama Power for 24 security cameras & 3 flock cameras in various Parks locations, with no-startup costs. Estimated \$4000 per month costs

During public comments, Karen McIntyre (7961 North Lake Drive) spoke for a few minutes about the ongoing issue of Norfolk-Southern trains blocking road access to US Highway 11 for her neighborhood and others. After she had repeated some second hand information regarding the Fire Department’s response time in one instance, at Councilor Taylor’s prompting Fire Chief Tim Shotts politely rebutted, informing her and the audience that there is a gate key on every FD vehicle at all three city fire stations, so that his department can respond quickly. Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) told the Council and public he just returned from Ohio, where the community he visited had “No Turn Here” signs at various locations. He wants to see Trussville put up identical signs along Chalkville Road. He also requested the City get a striping machine for roads, including the drive up to the Seniors Center.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation declaring February 24, 2022 as Coach Taylor Burt Day, in honor of her being named National Softball Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association. The date coincides with the Huskies home opener for softball season. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2022-04**

After a brief recess for brief humble remarks by Burt then a group photo, President Cook resumed the meeting by opening a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of eight parcels between Honeybee Circle and the Alabama-Tennessee rail line. Ginny Hearn (117 Highland Trail) expressed concern about the location of a construction entrance for a future subdivision. Alexti Global LLC co-owner Ozong Tita replied that they plan to obtain a temporary construction easement based out of Roper Road. Since there were no further comments, President Cook closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then introduced the proposed rezoning ordinance for rezoning those eight parcels as **R-2 Single Family** from **A-1 Agricultural**. He had previously introduced the ordinance at the December 28, 2021 council meeting. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2022-001-PZ**

President Cook then opened a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of 6670 Green Drive. During public comments prior to the regular agenda, owner/applicant and resident Jerry Clements gave the council a brief history of his family’s property. Developer Brian Hatcher (5572 Carrington Lake Parkway) briefly discussed the minimal traffic impact from the proposed free-standing St. Vincent’s Ascension Emergency Department. Since there were no further comments, President Cook closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then introduced the proposed rezoning ordinance for rezoning the 6670 Green Drive property as **IN-2 Institutional** from **R-1 Single Family Residential**. **UNANIMOUS. Ordinance No. 2022-002-PZ**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to appoint Sidney Gayle McNeal Jr., Jeremy M. Tuggle and John M. Amari to staggered terms on the newly created Public Building Authority. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-03**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to enter into a reciprocal common services agreement with the City of Irondale regarding the investigation of traffic wrecks involving police vehicles.

He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-04**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to amend the FY2022 budget for funding a newly created group Leadership Trussville later this year. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-05**

During Council reports, Councilor Bright acknowledged school board member Kim DeShazo in the audience. She reported that the school board will meet on January 27th, the Schools Foundation Casino Night fundraiser will occur on February 12th at the Ferus Brewery, the HTHS boys bowling team will soon compete in the state championships, and that construction of new administration building and high school tennis courts remain on schedule. Also, the Industrial Development Authority will meet on January 27th. When she asked, City Engineer and Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan replied that a third party provides road striping services to the City since it is less expensive to do so than to buy one and maintain it in-house.

Councilor Short reported that Design Review approved proposed signage for a variety of local business signage, as well as proposed store renovations. Planet Smoothie, Jiffy Lube, Beauty Trends, Target, Orthopedic Sports and Starbucks were among the names mentioned.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Utility Board met on January 24th. Its finances remain healthy. Finance Committee plans to meet on January 27th. The Chamber of Commerce has a Toast of the Town event coming up February 1st at the Curb Market.

Council President Cook reported that the local Cub Scouts will soon have its annual Pinewood Derby; that the Mountain Bike Team is adding signage to its biking trails; that already 345 kids have signed up for youth baseball; and that registration for softball, 10-&-under boys lacrosse, 14-&-under girls lacrosse and varsity lacrosse are underway. Also, the Tree Commission is hosting a tree planting at 2 pm on January 26th at Veterans Park.

Mayor Choat thanked the Council for agreeing to amend the FY2022 budget during this council session. He explained to the public why these were necessary.

During audience comments, resident Stephanie Brooks asked Fire Chief Shotts whom she and the public should really contact in the event a stopped train blocks the road. He gave her a 655- #.

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

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib