

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, April 21, 2022** at 5 pm at City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Perry H. Cook presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary. Those members sent were as follows:

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

Others present in official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib

Those absent: Mayor Buddy Choat

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. They mutually agreed to delay consideration of an anti-Styrofoam proclamation in order to discuss it later with Mayor Choat. They did add a proclamation declaring Trussville Freedom Day a public event. They then received public nuisance updates from Director of Planning, Building & Sustainability J.R. Malchus. Council President Cook then discussed a proposed expenditure from the City Tree Commission to replace trees in city parks and recreation spaces. His colleagues agreed to add it to the upcoming agenda. Because of schedule conflicts for more than one councilor, they then agreed to reschedule their May 5 agenda workshop to May 10. The meeting ended around 5:55 pm.

APRIL 26, 2022 WORK SESSION

Members of the City Council met in a **work** session on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022** at 5 pm at City Hall to listen to five public project proposals from the Hewitt-Trussville High School Leadership group. President Pro Tempore Lisa L. Bright presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary.

Those members sent were as follows:

Council President Perry H. Cook – arrived after the meeting started, participating without the gavel
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Alan Taylor
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Ben Short

Others present in official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib
Mayor Buddy Choat

Accompanied by faculty advisor Amber Benson, students Thomas Shaffer, Collin Sims, Wiley Fields, Marley Carmichael, Ryan Cook, Braden Deal, Dalton Zimmerman, Stella Jackson, Andrew Shelton, Stuart Dickson, Robert Morrow, Alayna Hall, April Hooks, Ashton Gray, Emma Pope and Mary Reeves took turns offering their ideas. Two of the five were already fully funded. The students estimated the projects would cost under \$40,000, excluding stone construction materials. They are soliciting private donations as well as business sponsorships, and they hoped that the City would also provide supplemental support. The meeting ended around 5:35 pm.

APRIL 26, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, April 26, 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.

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

The following answered present to roll call: Council President Perry H. Cook
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Ben Short
Councilor Alan Taylor
Councilor Jaime Anderson

Others present in their official capacity:

City Clerk Dan Weinrib
Attorney Rick Stotser
Mayor Buddy Choat

The council members reviewed minutes from the April 7th agenda workshop and regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Cook introduced the agenda and consent agenda. At his prompting, the entire council agreed to add a funding request, based on the project proposals presented at the work session, to the consent agenda. They also agreed to add three resolutions (FY2022 budget amendment, ARPA Funds & Construction Bid Award) to the regular agenda and remove one alcohol licensing resolution. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to accept the proposed agenda, as amended. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to consent agenda, as amended. **UNANIMOUS**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts (summary attached to the end of these minutes)
- Authorize Mayor Choat to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Skipper Consulting Regarding Traffic Study on Trussville-Clay Road in connection with the proposed Fire Station #4
- Authorize Mayor Choat to Sign a Professional Service Agreement with Civil Consultants Inc. for general infrastructure engineering services.
- Hire Jonas Wilson as a part time Parks & Recreation Unclassified Laborer (Grade 7 - Step 1) effective May 7, 2022
- Hire Chase Armstrong as a seasonal Parks & Recreation Lifeguard (Grade 7 - Step 4) effective May 7, 2022
- Hire Ethan Wilson as a seasonal Parks & Recreation Lifeguard (Grade 7 - Step 3) effective May 7, 2022
- Hire Sittre Jones, Abbie Monski, Pierce Miller, Marley Carmichael, and Legion Gaston as seasonal Parks & Recreation Lifeguards (Grade 7 - Step 2) effective May 7, 2022
- Hire Mary Howell as a seasonal Parks & Recreation Pool Manager (Grade 12 - Step 1) effective May 7, 2022
- Approve 10% education premium for Police Officer Duncan Hellums, effective May 7, 2022
- Appropriate up to \$20,000 in matching funds for various proposed HTHS Leadership projects in city parks, per April 26 Council work session

During public comments, Circuit Judge candidate Alisha Ruffin May, State Supreme Court candidate Greg Cook, State Senator Shay Shelnett and State Senator Dan Roberts gave campaign speeches.

Councilor Short introduced a proposed proclamation declaring Trussville Freedom Day a public event. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS with Taylor abstaining because his employer sponsors the event. Proclamation No. 2022-13**

Councilor Short then made a motion for unanimous consent to introduce a proposed ordinance for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed ordinance to annex the undeveloped property associated with 7432 Roper Road. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-008-ANX**

President Cook then opened a public hearing on the alcohol license application from the owners of the new Hamilton Place Shell gas station. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the public hearing. Because nobody representing the ownership group was present to answer questions, the Council agreed to table the resolution until a subsequent meeting.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the Shrimp Boil scheduled on May 7th a public event. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Proclamation No. 2022-14**

President Cook then opened a public hearing on a special-event retail alcohol license application for the Shrimp Boil. Since nobody spoke up, he promptly closed the public hearing. Event organizer David Blount briefly described plans for the fundraiser benefitting city school athletic programs. *Three days after the Council meeting, he wound up cancelling the event.*

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution declaring two portable storage buildings at the Parks & Recreation baseball fields as surplus. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-16**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution to amend the FY2022 budget, adding a \$3600 expenditure line item for the City Tree Commission. She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-17**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution regarding City ARPA fund expenditures. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-18**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution to award the Gymnastics Academy construction bid to Stone Construction LLC. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. Discussion ensued. Councilor Anderson questioned the timing of adding the resolution to the agenda when she and other councilors were not previously aware of the bidding. Councilor Cook also spoke up since he and the Parks Board had not weighed with its recommendation. After more discussion among the elected officials, Councilor Short made the motion to table the resolution until a subsequent council meeting, which Councilor Taylor seconded. **UNANIMOUS. TABLED.**

During Council reports, Councilor Anderson announced that the Veterans Committee is presenting flags at Cahaba Elementary on May 6th. She also promoted the Rick Bragg event on May 3rd at the Library. She also mentioned that the Beautification Board is now accepting nominations for its annual exterior landscaping awards, through May 12th. She also mentioned ACTA's production of Robin Hood occurring May 20th -31st.

Councilor Bright reported that Public Works is busy cutting grass on rights of way and other public areas. She also acknowledged city school board member Steve Ward and mentioned the upcoming ribbon cutting for the new school board administration headquarters. She also mentioned the successes by various high school sports teams and the hiring of a new boys basketball coach.

Councilor Short summarized the Design Review Committee's various approvals at its most recent meeting.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Utilities anticipates increased water usage as the weather turns warmer. He also mentioned that the City has received numerous applications for its inaugural Leadership Trussville class.

Council President Cook reported that city scouting organizations currently meet at the junior high. He also reported that 136 soccer teams and 145 baseball teams played in tournaments at the Parks & Recreation fields, thus requiring stepped-up police presence. During the prior week, the City also hosted a softball tournament. Just prior to Easter, about 600 kids participated in the Easter Egg Hunt. He also reported that the Tree Commission planted new trees in city parks on Earth Day. He also reported that the Inspections department has conducted as many inspections over the prior five months as it had over the first six months of FY2021.

Mayor Choat reported that ALDOT informed him of their intent to start its I-59 lane widening project next February. He also noted that the Leadership Trussville website is now active.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) complained about North Chalkville Road traffic. Karen McIntyre (7961 North Lake Drive) asked about the proposed racetrack at the Industrial Park.

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

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib