

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-~~007~~- ADM

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A VETERANS COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE CITY OF TRUSSVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF VETERANS RESIDING WITHIN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Trussville, Alabama (“City”) has a number of Veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces with that number continuing to increase as the City continues its growth especially in the area of technology and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the City and its citizens are deeply indebted and eternally grateful to all Veterans and their respective families for their sacrifice and service in defending the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the physical, mental, and emotional toll that service in the United States Armed Forces take on the Veteran and his or her family, and because of this service, the ever growing and increasing need to connect Veterans and their families with resources and services to encourage and support Veterans and their families in the City; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation and honor of our City’s Veterans’ service to this county, the City Council of the City of Trussville, Alabama, (“City Council”) finds it in the best interest of its citizens to create and form this Committee which shall serve to advise the City and the City Council on issues that Veterans face as well as promote and connect these Veterans and their families with valuable resources in order to provide for health of and promote the prosperity, order, comfort and convenience of Veterans and their families residing in the City and provide an avenue for public involvement and support; and

WHEREAS, Ala. Code § 11-45-1 (1975) further empowers municipalities to adopt ordinances and resolutions that “...provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the morals, order, comfort, and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality” and further enforce obedience to such ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRUSSVILLE, ALABAMA, that the following ordinance be and is hereby adopted which shall be appropriately codified in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Trussville, Alabama:

I. VETERANS COMMITTEE

Section A. The above stated preamble is hereby adopted, ratified, and incorporated as if fully set out herein.

Section B. Creation of a Veterans Committee.

An advisory committee to the City of Trussville, Alabama, (“City”) is hereby created and formed by the City Council of the City of Trussville, Alabama.

Section C. Purpose of Committee.

This advisory committee shall serve to advise the City and its citizens as follows:

1. Review and identify the available resources to Veterans and recommended ways to strengthen services in the community to include the promotion of collaboration among the service providers;
2. Serve as a source of assistance and information for the resources and services within the City and the surrounding areas that are available to Veterans and families of Veterans;
3. Provide awareness among the community of Veteran’s full potential and the importance of Veteran’s contributions to the development and sustainability of our community;

4. Effectively communicate with the City Council, the Mayor, and the citizens of Trussville to highlight programs, resources, services, and other relevant information that is beneficial to the City's Veterans and its citizens; and
5. Any other purpose that directed by the City Council to the Committee or otherwise provided for by law.

Section D. Composition and Membership of Committee, Qualifications.

The membership of the committee shall consist of five (5) citizens who reside within the corporate limits of the City of Trussville, Alabama. In order to be eligible to serve on the Committee, the individual must be a Veteran of any branch of the United States armed Forces with an honorable discharge, or a parent or spouse of a Veteran that served in any branch of the United States armed forces with an honorable discharge. The term of each member shall be staggered four (4) year terms.

1. The Mayor shall nominate and the City Council shall confirm the nominees with the initial committee members serving the following terms:
 - a. One Member a one (1) year term and expire December 31, 2023;
 - b. One Member a two (2) year term and expire December 31, 2024;
 - c. One Member a three year (3) year term and expire December 31, 2025;
and
 - d. Two Members a four (4) year term and expire December 31, 2026.
3. The terms of the members shall begin following the Effective Date of this Ordinance and continue until the prescribed time stated above.
4. The Mayor shall designate a city councilor as a liaison to the Committee.
5. The Mayor or his or her designee shall also serve as an ex officio member of the Committee for advice only, but the Mayor or the designee shall not have a vote on any matter or be counted to constitute a quorum.
6. Following the expiration of a member's term, that member shall continue to serve until a replacement is nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
7. In the event of death or resignation of a committee member, the Mayor shall nominate and City Council shall confirm the appointment as soon as practical. The member appointed to serve the remainder of an unexpired term due to death or resignation of a member shall serve only the remainder of the unexpired term but shall be eligible to reappointment.

Section E. The Mayor or City Council President may require the attendance of the Committee at any regularly scheduled or specially called council meeting in order to hear a report from the Committee.

Section F. The Committee is authorized to organize itself so as to execute its functions efficiently and to adopt rules and procedures not inconsistent with its purposes and objectives set forth in this Ordinance which shall include but is not limited to the selection of officers, formation of subcommittees, or other actions that the Committee deems prudent and reasonable. Further, the Committee is authorized to consider, discuss, and make recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council that the Committee finds to be in the best interest of the Veterans and citizens living within the City.

Section G. The Committee shall set forth its regularly scheduled meeting time and shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act and all other relevant state law provisions.

II. OTHER PROVISIONS; ENACTMENT.

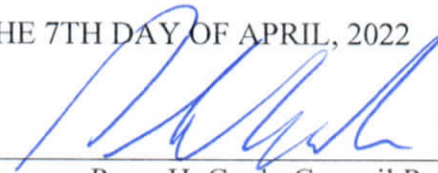
Section A. If any part of this Ordinance is rule to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section B. Nothing contained herein shall be read or deemed to contradict or otherwise supersede any federal or state law which is presently enacted or shall come to be enacted.

Section C. Upon the effective date, this Ordinance shall be appropriately codified within the City of Trussville Code of Ordinances by the company responsible for the codification.


Section D. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, adoption, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022


Perry H. Cook, Council President


Buddy Choat, Mayor
City of Trussville



Attest: 
Dan Weinrib, City Clerk