

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JUNE 28, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Tuesday, June 28, 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 present were as follows:

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

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

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Mayor Choat updated the Council on the Fallen Warriors Project. It has already received substantial financial backing, including discounted costs for raw materials. Mayor also gave an update on the City's placing median curbs on US 11 near Complete Cleaners and Winn Dixie, both for public safety reasons. He and Stacy Frazier updated the Council on the Administration's move to temporary quarters, in advance of the upcoming City Hall expansion. The target date for relocating is August 1st. Council President Cook brought up the City's plans for Pickleball Courts. He summarized what happened at the Parks & Recreation Board meeting. He, fellow councilors then Mayor Choat weighed in with their observations and opinions about the size & scope of a new city pickleball courts complex. Nobody wanted a sprawling complex on the scale of Hoover or Opelika. Though President Cook suggested forming a committee to recommend a suitable location for it, Mayor Choat felt that was not necessary. The meeting ended around 5:50 pm.

JUNE 28, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, June 28, 2022** at 6:04 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 Bright led the prayer. Councilor Anderson 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 Jaime Anderson
Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in their official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib
Attorney Rick Stotser
Mayor Buddy Choat

The council members reviewed minutes from the June 9th special session, June 9th agenda workshop and June 14th regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Cook introduced the agenda and consent agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to accept the proposed agenda as submitted. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to accept the proposed consent agenda as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts (summary attached to the end of these minutes)
- Accept the resignation of Trussville Redevelopment Authority Chairman David Morgan
- Hire Mary Brewer as a seasonal Lifeguard (Grade 7 – Step 2), effective June 23, 2022
- Hire Max Cooper as a part-time Unclassified Laborer at the Civic Center (Grade 7 – Step 2), effective July 2, 2022
- Hire Jeremy Thomas as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic (Grade 19 -- Step 2F), effective July 2, 2022.

- Hire Kennedy Cross as a part-time Gymnastics Instructor (Grade 12 -- Step 1), effective July 2, 2022.
- Hire Rachel Grguric as a part-time seasonal Inspections Administrative Clerk (Grade 13 – Step 1), effective June 29, 2022
- Hire Jacob Bryant as full-time Parks Unclassified Laborer (Grade 7 – Step 2), effective July 2, 2022
- Hire Landon Clements as a part-time Civic Center Unclassified Laborer (Grade 7 – Step 2), effective July 2, 2022

During public comments, Karen McIntyre (7961 N. Lake Dr.) complained about the Norfolk-Southern train blockage over the weekend. She asked Mayor Choat for help. He answered and Councilor Bright answered as well. Railroads are federally regulated and that any solution involving lowering the rails or raising the crossroads will take years and millions of dollars.

Stephanie Brooks (7949 N. Lake Dr.) also complained about the train blockage. She asked about possible length and weight limits.

Deborah Wallace (8012 N. Lake Dr.) asked what the City can do in the meantime. Fire Chief Tim Shotts answered that all Fire Department shifts and Police have keys available to unlock the old chicken plan gate as a temporary bypass. This weekend, Fire responded to its first help call from a motorist within 35 minutes.

Jean Cox (418 Linden St.; also, Friends of Pinchgut Creek) thanked the City because local issues have stirred public interest, concern, leading to motivated activism. Mayor Choat replied that this has helped lead to the formation of Leadership Trussville.

Ben Wegleitner (Birmingham resident; River Sustainability Director for Cahaba River Society) urged the City to better regulate its stormwater runoff through updated ordinances and permitting regulations. He finished his short speech with “Love Thy Downstream Neighbor”

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation honoring baseball star and HTHS graduate Riley Quick. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-20** Riley Quick accepted the proclamation. After a brief recess for photos, President Cook resumed the meeting.

Councilor Short then gave an introductory first reading of a proposed ordinance to rezone 7432 Roper Road property to R-1 (Single Family Residential) from R-6 (Single Family/Mobile)

Councilor Short then gave an introductory first reading of a proposed ordinance to rezone 132 Glen Cross Circle and the adjoining triangular lot on Wisteria Trace as R-G (Garden Home) from A-1 (Agricultural)

Councilor Short then gave an introductory first reading of a proposed ordinance to rezone 7097 Happy Hollow Road property to A-1 (Agricultural) from C-P (Preferred Commercial)

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution offering the retired city employees and their surviving beneficiaries a one-time bonus of \$2 per month of service, as permitted by State Act 2022-229. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-30**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution awarding the bid for delivering a pre-engineered metal building to the second lowest responsible bidder, Hooper & Chandler, since the original lowest bidder failed to perform its contract. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-31**

During Council reports, Councilor Anderson summarized the Library’s upcoming activities. ACTA’s production of Gypsy starts July 14th and its summer camp remains busy with full enrollment.

Councilor Bright reported that IDA has a new website. The IDA met on June 27th. Each board member serves as a liaison to the businesses located within the industrial park. She also commended Public Works for cleaning up the US Highway 11 area in front of Target. Also, the city school board just had its annual retreat. Due to recent mass shootings, keeping kids and faculty safe was the top subject at the retreat, and Police Chief Eric Rush and his department were there to discuss. The high school is adding sports medicine, percussion and jazz music classes to its curriculum. The school system operates on a \$70 million annual budget. Its auditors closed the books on the FY2021 budget and gave a clean report. The State of Alabama is giving its teachers and other education employees a 4% pay raise. At its last meeting, the school

board honored 17 employees who just retired. Also, the City hosted a regional teachers conference, and Trussville city schools received recognition as a model school district.

Councilor Short summarized the Design Review Committee's approvals at its June 27th meeting.

Councilor Taylor reported that the City Utilities Board met on June 27th. Its finances remain strong. Water use will go up now that summer is here. Also, the Chamber of Commerce hosted a successful golf tournament. The new Shell gas station at Hamilton Place hosted its grand opening. Also, the inaugural Leadership Trussville class starts this September, with 30 enrollees, out of 40 applicants. Also, the annual Freedom Celebration, hosted by Trussville First Baptist Church, occurs Monday evening, July 4th at the Mall.

Council President Cook reported that the Parks & Recreation Board discussed the pickleball courts proposal at its last meeting. He also reported that the Seniors Center remains closed to the public due to spikes in COVID-19 cases. Its July 4th program is cancelled. Also, the Inspections Department remains busy. Also, the Tree Commission is already planning its fall activities.

Mayor Choat announced that the Gymnastics Academy ceremonial groundbreaking will occur at 9 am on July 13th. Also, he and City Engineer Wayne Sullivan are meeting with ALDOT on June 30th to discuss various road projects in our community, as well as get a status report on Trussville Springs' railroad permit. Also, Mayor informed the public of the administration's plans to move by August 1st to the school board's former office, in preparation of the city hall expansion. Also, the Fallen Warriors Project is advancing nicely. He anticipates a dedication ceremony on Veterans Day this fall.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) facetiously suggested locating new pickleball courts on North Chalkville Road. He reiterated his complaints about traffic there and Chalkville Mountain Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib