

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JULY 21, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, July 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 present were as follows:

Council President Perry H. Cook
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib

Those absent: Mayor Buddy Choat
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Ben Short

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. President Cook briefly mentioned the Tree Commission's fall plans and prompted Parks & Recreation Director David Vinson to give a briefing about the latest pickleball court plans. The City plans to locate the covered eight-court building at the athletic complex, replacing two baseball fields, rather than next to the Seniors Center. The meeting ended around 5:40 pm.

JULY 26, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

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

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

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

Others present in their official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib
Attorney Chesley Payne

The following were absent: Mayor Buddy Choat
Council President Pro Tem Lisa Bright
Councilor Ben Short

They reviewed minutes from the July 7th agenda workshop and July 12th regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Cook introduced the consent agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for its approval. **UNANIMOUS**

Those consent items were the following:

- Authorize the Mayor to Accept Milam's \$48,950 proposal for Culvert Project at Cedar Creek Circle & US Highway 11.
- Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Master Contract for Public Safety Services with Alabama Power. Cost - \$2842.40 per month

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

During public comments, Regina Freeman (318 Woodward Road) described her differing visitor experiences with the City's and Vestavia Hills swimming pools. She asked the City Council about building a new aquatics center, which caught resident Richard Epstein's attention. President Cook answered, deferring any long-term answers to Mayor Choat and Park & Recreation.

John Rutledge (7410 Roper Tunnel Road) complained about frequent speeding in front of his home and his concern for dogs and young children nearby. While he did mention beefed-up Police presence upon request, he expressed his own dissatisfaction at getting no response from Mayor Choat and a minimal reply from “his secretary,” meaning Stacy Frazier. Frazier spoke up on her own behalf to defend her actions and reminded him that she previously told him that Chief Eric Rush, not Mayor Choat, is responsible for patrol assignments. He conceded that. Councilor Taylor responded as well, encouraging him to talk with Chief Rush after the meeting. Meanwhile, he and fellow Public Safety committee members would consider effective ways to slow down Roper Tunnel Road traffic.

Councilor Taylor introduced a proposed ordinance that amends the official City Council agenda. He then moved for unanimous consent to give it immediate consideration, which Councilor Anderson seconded. **UNANIMOUS** He then moved for its approval, which Councilor Anderson seconded. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-015-ADM**

Councilor Anderson then gave an introductory first reading of a proposed ordinance to rezone the 144 Skyline Drive property to R-1 (Single Family Residential) from R-G (Garden Residential)

Councilor Taylor then gave an introductory first reading of a proposed ordinance to rezone Glendale Farms to PUD (Planned Urban Development) from A-1 (Agricultural), I-1 & I-2 (Industrial)

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to approve unpaid leave of absence for a Parks & Recreation employee for up to six months. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-35**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution for the City to approve a proposed legal settlement with two opioid manufacturers, in conjunction with the State of Alabama’s own settlement. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-36**

During Council reports, Councilor Anderson reported that ACTA finished its production of Gypsy. It’s now working on Rudolph’s Christmas workshop and Murder’s a Game. They will soon have estimates for replacing seats, floor and curtains. Also, the Library will finish its summer reading programs. Friends of the Library is hosting its fun run fundraiser on October 15. The library is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on August 4. Also, the Historical Commission commemorated a holly bush in the City Cemetery. Also, the Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority had a successful workday. She acknowledged Stacy Frazier, thanking her for her tireless work for the committee. Since all City-controlled cemetery lots are already sold, the Authority does only ongoing maintenance. Also, the Beautification Board will meet on August 4. Also, local construction companies Milan & Company and Blalock are splitting the construction costs for the Fallen Warriors project. Also, the Veterans Committee is doing outreach at the Civic Center parking lot on October 16. They and the Chamber of Commerce are taking Veteran of the Year nominations from September 1 to November 1. She recognized city school board member Sherrye Tolbert, who announced that Husky Night occurs August 11; annual athletics gala, on August 12. Also, the high school released its 2022 football schedule.

Councilor Taylor reported that Utilities and Public Safety committees already met. Also, Trussville Social, Rodney Scott’s BBQ and the renovated Winn-Dixie will have public ceremonial openings soon. Also, the Chamber of Commerce leadership will meet to review its By-Laws prior to presenting any proposed changes to its membership for approval. Also, he promoted the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on August 5. Also, the inaugural 29-member Leadership Trussville class starts meeting in early September. Also, city unemployment is just 2.0%

President Cook reported strong enrollments in lacrosse and youth football. Parks & Recreation just hired a new employee. Also, the Tree Commission is already preparing for a busy fall planting season. He updated the public on the health of his great grandson and thanked the entire community for our prayers.

During audience comments, Karen McIntyre (7961 North Lake Drive) mentioned the stopped train affecting the Fire Department’s response time today. Chief Shotts replied that his crew had a 16-minute response time because they were able to drive through the former chicken plant property. Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) echoed Freeman’s request for a new pool. He wants a traffic light on Valley Avenue, in front of the Holiday Inn Express. With no further public business, the Council promptly adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib