

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Tuesday, August 23, 2022** at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex 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 Lisa Bright  
Councilor Ben Short

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

Those absent: Councilor Alan Taylor

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Afterwards, Police Sgt. Chuck Bradford gave the Council a briefing about a proposed Low Speed Vehicle Ordinance drafted by City Attorney Michael Brymer. The state does issue license tags for golf carts and other low speed vehicles. The proposed ordinance would regulate their use on city streets with speed limits not exceeding 25 mph. Next Human Resources Director Mandy Dixon gave briefings on the current city pay scale and health insurance for city retirees. To maintain the City's ability to recruit and retain public safety employees, she asked the Council to take a resolution to create a separate salary schedule for Police & Fire. The Council was receptive enough to the idea that they and Mayor Choat directed the city clerk to draft a resolution to that effect. Salary adjustments (COLAs) will come up at the next council meeting. Dixon also discussed possibilities for the City to help its retired former employees cover Medicare supplemental insurance. She also mentioned the idea of the City covering health insurance for new employees and their families, starting on their first day on the job. Currently, health coverage begins on the first day of the employee's second month of employment. Mayor Choat then briefed the City Council on his administration's proposed FY2023 budget, which included the expectation for higher fuel costs across affected departments and outside contracts, such as AmWaste, the City's new garbage services provider as of December 2022. With no further business to discuss, the agenda workshop ended at 5:45 pm.

### SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022** at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, 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. Local boy scouts led the pledge to the flag.

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

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

Those absent: Councilor Alan Taylor

They reviewed minutes from the August 23rd agenda workshop and regular session. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval.  
**UNANIMOUS**

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

Under public comments, Temple Wells (352 Brentwood Ave.) introduced herself as the City's representative for the Miss Alabama Senior Pageant. Her pet cause is advocacy for military veterans. Sheila Wright (6306 Winwood Circle) asked the City to consider purchasing the 240+ acre Glendale Farms to preserve the woods and natural streams and to build a new elementary school and a public park. With no further public comments, President Cook proceeded to the regular agenda.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proclamation declaring September 2022 as Alopecia Areata Awareness Month. She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-22** After a brief recess for a group photo with local resident and advocate Sandey Greene, the Council resumed its meeting.

Councilor Short then introduced a proclamation declaring September 17-23 as Constitution Week. Zhe moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-23**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proclamation honoring the late Claude Earl Massey, a longtime resident who volunteered for the City Historical Commission. She moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-24** After a brief recess for a group photo with his widow and other family members, the Council resumed its meeting.

Councilor Short then introduced a proclamation declaring the upcoming Witches Ride Parade a citywide event. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-25**

President Cook then opened the public hearing on the proposed rezoning of 110 Maple Avenue to C-2 Commercial within the Downtown Overlay District from R-4 Single Family/Duplex. Since nobody spoke up, President Cook promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring up an ordinance for immediate consideration. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed ordinance to rezone the 110 Maple Avenue parcel to **C-2 Commercial within the Downtown Overlay District from R-4 Single Family/Duplex. UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-018-PZ**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution to authorize \$250,000 Federal Railroad Administration Local Grant Match for a study to eliminate the at-grade rail crossing on Mary Taylor Road. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-42**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution declaring Edwards Lake Parkway closed temporarily for a lane widening project, effective September 19. She moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-43**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution approving the sale of surplus city property on Gadsden Highway. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-44**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to separate out the salary schedule for public safety employees from the rest of the city departments. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-45**

During council reports, Councilor Anderson promoted the Veterans Committee event October 16 at the Civic Center parking lot. After acknowledging committee member John Griscom, she also announced that the Committee will accept nominations for its inaugural Veteran of the Year award. She deferred to Mayor Choat, who reported on the construction progress for the Fallen Warriors Memorial project. The City plans to dedicate it on November 13. Also, the Beautification Board completed flower beds near the City's tennis center. Also, on behalf of the

Historical Committee, member Jane Alexander reported visitor totals at the one-room museum. Also, Councilor Anderson summarized upcoming Library activities occurring in October. Also, she gave the September and early October production dates for ACTA's *Murder Is A Game*.

Councilor Bright reported that IDA will next meet on September 29. IDA is developing agreements to construct a connector to Commerce Street, which can help relieve train-induced traffic congestion. IDA is working on plans for a work force development day with the local high school. Also, the BOE will next meet on September 21. This month is Attendance Awareness Month. She promoted the ongoing Join the PAC fundraiser by the Trussville Schools Foundation. She acknowledged school board president Cathy Brown. Also, she recognized Wayne Sullivan, who briefly said his crews remain busy with their regular work.

Councilor Short summarized the rezoning recommendation at the last Planning & Zoning meeting. He also announced that P&Z will have a special called meeting on September 21 to take up proposed changes to the Trussville Springs PUD.

President Cook reported that the Inspections Department remains busy with its field work. Also, the Tree Commission surveyed the Cahaba Project area the previous day to determine which trees needed trimming. Also, he acknowledged the family of the late Grady Lancaster. Until recently, Grady was a longtime Parks & Recreation employee. He died two weeks ago.

Mayor Choat reported that due to inclement weather, CityFest is rescheduled to this upcoming weekend, from the previous. Also, he reported that Leadership Trussville had a successful overnight retreat, the first of its many sessions over the next 12 months. He explained the importance of the railroad grant and of ALDOT's grant for the Edwards Lake Parkway road project. Also, he announced that ALDOT informed him they are delaying its I-59 lane widening project to late spring/early summer 2023. Originally it was set for February 2023.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) reiterated his requests for restriping roads near WalMart, as well as a new city pool and backup generator for the Civic Center. With no other business, the Council adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib