

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### OCTOBER 6, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, October 6, 2022** at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Perry Cook presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:      Councilor Jaime Anderson  
   Councilor Lisa Bright  
   Councilor Ben Short  
   Councilor Alan Taylor  
   Council President Perry H. Cook

Others present in official capacity:      Mayor Buddy Choat

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. A proposed public hearing regarding a local restaurant's alcohol license was removed from the agenda because its owner would not be available to attend the Council meeting, to answer questions about non-compliance by patrons. With no further business to discuss, the agenda workshop ended around 5:30 pm.

### OCTOBER 11, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, October 11, 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. Councilor Short 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  
   Councilor Alan Taylor

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

They reviewed minutes from the September 26th agenda workshop and September 27th regular session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Cook then introduced the regular agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to accept the regular agenda as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

During public comments, City Veterans Committee member John Griscom (3492 Annette Street) invited the public to attend the Veterans Outreach Day at the Civic Center parking lot on October 16. Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) lobbied the city leaders to stripe the roads in front of the Seniors Center, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. He also encouraged them to buy energy-efficient hybrid cars for the city's fleet. With no further public comments, President Cook proceeded to the regular agenda.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proclamation declaring October 24, 2022 as World Polio Day, a cause championed by the local Sunrise Rotary club. She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-29** After a brief recess for a group photo with some local Rotarians, the Council resumed its meeting.

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proclamation declaring October 2022 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, encouraging locals to wear pink or pink ribbons. October 19 is

Turn Trussville Pink Day. She moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-28** After a brief recess for a group photo with Shayna Swann, the Council resumed its meeting.

Councilor Anderson then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring up an ordinance for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed ordinance to create the City Veterans Committee as an official standing committee. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-021-ADM**

Councilor Short then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring up an ordinance for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed ordinance to annex Trussville Utilities properties located at 5142 Vann Valley Road and 5568 Martin Road. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-022-ANX**

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Councilor Short then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring up an ordinance for immediate consideration. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then introduced a proposed ordinance to annex 7343 Roper Road with the stipulated prohibition on manufactured or mobile homes. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-024-ANX**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to endorse ALDOT's upcoming I-59 Lane Widening Project. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-52**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution to declare various Public Works vehicles and other assets as surplus. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-53**

Councilor Taylor then made the motion to elect Councilor Bright as the City Council President for the November 2022-October 2023 term. Councilor Short seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor then made the motion to elect Councilor Anderson as City Council President Pro Tem. Councilor Short seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS**

During Council reports, Councilor Anderson acknowledged Veterans Committee member John Griscom and promoted its upcoming event. She deferred to Mayor Choat for an update on the Fallen Warriors Project construction. She summarized the Library's busy October schedule of community events, including its 5k fun run. She promoted ACTA's production A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol. She then deferred to Jane Alexander, who listed upcoming Historical Committee events. Truss descendant Jerry Champion is visiting town this upcoming weekend.

Councilor Bright reported that the city school board is working with its state school board association on finding an outside investigator and an interim superintendent. She summarized upcoming middle and high football games. The school board has an extended work session scheduled for October 17. Also, Public Works remains busy with fall season duties. Also, the US Department of Transportation received the City's railroad grant application for studying ways to eliminate an at-grade crossing.

Councilor Short briefly summarized the recent actions by Planning & Zoning. He informed the public that next month, the Council will take up a rezoning application involving the Longmeadow PUD.

Councilor Taylor acknowledged the City's latest annexations of Utility's properties. He also promoted Mayor Choat's annual State of the City address to the Trussville Chamber. Also, Leadership Trussville will soon meet for its second session.

Councilor Cook reported that Parks & Recreation are busy with fall sports. The Seniors Center and Inspections also stay busy with their respective duties. The Tree Commission is working on acquiring and planting trees during autumn, including for the Charnwood neighborhood.

Mayor Choat reminded the audience that ALDOT plans to start its I-59 lane widening project sometime in June 2023. Also, ALDOT reports that its US-11 construction project is proceeding on schedule. Also, the Gymnastics & Cheer Center construction too is running on schedule. Because November 8 is Election Day, the Council will hold its first regular session of November on November 3.

During audience comments, Richard Healy (5601 Ridgeview Drive) asked Mayor Choat for additional details of the I-59 project. John Griscom (3492 Annette Street) reminded the public about the annual Witches Ride. Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) asked the city leaders why there are no street lights along Valley Road or a traffic light at Valley Road/Valley Loop Road intersection, prompting City Engineer Wayne Sullivan to reply “because there isn’t enough traffic to justify it.”

With no other business, the Council adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib