

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, November 3, 2022** at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Lisa Bright presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary.

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

Those members absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Mayor Choat requested that the City Council vote to go into executive session at the end of its regular meeting, in order to discuss potential trade, commerce and real estate business. With no further business to discuss, the agenda workshop ended around 5:15 pm.

NOVEMBER 3, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Thursday, November 3, 2022** at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Lisa Bright presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Bright called the meeting to order. She graciously thanked her predecessor, Councilor Cook, for his service. Councilor Taylor led the prayer. Boy Scout Troop 216 led the pledge to the flag.

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

Those members absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

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

They reviewed minutes from the October 20th agenda workshop and October 25th regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the three-item consent agenda and eight-item regular agenda. Councilor Cook moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve both agendas as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

Under public comments, former city resident Theda Goodridge addressed the City Council about the Death Notebook incident. She had a grandchild on the list. She had made a public records request to the school board, which has gone unanswered. She submitted a courtesy copy to Mayor Choat and urged the City Council to compel the school board to be transparent and responsive.

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to authorize the \$250,000 local match for a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant administered by Federal Rail Administration. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-55**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to award a bid to American Gymnast LLC for providing and installing new gymnastics and related equipment to the City, once the general contractor has finished building the new Gymnastics Academy. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-56**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to give longtime city employees longevity pay. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-57**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to approve unpaid leave of absence for a certain City employee, who plans to travel abroad to perform construction on a religious mission trip. He moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-58**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to approve a citywide security video services contract between Fusus and Police, under the public safety and security exception to the state competitive bid law. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-59**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to approve a ryegrass purchase between Southern States Cooperative Inc. and Parks & Recreation, under the sole source exception to the state competitive bid law. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-60**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to adopt an amended Flexible Spending Plan for city employees and their dependents. He moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-61**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to award a bid to Donohoo Chevrolet LLC for purchasing two new Police Pursuit Vehicles. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-62**

Under Council reports, President Bright reported on behalf of Councilor Anderson that Leadership Trussville will tour the City's museum on November 10, that the museum will be open to the public on November 12, and that the Historical Committee will host a program on November 13 about the histories of old Birmingham Railroad Terminal and US Highway 11. Also, the Veteran Committee is accepting Veteran-of-the-Year nominations until November 15. Also, the construction crew has erected columns for the Fallen Warriors Memorial.

Councilor Cook announced that the Tree Commission is planting new trees in various public spaces around the city. Also, the Parks & Recreation & Senior Citizens boards have meetings coming up later this month. Also, he summarized the number and dollar amounts of permits filed with Inspections during October. Lastly, he thanked Richard Epstein for his complimentary email.

Councilor Short did not give a report.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Utilities Board continues to monitor water consumption during the current drought. Utilities opened a new well on Happy Hollow Road. Also, the business community continues to grow, as evidenced by recent ribbon cuttings. The annual Christmas tree lighting will occur on November 27; the annual Christmas parade, December 10. Also, Leadership Trussville has its next session on November 10.

President Bright reported that the IDA is hosting workforce development for high school students interested in co-ops and internships. Also, the city school board hired Dr. Frank Costanzo as interim superintendent, following Dr. Patti Neill's resignation. Its next meeting is November 10. Bright also reported that city schools have a new outdoor classroom, courtesy of Amerex and Faith Community Church. She reported on the latest high school sports activities and acknowledged school board member Kim DeShazo, thanking her for her & other board members' hard work during its superintendent search. Councilor Taylor similarly thanked DeShazo, too.

Mayor Choat reported that the wider Edwards Lake Parkway has re-opened to the public, now that recent construction is complete. On December 1, the City begins its new garbage contract with AmWaste, via the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority. The City is a charter member of the Authority. Debris pick-up will occur every 7-to-10 days. Also, he announced that the City is working with ALDOT to install island curbing in front of Complete Cleaners on US-11, near Tutwiler Farms, in order to prevent rogue left turns by drivers.

Under audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) praised the City for striping the road to the Seniors Center. He wants the same for the roads to Wal-Mart, as well a new swimming pool and back-up generator for the Civic Center. He promoted Diabetes Awareness Month since he has had Type 1 for 67 years. He also promoted the scouting movement. He, his son and grandson are all Eagle Scouts.

Councilor Short then moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss potential trade, commerce and real estate business. **UNANIMOUS**

The meeting briefly recessed at 6:40 pm, until all others left. City leaders met in executive session until 7:13 pm. With no other business, the Council promptly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib