

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, November 17, 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 discussed the proposed Entertainment District ordinance. With Mayor's recognition, Police Sgt. Chuck Bradford detailed the proposed boundaries and elaborated on outdoor alcohol enforcement. Brooks Harris of Harris Doyle gave a briefing to the City Council about proposed changes to the Longmeadow PUD and answered informal questions. Councilor Cook spoke on behalf of the Tree Commission about the City's possible next steps for getting recognition as a Tree City. Discussion ensued, which led to their informal agreement to proceed with filling out an application, without any need for an approved resolution. Mayor requested that the City Council vote to go into executive session at the end of its regular meeting, in order to discuss potential commerce and real estate business. With no further business to discuss, the agenda workshop ended around 5:40 pm.

NOVEMBER 17, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Thursday, November 17, 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. Councilor Cook led the prayer. Councilor Short 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 November 3rd agenda workshop and regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion to approve it as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

President Bright recognized Councilor Taylor, who serves on the Public Safety Committee. He in turn yielded the floor to Police Chief Eric Rush. Chief Rush announced promotions and presented new badges to Sgt. Keith Fuell and Lt. Chuck Bradford. Captain Greg Cardwell gave them framed certificates. After a brief recess for group pictures, the Council resumed its meeting.

President Bright then opened a public hearing regarding the alcohol license application from Axe Downtown LLC, located at 211 Main Street. Co-owner Sandy Argo approached the podium to introduce herself. She pointed out her business partners in the audience. She told the Council and public that there will be no bartender. Instead, they are selling chilled cans of beer from a cooler. All staff who are legally eligible to serve beer will have had TIPS training. There will be no beer sales on Sunday. Every patron who wants beer will get carded. Patrons who are enjoying food and drinks have to stay in the designated lounging area, away from the axe throwing sections. The biggest potential safety hazard there is the handling of small axes/hatchets. Since nobody else spoke up, President Bright closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to approve Axe Downtown LLC's alcohol license application. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-63**

Councilor Taylor then gave an introductory first reading to a proposed Entertainment District ordinance. President Bright announced it would come up for consideration next month.

President Bright then opened a public hearing regarding the proposed Longmeadow PUD amendment ordinance. Brooks Harris of Harris Doyle approached the podium, introduced himself, then gave a brief history of Longmeadow and the proposed changes to the master plan, limited in scope to the remaining undeveloped portions. Dan Hatch (5722 Solitude Lane – unincorporated) addressed the Council in opposition to the proposal because he contends that the proposed five lots next to his own property was supposed to remain an undeveloped common area. His family has resided there since 1960. Longmeadow resident David Kennedy (6055 Clubhouse Drive) spoke in favor, on behalf of himself and fellow homeowners. They support those five lots. Since nobody else spoke up, President Bright closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook addressed President Bright, wanting assurances that Harris Doyle would protect Hatch's property from construction-related runoff, erosion, debris and other related damage. Brooks Harris assured the Council and the public that his company would. Furthermore, his company would construct a 10-foot natural buffer to protect Hatch's property interest. Councilor Taylor pointed out that City ordinance requires builders to erect silt fences and other appropriate barriers during construction.

Councilor Short then introduced the proposed ordinance. After summarizing the recommended stipulations, he made the motion, which Councilor Taylor seconded to suspend the rules in order to bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then made the motion for approval of the proposed rezoning ordinance. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the proposed ordinance passed **UNANIMOUS 3-0-1 (Bright abstained due to a professional conflict of interest) Ordinance No. 2022-026-PZ**

Under Council reports, Councilor Cook read aloud an update report from the Tree Commission, *which is attached to the end of these minutes*. Also, the Parks & Recreation is preparing for the Christmas season. The Seniors Center has Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons planned. Also, the city expects to open its new Gymnastics Academy around April 2023

Councilor Short did not give a report.

Councilor Taylor reported that the annual Christmas tree lighting will occur on November 27; the annual Christmas parade, December 10.

President Bright reported that the IDA is meeting at the same time as the City Council.

Mayor Choat reported that on December 1, the City begins its new garbage contract with AmWaste, He and his wife Ginny are among 400 residents with a new garbage pickup day. He briefly explained how AmWaste's residential services will operate.

There were no audience comments.

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 6:51 pm, until all others left. City leaders met in executive session until 7:25 pm. With no other business, the Council promptly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib

From Tree Commission Member Ralph Mitchell

In 2021 the Trussville City Council, under the leadership of Mayor Buddy Choat, saw a sufficient need to re-establish the Trussville Tree Commission. Therefore, members were appointed to the City Council. In our first meeting, in August of 2021, we established these priorities: the development and adoption of a Tree Ordinance by the Trussville City Council, the planting of replacement trees on the City right of ways and the trees on City property.

The first planting of replacement trees was on April 26, 2022. This planting consisted of four trees in the Historic Cahaba Mall, sponsored by Sailia (sic) Construction Company, and seven replacement trees funded by the City of Trussville.

Replacement trees are trees planted where, over the years, the City has removed mature trees due to storm damage or disease. These are the trees typically located on the ten- to twelve-foot City right of ways on the street side of residential lots.

On November 4, 2022, the Tree Commission had their second planting of another six replacement trees. We have plans for a second planting of six replacement trees later this year. As of today, the Trussville Tree Commission has re-planted seventeen replacement trees and one Arbor Day tree.