

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

DECEMBER 8, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, December 8, 2022**, at 5:20 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
 Councilor Jaime Anderson

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
 Attorney Rick Stotser

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Local resident and business owner Stanley Wormley gave a presentation of his proposed Truss Bus, where visitors to the Entertainment District could hitch rides from a few stops in the Cahaba Project on extended golf carts during evenings and weekends. He presented his idea as a service that would relieve parking and traffic congestion in the District. Based on the feedback he received, his idea needs further vetting yet the city leaders indicated they were open to the idea. Amy O'Brien Hamilton presented the idea of a Cahaba Project Monument, made of masonry. She obtained a \$75,000 construction estimate from Trimm Landscaping and has already raised \$5000 from neighbors. She and the Cahaba Homestead Heritage Foundation hope to raise the remaining amounts from the private sector. Mayor Choat and City Council informally showed willingness to support this project. Mayor Choat said he would look at the city's budget to determine how much. Councilor Anderson requested \$3350 from the City so that the Historical Board and City Museum could store various artifacts in a climate-controlled rental unit at Added Storage for 12 months. The City Council agreed. Councilor Cook announced he would be out of town on December 13.

With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm.

DECEMBER 13, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, December 13, 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 Short led the prayer. Councilor Anderson led the pledge to the flag.

The following answered present to roll call: Council President Lisa Bright
 Councilor Alan Taylor
 Councilor Ben Short
 Councilor Jaime Anderson

Those members absent: Councilor Perry Cook

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

They reviewed minutes from the November 17th workshop and regular session, as well as the November 30th special session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda and consent agenda. She requested that the Council vote to go into executive session at the end of the meeting. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda.

UNANIMOUS Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda as amended. **UNANIMOUS**

Under public comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) requested that the City put down new road striping and close off traffic access to North Chalkville Road from Norrell Drive. He wants cars leaving Norrell Drive to take Green Drive instead.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation honoring the undefeated 7th grade Huskies football team. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-31** After a brief recess for group photos, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution awarding a bid for replacing the City Hall Annex roof to Birmingham Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-65**

Councilor Short then introduced a resolution endorsing a Jefferson County road improvements project located in the North Chalkville Road/Green Drive/Pineview Road area and conveying two small tracts of land as easements to the county. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-66**

Councilor Anderson reported that the city museum will be open December 17. She also thanked the City for committing \$3350 to store museum artifacts in climate-controlled storage. Also, the Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority and Public Works have erected a new marker at Mount Nebo. Also, ACTA is preparing for its February production of *The Curious Savage*. Also, the Library hosted 300 visitors wanting to see Santa. Also, the Beautification Board is making plans for spring. Also, the Veterans Committee recently coordinated an honor guard for the funeral of a World War II veteran. Wreaths Across America occurs on December 17 at Jefferson Memorial Gardens. The Veterans Committee also prepared 200 care packages for US troops stationed in the Middle East. The same committee will announce the honoree of the inaugural Veteran of the Year award at the upcoming Toast of the Town event. Anderson yielded the Fallen Warriors project update to Mayor Choat, who reported that the project remains on schedule for completion at the end of January and dedication on March 28th.

On behalf of Councilor Cook, Councilor Anderson announced that about 200 people attended the annual Christmas luncheon party at the Seniors Center.

Councilor Short summarized all actions taken by the Design Review Committee and Planning & Zoning Commission during their meetings on December 12.

Councilor Taylor announced the successful sale of all Series 2022 warrants (bonds) recently issued by the City. Also, the Chamber and City hosted a very successful Christmas parade on December 10, with the most ever parade participants and watchers in attendance. Also, Leadership Trussville continued to meet. It hosted two state senators and the county manager at its most recent session. Kristy Bradford is officially Leadership Trussville's executive director.

President Bright reported that the IDA had surveyed the proposed connecting road to Camp Coleman Road. The IDA continues to partner with city schools to find interns and co-op participants. Also, the school board announced changes in requirements for hiring substitute teachers. Husky Hour at the high school has changed to be more oriented towards study time. The Schools Foundation presented checks to various teachers at all five schools. The school board announced its annual Teachers of the Year. The school board is now accepting applications for its next superintendent, through January 30. They intend to fill the position by April 30. She acknowledged school board member Dr. Steve Ward, who was in attendance.

Mayor Choat reported that the AmWaste is off to a good start with the City ten days into their new garbage services contract. Also, business license renewal letters go out this week; business owners can renew and pay online, starting January 3. The City is working with area utilities to re-locate power lines in advance of the Loop Road construction project. The City plans to bid out the Loop Road and Fire Station No. 4 construction projects sometime this upcoming spring. Mayor Choat praised Public Works for all its work preparing for the annual Christmas parade.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein mentioned the back-up generator and swimming pool for the Civic Center.

Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to go into executive session in order to discuss real estate, trade and commerce. **UNANIMOUS** They recessed at 6:28 pm until everybody else left. They then met behind closed doors until 7:20 pm. Upon its conclusion, they promptly adjourned.