

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**, at 5:30 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 Jaime Anderson
Councilor Perry H. Cook
Councilor Ben Short
Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in official capacity:

Mayor Buddy Choat
Attorney Rick Stotser

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Councilors Anderson, Cook and Taylor discussed upcoming events in connection with their assigned committees. With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm.

JANUARY 10, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023** 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 Anderson led the prayer. Councilor Cook led the pledge to the flag.

The following answered present to roll call:

Council President Lisa Bright
Councilor Alan Taylor
Councilor Ben Short
Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Jaime Anderson

Others present in their official capacity:

City Clerk Dan Weinrib
Attorney Rick Stotser
Mayor Buddy Choat

They reviewed minutes from the December 22nd agenda workshop and regular session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda and consent agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda **UNANIMOUS**

Under public comments, Veterans Committee member and city resident John Griscom (3492 Annette Street) thanked the City, Fire Department and councilors for their involvement during Wreaths Across America on December 17.

Under the regular agenda, President Bright opened a public hearing for a proposed redevelopment reimbursement agreement. SDP AL TRUSSVILLE 1 LLC plans to convert a closed bank branch on Chalkville Mountain Road near Sam's into Starbucks. The proposed agreement would obligate the City to rebate some sales taxes back to the developer. The deal expires either when either the cap or time limit is first reached. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Bright promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a resolution approving the redevelopment reimbursement agreement. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-01**

Under committee reports, Councilor Anderson listed numerous events occurring in January at the library, as well as Sean of the South's scheduled appearance on March 2nd. Also, the City Museum will be open to the public on January 14th. She acknowledged Historical committee member Jane Alexander in the audience. Also, ACTA is featuring *Curious Savage* next month. Also, the first-ever Veteran of the Year award will be announced at the Toast of the Town event, hosted by the local chamber, on January 31st. She deferred to Mayor Choat, who reported that the construction of Fallen Warriors Memorial remains on-target

for completion this spring, with a formal dedication likely in early April. She told her colleagues and the public that she will be away on Air Force National Guard duty between January 22 and February 4.

Councilor Cook reported that Park & Recreation and Senior Citizens committees will meet next week. Inspections recorded \$7.7 million worth of filed permits last month. Also, the Tree Commission is preparing for Arbor Day.

Councilor Short reported that Planning & Zoning approved the proposed Longmeadow Phase E subdivision at its one-minute meeting the day before.

Councilor Taylor acknowledged Chamber of Commerce executive director June Matthews in the audience. The Chamber's next board meeting is on Wednesday; its luncheon, on January 19th; Toast of the Town, on January 31st. Also, Leadership Trussville's next session occurs on January 13th.

President Bright expressed appreciation for Public Works construction equipment operator Justin Ferguson. Also, she gave updates on the school board's superintendent search, including the public input parts, and its new-installed air quality monitors. The next school board meeting is January 23rd.

Mayor Choat gave the public an update on St. Clair County & ADEM's efforts to combat the landfill fire outside Moody. The City is preparing to solicit bids on two public works projects (Commerce Lane extension to Camp Coleman Road & Fire Station No. 4) sometime in March. Also, he gave a brief update on the new pickleball complex, which Milam & Company is building. He encouraged the public to apply for volunteer board positions.

During audience comments, Wanda McCoy (6696 Service Road) expressed her hatred for the new garbage service. She received sympathy from Mayor Choat, who explained that only one AmWaste truck is available right now to pick up city garbage. He hopes another will join in March. Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) complained about post-rainfall water accumulation on Watterson Parkway; he also reiterated his demands for streetlights on Valley Avenue, a traffic light near the Holiday Inn Express, along with a new pool and backup generator at the Civic Center.

With no further business, they promptly adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib, CMC
City Clerk