

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, February 9, 2023**, at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex. to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Pro Tem Jaime Anderson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:	Councilor Jaime Anderson Councilor Ben Short Councilor Alan Taylor
Others present in official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat City Clerk Dan Weinrib
Those members absent:	Councilor President Lisa Bright Councilor Perry H. Cook

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Councilor Taylor informed everybody he would be out of town in late March and early April. They informally agreed to move the March 28 regular session to March 23, following workshop. Director of Planning, Building & Sustainability J.R. Malchus gave the city council a briefing about six abandoned residential construction jobs by the same contractor, currently on the lam. Amanda Klimko (5173 Missy Lane) informed the council that she and her Carrington neighbors plan to protest on Thursday February 16 against ADEM on the front steps of the State Capitol, because of the ongoing Environmental Landfill smoke pollution issue. With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:28 pm.

FEBRUARY 14, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023** at 5 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 Taylor led the prayer. Two lads from Boy Scout Troop 216 led the pledge.

The following answered present to roll call:	Council President Lisa Bright Councilor Alan Taylor Councilor Jaime Anderson Councilor Ben Short
Others present in their official capacity:	City Clerk Dan Weinrib Attorney Rick Stotser Mayor Buddy Choat
The following were absent:	Councilor Perry Cook

They reviewed minutes from the January 19th agenda workshop and January 24th regular session. Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda and consent agenda. She summarized the reappointments of three citizens to two city committees listed on the consent agenda. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

During public comments, Kathy Prince (109 Magnola St.) spoke up as a Cahaba Project neighbor and preservation advocate. She was upset that a handful of Project houses have been torn down and she wants Trussville to do more to protect the remaining WPA-era houses. Arnold Reichert (116 North Mall) spoke out in opposition to the new public restrooms to be constructed next to the Mall tennis and pickleball courts, due to safety concerns. He believes its presence will encourage loitering. He already regards the open pavilion as an eyesore. He would rather have the City remove the pavilion and courts.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation declaring February 25, 2023 as Arbor Day here in the city. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-02**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Choat to sign a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants agreement with Zakir & Mina Khan so that they could construct a driveway on a platted yet unrecorded city cul-de-sac to Coody Road. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-04**

President Bright then opened a public hearing for a proposed alcohol license for Trussville Chevron on Gadsden Highway. Owner Nagib Saleh stepped forward to introduce himself. He stated that he already owns 18 other gasoline/convenience stores throughout the area, his insurer provides alcohol sales training to employees, and he has never had citations for underage selling. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Bright promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then introduced a resolution approving the retail beer and wine (off premises only) alcohol license for Trussville Chevron at 1478 Gadsden Highway. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-05**

President Bright then opened a public hearing for a proposed alcohol license for Steele Hall Brewing on Main Street. Owners Eric Mitchell and Scott Worthington stepped forward to introduce themselves. They have 20 years of combined brewery and hospitality experience. They are renovating the former Slagheap Brewery building. They and their employees will participate in the Responsible Vendor Program. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Bright promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then introduced a resolution approving the manufacturer alcohol license for Steele Hall Brewing at 227 Main Street. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-06**

The city councilors did not give committee reports. Mayor Choat informed the audience that Jarvis DeLeonard (ALDOT) will update him on the much-anticipated I-59 project. Already, ALDOT is re-milling Alabama Highway 11.

During audience comments, Tree Commission member Ralph Mitchell promoted their upcoming Arbor Day events. Karen McIntyre (7961 North Lake Drive) asked for an update on the connecting road project, linking Camp Coleman Road to the City Industrial Park. Mayor Choat informed her that the area has been surveyed and that the project will likely move forward with bids and the start of construction sometime in the spring and summer.

With no further public business, they promptly adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC
City Clerk