

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### FEBRUARY 23, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, February 23, 2023**, 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 Jaime Anderson Councilor Ben Short Councilor Alan Taylor
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Others present in official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat City Clerk Dan Weinrib
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Those members absent:	Councilor Perry H. Cook
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The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. After a briefing from J.R. Malchus (Inspections) about the scheduled nuisance public hearing, Council President Bright directed the city clerk to add a related nuisance abatement resolution to the agenda. Mayor Choat gave the council a briefing about a proposed property deal with Guy Martin. He requested that the Council leave the agenda open for another resolution in case Martin & the City reach an agreement before the meeting. The Council informally agreed. With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:16 pm.

### FEBRUARY 28, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, February 28, 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. She led the prayer. Councilor Short led the pledge.

The following answered present to roll call:	Council President Lisa Bright Councilor Jaime Anderson Councilor Ben Short
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Others present in their official capacity:	City Clerk Dan Weinrib Attorney Michael Brymer Mayor Buddy Choat
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The following were absent:	Councilor Perry Cook Councilor Alan Taylor
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They reviewed minutes from the February 9th agenda workshop and February 14th regular session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda and consent agenda. She read aloud all consent agenda items. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda **UNANIMOUS** The city attorney & Mayor Choat requested that the Council amend the regular agenda to include going into executive session prior to adjourning. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda, as amended. **UNANIMOUS**

During public comments, Tree Commission member Ralph Mitchell gave a detailed summary of their Arbor Day activities. It was so successful that they ran out of complimentary trees by 11:30 am. Arnold Reichert (116 North Mall) spoke out in opposition to the new public restrooms next to the Mall tennis and pickleball courts. Jack Nicholson (3957 Granite Run) thanked the City Council for the Civic Center, where he has been able to rehab from a severe stroke. Michelle Moskal (121 Dew Drive) asked questions about the planned public space between her house and the Grandview stand-alone emergency room. Her backyard faces the state-required helipad and she wants tall trees and other buffering. Brian Payne (107 South Mall) also spoke in opposition to the new restrooms. He asked whether Design Review reviewed the proposal and what other options the City explored before picking that site for construction. Karen McIntyre (7961 North Lake Drive) expressed concern about how our city would respond to a train derailment, if what happened in East Palestine, Ohio, occurred here. Fire Chief Tim Shotts assured her that the City would be ready and that neighboring cities could also respond, if needed, because of mutual aid agreements.

Under the regular agenda, President Bright opened a public hearing regarding the public nuisances located at 3394 Smith Sims Road. Inspections Code Enforcement Officer Jason Grant briefly summarized the non-compliance history by its property owners. Despite site visits, posting signs and multiple mailings, the City received no responses or witnessed acts of cooperation from ownership, aside from the first outreach. Since nobody else spoke up, President Bright promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution to abate all nuisances at 3394 Smith Sims Road. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-07**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed resolution approving a 1PointUSA contract to install a video, security and surveillance system at the new Gymnastics Center. Because of the public safety and security exception in the state competitive bid law, the City does not have to bid out the contract. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-08**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution to grant unpaid leave to a newly-hired city recreation leader. He had committed to a faith-based mission trip prior to getting hired by the City. Because he is still within his probationary period, he is ineligible from using accumulated paid leave. . She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-09**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution approving a land swap with GSI Holdings LLC, so that the City can connect Commerce Lane to Camp Coleman Road. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-10** Afterwards, Mayor Choat said that he anticipates the road construction project starting and finishing later this year.

Under council reports, Councilor Anderson announced that the Cemetery Authority will replace the signage at the cemetery across the street from City Hall. Also, the Veterans Committee will meet at Moe's Original BBQ on March 4, to receive a generous check from the restaurant. Also, the City museum will be open this Saturday. The Historical Committee will dedicate a new marker in front of Heritage Hall. She briefly summarized activities at ACTA and the library.

Councilor Short announced that the Design Review Committee met on February 27. He would post online the summary of its actions.

President Bright confirmed with Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan that March 15 is the last day the city leaf truck will operate for the season. Also, the school board is interviewing its five superintendent finalists and will post all interviews online afterwards for public consumption. Also, the public is welcome to submit school board member interview questions to Mandy Dixon via email.

Mayor Choat informed the audience that ALDOT is revising its I-59 project guidelines before rebidding. Construction may start this fall. Also, the City plans to dedicate the new Fallen Warriors Memorial this spring, with Memorial Day being the target date.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) reiterated his requests for road striping, better traffic flow on Chalkville Road, replacement I-59 lighting, as well as a new pool and backup generator at the Civic Center. Arnold Reichert (116 North Mall) summarized the Design Review Committee's actions regarding the Mall from its December 20, 2021 minutes.

Because of pending litigation, attorney Michael Brymer recommended the Council convene in executive session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to do so. **UNANIMOUS**

The Council recessed briefly then reconvened in the conference room. At its conclusion, they resumed their regular session and promptly adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC  
City Clerk