

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, March 9, 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. Amy O'Brien updated the City Council about the Cahaba Project Stone Gateway. As of that moment, her group had raised \$19,500 towards its \$50,000 goal. She also announced that Heritage Days will occur on the Mall April 27-30. It's open to the public. She also asked about the costs associated with moving a power pole from the corner of Magnolia Court and North Chalkville Road. Director of Planning, Building & Sustainability J.R. Malchus summarized the proposed changes to the City building codes. Mayor Choat briefed the City Council on the possible-to-likely purchase of Service Road properties from Gus Martin. He sought and received permission to add it to the upcoming agenda for consideration. He also mentioned that Trussville would be the subject of the ABC 33/40 feature segment Hometown Focus over August & September. City Engineer Wayne Sullivan reported that the City needs to replace an unsafe bridge on Liles Lane, with a rough \$350k-\$500k estimated cost. With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:40 pm.

MARCH 14, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, March 14, 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 Taylor led the pledge.

The following answered present to roll call:	Council President Lisa Bright Councilor Jaime Anderson Councilor Ben Short Councilor Alan Taylor
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Others present in their official capacity:	City Clerk Dan Weinrib Attorney Rick Stotser Mayor Buddy Choat
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The following were absent:	Councilor Perry Cook
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They reviewed minutes from the February 23rd agenda workshop and February 28th regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda and consent agenda. Mayor Choat asked that the Council add their authorizing him to sign a restrictive covenant agreement with two private property owners to the consent agenda. Councilor Short asked that they add the resignation of Planning & Zoning Commission member Steve Turner to the consent agenda. They informally agreed. 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**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed proclamation honoring Elementary Teacher of the Year Amy Prickett. She moved and Councilors Short & Taylor jointly seconded

the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-03** After a brief recess for group photographs, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed proclamation honoring Secondary Teacher of the Year Jennifer Coleman. He moved and Councilors Anderson & Taylor jointly seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-04** After a brief recess for group photographs, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed proclamation honoring individual Hewitt Trussville High School indoor track athletes who recently won the 7A state championships in the long jump, 60-meter hurdles and 4 x 200-meter relay race. He moved and Councilors Anderson & Short jointly seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-05** After a brief recess for group photographs and Coach Tom Esslinger's brief remarks, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed proclamation honoring three HTHS wrestlers who recently win the 7A state championships in their respective weight classes. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-06** After a brief recess for group photographs and Coach Christopher Pike's brief remarks, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Short introduced a proposed ordinance then moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring the ordinance up for immediate consideration. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** He then re-introduced a proposed ordinance to adopt updated building, electric and life safety codes, by reference, as recommended by the City Fire Marshal and the Director of Planning, Building & Sustainability. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2023-001-ADM**

Councilor Short introduced a proposed ordinance then moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring the ordinance up for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** He then re-introduced a proposed ordinance to amend the public notices section of the City Alcohol Ordinance since the Birmingham News no longer exists. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2023-002-ADM**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to amend the FY2023 budget. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-11**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution to approve extended unpaid medical leave for a City Parks & Recreation employee who is still recovering from surgery complications. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-12**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to approve a contract to install audio & visual equipment in the new City Gymnastics Center. The purchase did not require competitive bidding because it is through PACA, a joint purchasing cooperative. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-13**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Choat to execute agreements to purchase properties on Service Road, Happy Hollow Road and US Highway 11 from Guy Martin **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-14**

Under council reports, Councilor Anderson announced that ACTA is about to stage the production of *Over the River & Through the Woods*. Also the Cemetery Authority board recently met. Also, the Library will soon host a jobs fair. Also, the Historical Committee will dedicate a new marker in front of Heritage Hall on April 16. Regarding Veterans, she deferred to Mayor Choat, who stated that the City plans to dedicate the new Fallen Warriors Memorial on Memorial Day.

Filling in for Councilor Cook, Parks & Recreation Director David Vinson and Mayor Choat reported that over 630 kids signed up for baseball, a 100+ increase from last year. Softball registration is occurring. Construction of the City Gymnastics Center is nearly complete.

Councilor Short announced that the Design Review Committee is in between meetings. He briefly summarized the two subdivisions recently approved by Planning & Zoning, as well as the February 2023 permitting activity report.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Utilities Board & Finance committees are between meetings. Also, the Public Safety Committee recommended a few community events for referral to the Council. Also, the Chamber has two business ribbon cutting dedications. Also, Leadership Trussville recently had Education Day where they toured the school board building and schools.

President Bright reported that the IDA is having a Trade Show Day on April 6, aimed at high school students looking to enter the workforce immediately after graduation. Also, the school board has narrowed its superintendent search further to two finalists from five. They will soon interview candidates for the open school board member position. Also, she confirmed with Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan that after March 15, Public Works will soon start mowing grass around the city.

Mayor Choat commended city employees for their participation in health screenings, which helps the City lower its health insurance premiums. He also thanked Mike Strength & Trussville Utilities for hosting some training for Public Works, Recreation and Utilities employees, as well as providing lunch to them and City Hall staff.

During audience comments, Karen McIntyre (7961 North Lake Drive) asked Mayor Choat about the status of the proposed Commerce Lane extension to Camp Coleman Road. He answered that the City will solicit bids in about three weeks.

President Bright announced that because of spring break, the City Council is moving its next regular meeting up to 6 pm on Thursday, March 23. The agenda workshop will precede it at 5:30 pm. With no further business, they promptly adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC
City Clerk