

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### JUNE 13, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Tuesday, June 13, 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 Ben Short
	Councilor Alan Taylor
	Councilor Perry H. Cook

Others present in official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat
	City Clerk Dan Weinrib

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. They added two First Readings of ordinances and a police promotion to the agenda. Mayor Choat and Councilor Short ran by their elected colleagues the idea of a development deal with the owners of Steel Hall Brewing. The owners spent over \$525,000 to renovate and upgrade their commercial property. The city council expressed their willingness to reimburse a third of that cost over a finite period. They agreed to make that a consent agenda item, leaving it to the city attorney and Mayor Choat to finalize the actual deal. Upon Councilor Cook's prompting, Amy Peterson O'Brien updated the City Council on her efforts to construct memorial-style signage, flag poles and pavers for the historic Cahaba Project neighborhood. In a previous meeting, the council indicated willingness to support her efforts once she reached a significant fundraising benchmark. To date, she has raised \$35,000 (goal -- \$50,000) She estimates her total project costs to be \$86,000. She hopes in-kind donation of flag poles and construction materials will help lower expenses, but that has not happened yet. The City Council expressed willingness to appropriate up to \$36,000 once she has reached \$50,000. President Bright solicited reports from department heads. Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan briefed them on post-storm clean-up as well as a new sinkhole. City Clerk Dan Weinrib reported that his Mountain Brook colleague, Heather Richards (Winslow Parc resident), will fill in for him at the next council meeting (now rescheduled to June 22) while he is backpacking with Boy Scouts in New Mexico. With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm.

### JUNE 13, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, June 13, 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 Cook led the prayer. Councilor Anderson led the pledge.

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	Councilor Jaime Anderson
	Councilor Ben Short
	Councilor Alan Taylor
	Councilor Perry H. Cook

Others present in official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat
	City Clerk Dan Weinrib
	City Attorney Michael Brymer

They reviewed minutes from the May 18th agenda workshop and May 23rd regular session. Councilor Short and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda and consent agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the one-item 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, Police Chief Eric Rush presented Captain Dave Morrette with a plaque honoring his promotion to Deputy Police Chief, the first ever for that department. He summarized

Morrette's 24-year tenure in the department and gave him generous praise. After a brief recess for group pictures, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed proclamation honoring the 7A State Champion HTHS Huskies softball team. Unlike other proclamations he previously introduced, he read aloud the entire proclamation. Councilors Short and Anderson added their own praise for the team. He moved and former Huskies softball pitcher/first baseman Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-13** Coach Taylor Burt praised her team and thanked the community once again for its generous support. After a brief recess for photographs, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Short then gave introductory first readings of two proposed annexation ordinances. The City owns undeveloped properties at 6278 Service Road, as well as 7000 & 7054 Happy Hollow Road. The City Council will consider them at their June 22nd meeting.

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to engage Engineering Design Group of Alabama for surveying the unincorporated parts of Glendale Farms. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-35**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution to award a bid for constructing City Fire Station No. 4 to the lowest responsible bidder, Murray Building Company. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-36**

Under Council reports, Councilor Anderson reported that the Library has 1186 participants in its summer reading program, a 45% increase from last summer. She then summarized all its upcoming events. Also, the Historical Board will open up its museum pm Saturday, June 24. ACTA's *Finding Nemo* production is sold out. *School of Rock* starts on July 13. Both she and Mayor Choat expressed generous appreciation and thank-you's to the entire community and city departments for the successful dedication of the Alabama Fallen Warriors Memorial on May 29. Several hundred people attended, including 100 Gold Star families. She then announced the various winners of the 2023 Beautification Board contests.

Councilor Cook reported on the successful public grand opening of the Gymnastics & Cheer Center. He then reported that over 70 kids have signed up for the BSA summer camping trip. Also, Inspections remains busy overseeing permits and construction activities citywide. Also, the Seniors Center continues to plan various trips for its clientele. Also, he praised the Civic Center for its rapid response time to the vandalism incident.

Councilor Short used his introductory First Readings a few minutes earlier to summarize his Planning & Zoning report.

Councilor Taylor reported that City revenues continue to remain healthy & strong. Also, on behalf of Public Safety, he praised the promotion of Firefighter Paramedic Evan Massey to Fire Lieutenant. Also, Kristi Bradford (Leadership Trussville) will speak at the next Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The Chamber will honor its longtime executive director June Mathews, who is leaving for another opportunity. Also, Leadership Trussville is accepting applications for its second class, through June 30.

President Bright announced that the IDA will meet on June 28. Also, Public Works remains busy cleaning up from the recent storm and repairing a new sinkhole. After acknowledging school board member Sherrye Tolbert, who was in attendance, Bright reported that the BOE received 34 & 66 applications, respectively, for the high school principal & band director positions. The BOE honored its newest retirees and Melanie Dimier, state finalist for presidential awards for excellence in mathematics and science.

Mayor Choat reported that Fallen Warriors Project founder Mark Davis returned \$80,000 to the City because of generous individual and corporate donations, after spending about \$50,000. Jefferson County informed Mayor Choat that they are placing their North Chalkville Road expansion project "on a fast track" He encouraged concerned citizens to report any potentially damaged or diseased trees to the City for further examination.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) asked the City Council about a dirty street sign on Pineview Road, as well as the status of his requested streetlights and traffic light for Valley Road. Mayor Choat updated him.

With no further business on the agenda, President Bright adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Weinrib', is centered below the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Dan Weinrib, CMC  
City Clerk