

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### JULY 20, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, July 20, 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 Alan Taylor Councilor Perry H. Cook
Others present in official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat City Clerk Dan Weinrib
Those absent:	Councilor Ben Short

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. At President Bright's request, they added Kimberly Farr's appointment to the Industrial Development Authority to its consent agenda. At Mayor Choat's request, they added a resolution authorizing him to sign a land management agreement regarding Glendale Farms. With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:31 pm.

### JULY 25, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, July 25, 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.

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 City Attorney Rick Stotser

They reviewed minutes from the July 6th agenda workshop and July 11th regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

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

During public comments, David Meadows (211 Forest Drive) expressed his and his neighbor's frustrations with the owners of 212 Forest Drive over the past few years. *City Clerk note – the City Council would have held a public nuisance hearing regarding 212 Forest Drive, but it and the related resolution was withdrawn from the agenda, at the request of Inspections Chief J.R. Malchus, because the outside parts of the property had been adequately cleaned up.* After listening to him and asking a few status questions to Malchus, Mayor Choat assured Meadows that the City will continue to monitor 212 Forest Drive and act quickly in the event of non-compliance. Donna Hicks (195 Woodland Drive) publicly thanked the City, three Parks employees as well as Mike & Leon Sweet (father/son city residents) for rescuing her husband Ronald after he passed out during a late afternoon walk in the Parks complex. She recalled the entire event with details. Her husband was in the audience, sitting quietly. Mayor Choat wants to honor those city employees at a future meeting.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Cook introduced a proposed proclamation honoring the state champion Hewitt-Trussville Middle School Mountain Bike team. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-15** After a brief recess for photos with the team and comments from head coach Kirk Lovin, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring up a proposed ordinance for immediate consideration. Councilor Short seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor then introduced an ordinance to renew and extend the City's \$6 million line of credit with Synovus Bank for an additional two years, on amended payment terms. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2023-015-ADM**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to declare dozens of Gymnastics equipment as surplus. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-41**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to accept streets throughout the Halcyon subdivision. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-42**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to approve the Turnmill Ridge Estates Public Right-of-Way Agreement. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-43**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution to award the Commerce Lane Extension public works project to Milam & Company Construction. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-44**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to install rubber speed humps on Winslow Drive, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-45**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to authorize Mayor Choat to sign a no-cost Maintenance Agreement regarding Glendale Farms. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-46**

Under Council reports, Councilor Anderson reported that the Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority is repairing and replacing parts of the old Baptist Church cemetery fence on Main Street. Also, the Veterans Committee is preparing for its 9/11 and Veterans Day outreach events. They will be taking Veterans of the Year nominations. Also, the Library is finishing up its summer reading program. Storyteller Donna Washington will be there August 4. ACTA's production *School of Rock* has eight sold-out shows. It is hosting a kids camp in early August, just before schools open their doors. ACTA is happy to acquire new curtains.

Councilor Cook reported that the Parks & Recreation board met on July 18. It's looking to install new turf fields for football, baseball and soccer, as well as improve the off-road bike trail. Fall baseball enrollment is already at 400 and likely to get to 450 by the end of registration. It is likely that the city will soon have a new track club. They're also exploring the idea of an arts council. Also, the Seniors Center just organized a trip to Bermuda; next, they and their clients will go to a Barons game. Also, Inspections remains busy, reviewing permits and conducting enforcement/oversight. Also, the Tree Commission will meet later this week.

Councilor Short reported that Planning & Zoning is between meetings. He rolled over his Design Review Committee report.

Councilor Taylor reported that Trussville Utilities Board had met over the previous week. The City has avoided water drought conditions. Also, Public Safety had met over the previous week to review traffic studies. Also, the Chamber is nearing the end of its search for a new executive director. It's hosting the Mayor's annual prayer breakfast on August 4. Also, Leadership Trussville reviewed 42 applications for its incoming class of 30 during its recent leadership meeting.

President Bright confirmed with Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan that his department continues to cut grass and remove dead and/or dangerous trees. She recognized Dr. Patrick Martin, who introduced new HTMS principal Jared Meads, HTHS principal Aaron King and HTHS band director Mark Knauss. Each man spoke briefly, expressing gratitude. Teachers will return to school August 3; students with A-J last names, August 9; students with K-Z last names, August 10; then all students, August 11. Just before school starts, the BOE will have its annual in-house planning retreat. The BOE aced its annual bus inspections administered by the state school board. The annual Paws for Cause fundraiser occurs August 19 in the Entertainment District. Also, the IDA will meet on July 27.

Mayor Choat thanked Mrs. Hicks for recognizing the Parks employees for their heroism. He also thanked the Chamber and private sponsors for the annual city employee luncheon. He also reported that State Rep. Danny Garrett is working with Jeff State to locate a new training facility here in town. Perhaps

it can be at Glendale Farms, near the prospective fourth elementary school site. Sain & Associates are working on the Glendale Farms master plan. He plans to give his annual State of the City speech in October. He clarified for the public's benefit that the City would gradually phase in the turfing of athletic fields. He mentioned that Commerce Lane extension would take up to 180 days to build, with a start date sometime by September 1.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) reiterated his complaint about North Chalkville Road traffic and asked about road striping near Sam's Club. Mayor Choat then informed Epstein he learned that road striping there is Jefferson County's responsibility.

With no further business on the agenda, President Bright adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib, CMC  
City Clerk