

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, August 3, 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 served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows: Council President Lisa Bright
Councilor Alan Taylor

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

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Ben Short

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Finance Director Mike Hinson reviewed the updated FY2023 budget numbers, explaining that the City's recent property purchases do create a deficit in the operating budget; however, the City has had funds in reserve, accumulations from previous years' surpluses. Once he accounted for those surpluses as a revenue source, the City's operating budget remains solvent. Mayor Choat requested that the City Council add a resolution authorizing him to engage the professional services of Latham Architects for designing and supervising the construction of synthetic athletic fields within city facilities. He said he would discuss it with the absent councilors before the business meeting. Both Bright and Taylor readily agreed. With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:32 pm.

AUGUST 8, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Lisa Bright presiding over the meeting and Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Bright called the meeting to order. She led the prayer and Councilor Taylor led the pledge.

Those members present were as follows: Council President Lisa Bright
Councilor Alan Taylor
Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Ben Short

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

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

They reviewed the minutes from the July 20 agenda workshop and July 25 regular session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

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

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Taylor introduced a proposed resolution to amend the FY2023 budget, accounting for adjustments to actual revenues and expenses. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-47**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to declare the Police FEMA trailer at the Irondale Police Firing Range surplus. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-48**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to declare two Civic Center televisions surplus. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-49**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to declare the refrigerator at the City Hall Annex surplus. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-50**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to designate SmartBank as a depository of City funds. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-51**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to adopt the annual City Transportation Plan. He moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-52**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to endorse the Alabama Department of Transportation's upcoming curb replacement project throughout the Birmingham metro area. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-53**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to authorize Mayor Choat to negotiate a professional services contract with Lathan Associates Architects PC for designing and overseeing the construction of turf athletic fields in City facilities. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-54**

During Council reports, Councilor Cook deferred all his committee reports to the next council meeting.

Councilor Short reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission's next agenda workshop is Thursday, August 10.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Finance Committee will meet next week. Also, Chamber of Commerce board just met. The search for its next executive director remains ongoing. They hosted a very successful Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on August 4. The Dog Daze Festival, formerly known as City Fest, will occur next month. Also, Leadership Trussville has selected 30 members of its second class. There will be a reception for them and the inaugural class this month, just ahead of the initial class session in September.

President Bright acknowledged School Board member Steve Ward then reported that the city school year starts this week. The Board of Education had a successful safety meeting with SROs and school administrators. Superintendent Patrick Martin PhD led a full-day planning session retreat on August 3. The BOE hosted a reception for 41 new teachers. Student handbooks are now available online. Paws for a Cause fundraiser will take place August 19 in the Entertainment District. Also, she thanked Public Works for their ongoing work repairing potholes, trimming trees and mowing grass.

Mayor Choat thanked the Chamber for hosting the prayer breakfast and city employees for attending. He reported that Rep. Gary Palmer is hosting an informal gathering with constituents at the Civic Center on August 9. Also, the City will soon close in its sale of Gadsden Highway property to RaceTrac owners, which will help make that intersection safer for its customers. Also, the City will soon reveal the arrival of a new retail business to the downtown area. He thanked the Redevelopment Authority for its efforts. Also, Jefferson County will soon accept bids for the North Chalkville Road widening project, estimated to cost \$9.3 million. Also, the City will soon begin its road paving and striping work.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Rd) requested that the City synchronize the Chalkville Road traffic lights near the I-59, which is close to his neighborhood. He also asked the City to address drainage at Linden Street near US Hwy 11. Mayor acknowledged him.

With no further business to discuss, President Bright adjourned the meeting around 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC
City Clerk