

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### OCTOBER 5, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, October 5, 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  
Council President Pro Tem Jaime Anderson  
Councilor Perry Cook  
Councilor Ben Short

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

Those absent: Councilor Alan Taylor

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. At Mayor's request, the councilors agreed to add a proclamation (Turn Trussville **Pink**), in addition to an ordinance and a resolution for declaring city property surplus then selling it, respectively. Property owner Lan Moore and his attorney Charlie Beavers appeared before the Council to explain Moore's property access issue. They want the City's support when they petition the Jefferson County Probate Court to request a condemnation for a 30-foot-wide easement so that Moore can unfettered access to his 80 undeveloped acres, all of which is within the City limits. After some informal discussion, Beavers agreed to delay while Mayor Choat reaches out to an owner of neighboring property. Mayor Choat shared with the council members a draft rendering of a redeveloped Glendale Farms by Sain Associates. With nothing left to review, President Bright adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:28 pm.

### OCTOBER 10, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 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. Councilor Short led the prayer and Councilor Cook led the pledge.

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

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

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

They reviewed the minutes from the October 5 agenda workshop and October 10 regular session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

During public comments, Veterans member John Griscom announced that the committee would begin fundraising the next day for its annual Wreaths Across America campaign. On December 16, they plan to lay wreaths at every veteran's grave throughout the City. Each wreath costs \$17.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Taylor introduced a proposed proclamation declaring October 18th as Turn Trussville **Pink** Day in support of breast cancer research and prevention. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-19**

Councilor Taylor introduced a proposed proclamation declaring October 18th as National Support Your Local Chamber Day. He moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-20** The Council presented it to interim Chamber of Commerce executive director Melissa Walker. After a brief recess for photos, President Bright resumed the meeting.

President Bright then convened a public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of property located at 6919 Roper Road. Tony & Heidi Hulwi were in attendance. They intend only to build a barn there for their own use. Since nobody else spoke up, President Bright closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring up an ordinance for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve a proposed rezoning ordinance, with 6919 Roper Road reverts back to A-1 from R-1, with the stipulated ban on mobile or manufactured homes. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2023-020-PZ**

President Bright then convened a public hearing regarding the proposed alcohol license for incoming restaurant Con Huevos, to be located at 201 Main Street. Owner Daniela M Carranza was in attendance. She answered Councilor Taylor's questions regarding checking patrons' identifications and staff training to his satisfaction. She plans to be open for breakfast and lunch, six days a week, starting on October 18. Since nobody else spoke up, President Bright closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to approve Con Huevos' 020 restaurant retail liquor application. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-71**

Councilor Short then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring up an ordinance for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve a proposed ordinance to declare the property located at 6287 Service Road surplus. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2023-021-ADM**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to approve a real estate agreement involving the aforementioned property with Clayton Properties Group, Inc. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-72**

Under committee reports, Councilor Cook reported that the Parks Board will meet on October 17. Lacrosse families raised \$5000 for Grayson Pope. Also, the fall soccer leagues have 647 registered participants; over 60% are under 10 years old. Also, the Senior Citizens Advisory Board are updating its bylaws. Also, the Tree Commission is preparing for Arbor Day and fall planting season.

Councilor Short announced that Planning & Zoning rescheduled its meeting to October 19.

Councilor Taylor reported that Public Safety will meet on October 11. Also, the Chamber's board met earlier that day. They are preparing for the Mayor's State of the City luncheon next week, the Lt. Governor's lunch meeting on November 9, and several ribbon cuttings. Also, the second Leadership Trussville class will have its next session on October 12 at the Civic Center.

President Bright acknowledged school board member Dr. Steven Ward. She announced that the Hewitt-Trussville bowling team will host the regional playoffs tournament at Spare Time, for the first time ever. The school board's next meeting occurs on October 16. Also, IDA member SPOC Automation was named 2023 medium manufacturer of the year by the Alabama Technology Network & the Business Council of Alabama. Also, Public Works remains busy with repairing the Parkway Drive sidewalk, removing highway litter and placing new signs around the entertainment district.

Mayor Choat reported progress on the Commerce Lane extension. At some point soon, ALDOT is supposed to bid out its I-59 lanes widening project. The City is awaiting the arrival of new Loop Road poles. The Utilities Board is submitting its Loop Road plans soon.

There were no audience comments, even with Richard Epstein present.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC  
City Clerk