

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### OCTOBER 19, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, October 19, 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
	Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in their official capacity:

	Mayor Buddy Choat
	City Clerk Dan Weinrib

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. At Mayor's request, property owner Oscar Kent & his wife appeared before the Council to explain their perspective on the private property access dispute with Lann Moore, two weeks after Moore and his attorney Charlie Beavers' public meeting with the Council. They mentioned they spent \$50,000 in gravel to build their own drive access. Their gate is about a mile from their house. They put up a non-locking gate for security reasons. They said they did not understand why they were here because for the last 14 years, they have never denied Moore entry. They did have issues with Moore letting his own guests come and go to hunt on his land, and they also recalled his bringing heavy trucks through, which they say damaged their private road. Moore disputed that, saying the vehicles were not heavy and the road is still usable. Moore said he accesses his own property, instead, through the Sarinopoulos Estate Trust's parcel. Discussion ensued. The Councilors collectively expressed reluctance to get involved in a private property dispute, fearing it would set a bad precedent. They prefer that the parties work out amicably without attorneys, or alternatively, through circuit court. When Mrs. Kent asked if Moore would be willing to pay for the road's upkeep and repairs, he said "yes" They were friendly to one another the entire time. Afterwards, the Council discussed rescheduling its second meetings in November and December. Weinrib agreed to take care of public notices. With nothing left to review, President Bright adjourned the workshop at 5:42 pm.

### OCTOBER 24, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, October 24, 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 Taylor led the prayer and Councilor Anderson led the pledge.

Those members present were as follows:

	Council President Lisa Bright
	Councilor Alan Taylor
	Councilor Ben Short
	Councilor Perry Cook
	Councilor Jaime Anderson

Others present in their official capacity:

	Mayor Buddy Choat
	City Clerk Dan Weinrib
	City Attorney Rick Stotser

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

Mayor Choat requested, and the City Council agreed to add two resolutions, which had not been reviewed during the agenda workshop, to the regular agenda. President Bright then introduced the consent and regular agendas. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the one-item consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

During public comments, Hawkridge HOA president George Harding asked the city to enforce a street parking prohibition at the neighborhood school bus stop for public safety reasons. Councilor Taylor referred his request over to Lt. Chuck Bradford, who was in attendance, for the Public Safety Committee's review at its next meeting.

Under the regular agenda, Mayor Choat presented a \$36,000 check to Cahaba Homestead Heritage Foundation president Amy Peterson O'Brien and board members. The check closed out CHHF's fundraising. A contractor has already begun building three Cahaba Project stone monuments. After a brief recess for photos, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Next, American Legion Post 205 recognized Public Safety Dispatcher Hollye Grosvenor as its 2023 Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Year. After a brief recess for photos, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor introduced a proposed proclamation declaring October 24th as Rotary International World Polio Day. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-21** The Council presented it to Sunrise Rotary Club president Kristi Bradford and members who were in attendance. After a brief recess for photos, President Bright resumed the meeting.

Councilor Short then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules 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, annexing 7377 & 7379 Roper Road, with the stipulated ban on mobile or manufactured homes. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2023-022-ANX**

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Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to award the soft drinks fountain pouring bid for all Parks & Recreation athletic facilities to Coca-Cola Bottling Company United, Inc., thus continuing a lengthy relationship with the local bottler. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-73**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution to approve the 2024 City holidays schedule. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-74**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution declaring two 2012 Police Chevrolet Tahoe cars as surplus. The City plans to convey them to the Repton, Ala., police department. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-75**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution authorizing the city to acquire engineering plans and other due diligence from the previous Glendale Farms developers. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-76**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Choat to sign an infrastructure memorandum of understanding with Coleman Commerce LLC. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-77**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a motion to nominate Councilor Anderson as the Council President for the November 2023 – October 2024 term. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a motion to nominate Councilor Short as the Council President Pro Tem for the November 2023 – October 2024 term. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

Under committee reports, Councilor Anderson reported that Veterans is accepting nominations for Veteran of the Year via social media and the local Chamber of Commerce. The winner will be announced at the upcoming Toast of the Town event. Veterans is also working with Hewitt-Trussville to bring JROTC to the high school. Also, there will be a special guest speaker at Daybreak Rotary on November 8. Anderson recognized Outreach Director Katie Evans, then deferred to her for announcing Library events. Evans then informed the public about the successful 5K-run, October 30th Teen Trivia and Family Movie Night and October 31 Trick-or-Treat events. Also, ACTA is preparing for its December productions *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street & The Best Christmas Pageant*. Also, the City Historical Museum hosted Leadership Trussville on October 12. The museum will be open on November 11 and hold a Christmas Crafts Show on November 17-18.

Councilor Cook reported that the Parks Board met on October 17, where they discussed Pickleball Courts area parking issues. Berry College used P&R facilities for its lacrosse minicamp. There are approximately 10,000 individual registrations in all P&R activities. Senior Citizens Advisory Board will meet on October 25. After acknowledging Tree Commission member Ralph Mitchell in the audience, he then reported that the Tree Commission will plant 18 trees around the city.

Councilor Short summarized Design Review's signage approvals, including Capella Pizzeria and North Park First Baptist Church.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Utilities Board is monitoring water levels, even though the city is not in a critical drought. Also, the Chamber is preparing for the holiday events, the November 9th legislative breakfast with Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth, and various ribbon cuttings. He praised Mayor Choat for his State of the City address at a packed Chamber luncheon. After acknowledging executive director Kristi Bradford, Taylor reported that Leadership Trussville has finished its second session of the year; various volunteer committees are developing project ideas over the next few months.

President Bright reported that the high school has Senior Night on October 21. Also, the 7th-8th-9th grade football teams are metro champions. The week of November 6-10 is Red Ribbon Week, supporting the Huskies Together anti-drug cause. Also, the IDA will meet on October 26. Also, Public Works will start vacuuming leaves on November 13. She praised them for their sinkhole repair work on Taylor Lane and Glenn Avenue, respectively.

Mayor Choat reported that the City and Tree Commission hired an outside expert to evaluate trees on various City properties throughout the Cahaba Project to determine which ones can be preserved.

During audience comments, private citizen Ralph Mitchell reminded the public and city leaders of the City Tree Ordinance's purpose so that everybody adheres to its rules and regulations.

At President Bright's prompting, Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to go into executive session in order to discuss a potential real estate matter with city school board leaders. **UNANIMOUS** The Council briefly recessed at 6:44 pm, then relocated for its executive session. Upon its conclusion, President Bright promptly reconvened the regular meeting and immediately adjourned it at approximately 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC  
City Clerk