

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### NOVEMBER 9, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, November 9, 2023**, at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex, to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Jaime Melton Anderson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows: Council President Jaime Anderson  
Council Pro Tempore Ben Short  
Councilor Perry Cook  
Councilor Alan Taylor

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

Those absent: Councilor Lisa Bright

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. During discussion, Mayor Choat explained to the City Council that an out-of-state developer of senior health care and living residences wanted to explore the possibility of purchasing city-owned property at the end of Kenimer Avenue and behind the Winn-Dixie-anchored shopping center on Main Street. Attorney Chesley Payne explained the proposed letter of intent would give both parties the opportunity to explore a possible sale-purchase agreement, with no firm commitment. At the mayor's request, the City Council agreed to add a resolution to the agenda, authorizing the non-binding letter of intent. With nothing left to review, President Anderson adjourned the workshop at 5:18 pm.

### NOVEMBER 14, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Jaime Anderson presiding over the meeting and Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Anderson called the meeting to order. Councilor Taylor led the prayer and Councilor Short 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 19 agenda workshop, October 24 regular session and October 30 special session. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Anderson announced that because three football teams were in attendance, public comments would follow the regular agenda.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation congratulating the undefeated Hewitt-Trussville 7th grade football team. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-22** Head Coach Terry Gillespie briefly addressed the audience, with some of his team in attendance. After a brief recess for photos, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed proclamation congratulating the undefeated Hewitt-Trussville 8th grade football team. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-23** Head Coach Scott Bromley briefly addressed the audience, with some of his team in attendance. After a brief recess for photos, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed proclamation congratulating the undefeated Hewitt-Trussville 9th grade football team. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-24** Head Coach Dylan Teague briefly addressed the audience, with some of his team in attendance. After a brief recess for photos, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to provide longevity pay to employees with at least five years of continuous service to Trussville. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-79**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to approve the Fire Department's future purchases of SCBA equipment with no bidding required. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-80**

President Anderson then opened a public hearing regarding Walk Ons Sports Bistreaux's alcohol license application. Owner Matt Roth and general manager Landon Maynard introduced themselves, gave a brief history of Walk Ons and pledged support for Parks & Recreation, community athletics and the Fire Department's annual Christmas toy drive. There were no questions or comments from the audience. When Councilor Taylor asked, Roth said they plan to open officially on December 11 but would have soft openings prior to that. When Councilor Short asked, the two men answered that employees will receive alcohol service training from both corporate and ABC, then must pass tests which will be kept on file. When Councilor Taylor asked, all patrons who order alcohol will get carded, regardless of age. Mayor Choat gave warm welcoming remarks to Walk Ons management. With no more questions from the dais, President Anderson closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to approve Walk Ons Sports Bistreaux's alcohol license application. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-81**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution engaging Witt O'Brien's for professional grants management services. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-82**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution approving a non-binding letter of intent with Smith/Packett Med-Com LLC for the purpose of exploring a sale of undeveloped city property behind the Winn-Dixie shopping center. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-83**

Under committee reports, Councilor Bright asked the public for patience and understanding as Public Works performs its annual challenging work of leaf vacuuming. Public Works did sign work at the city pickleball courts and remains vigilant on litter and debris pickup. Also, she acknowledged School Board member Sherrye Tolbert and superintendent Dr. Patrick Martin. She mentioned that at its November, the school board honored the three football teams, girls cross country track team, and ACAP (Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program) students. She also reported that the community will receive two state grants subsidizing the construction of the new Huskies softball field complex, a joint benefit for the schools and the city.

Councilor Cook reported that the Pinchgut Creek Revival was so successful that organizers are already planning for next year's event. Also, the Scouting Association raised about \$27,000 from popcorn sales. Also, the Art Show at Rodney Scott's BBQ was successful too. Also, the city soccer association raised \$40,000 for new soccer screens and scholarships. Also, the city lacrosse group is selling poinsettias on December 3rd. Registrations for various sports programs remain healthy. Also, Inspections remains busy. Also, the Tree Commission and its vendor Ace Tree is taking inventory of trees throughout the Cahaba Project. The Commission will plant up to 20 trees soon.

Councilor Short deferred his report.

Councilor Taylor reported that Leadership Trussville visited the city's public safety departments last week. He deferred the rest of his report.

President Anderson reported all of the Veterans Committee's activities honoring the November 11 federal holiday. City school students wrote 1262 thank-you cards to distribute to former military service members. Veterans are partnering with local churches to deliver family care packages over the Christmas holidays. Also, she encouraged the public to visit the Library website for its busy lineup of December events. Also, ACTA is now selling tickets to its December productions *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* & *The Best Christmas Pageant*. Also, the City Historical Museum will have its Christmas Crafts Show on November 17-18.

Mayor Choat reported that even though bids for widening North Chalkville Road near I-59 came in over budget by \$1.7 million, Jefferson County will proceed with construction because of its importance to our community. Work should start in January.

During public comments, Jessie Odell (7365 Thomas Hall Drive), Jackie Carroll (3320 Queenstown Road), Debbie Wallace (8012 North Lake Drive) and Stephanie Carroll (7806 Windsong Drive) expressed their opposition to the City's decision to join the metro area Jefferson County E-911 dispatch center. Consequently, the dispatchers -- currently city employees -- will get an opportunity to join Jefferson County E-911 and be assigned to Trussville. Mayor Choat addressed each speaker's concerns, even pointing out that he first discussed the idea with the police and fire chiefs before making this decision. Had they opposed it, he too would have opposed it. Already Mountain Brook and Vestavia Hills have joined the Shelby County E-911. Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) appreciated the City cleaning up signs along North Chalkville Road. He continued lobbying for streetlights along Valley Road.

With nothing left on the agenda, President Anderson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC  
City Clerk