

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, September 21, 2023**, at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex, to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Pro Tem Jaime Anderson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:	Council President Pro Tem Jaime Anderson Councilor Perry Cook Councilor Alan Taylor Councilor Ben Short
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Others present in their official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat City Clerk Dan Weinrib
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Those absent:	Council President Lisa Bright
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The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. During its review of the proposed agenda, CPA Joe Chapman of Cork, Hill & Company LLC summarized his firm's findings, which included a clean finding of the City's overall financials. Subsequently, Mayor Choat summarized the proposed FY2024 budget, which the City Council will review prior to its regular session. With nothing left to review, President Pro Tem Anderson adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:45 pm.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 26, 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 Anderson led the prayer and two BSA Troop 216 scouts led the pledge.

Those members present were as follows:	Council President Lisa Bright Councilor Jaime Anderson Councilor Alan Taylor Councilor Ben Short
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Others present in their official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat City Clerk Dan Weinrib City Attorney Chesley Payne
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Those absent:	Councilor Perry Cook
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They reviewed the minutes from the September 7 agenda workshop and September 12 regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

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

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the 4th annual Trussville Witches Ride Parade a citywide event. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-17**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the upcoming Friends of Pinchgut Creek gathering at the Mall pavilion a citywide event. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2023-18** The Council recognized city resident and Pinchgut Creek supporter Cheryl Hamilton in the audience.

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, whereby Trussville exercises its option to leave the Jefferson County Personnel Board in order to form its own civil service system in 2024. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2023-019-ADM**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to establish a policy for city employees needing unpaid leave of absence for COVID illness. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-65**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to accept the Cork, Hill & Company's audit of the City's FY2022 finances. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-66**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to adopt the City's FY2024 budget, as presented. He moved & Councilors Anderson and Short jointly seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-67**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to approve the City's traffic signal permit application for the US Highway 11 & Bethune Parkway intersection. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-68**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to extend the master agreement with Ingenuity Inc. for its finance operations software through September 2026, with options for two-year extensions. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-69**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution, in its entirety, to approve opioid settlements distributions through the new non-profit Huskies Together, Inc. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2023-70**

Under committee reports, Councilor Anderson reported that the Library is hosting its 5K Fun Run on October 14 and Trick-or-Treat on October 31. Also, Anderson reported on behalf of the Cemetery Authority that David Hastings agreed to paint and re-install the City Cemetery fence.

Councilor Short summarized the various sign approvals and incoming businesses, including a dog grooming business on Main Street, from the most recent Design Review Committee meeting.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Utilities Board had met recently. For Finance, he thanked Finance Director Mike Hinson and Senior Accountant Jenny Shipp for their work to draft the new budget. Also, he thanked the Chamber of Commerce staff for the successful return of the Dog Daze Festival from the prior weekend. He also announced that the 2nd Leadership Trussville class has its kickoff overnight retreat this week in Talladega County.

President Bright acknowledged school board member Cathy Brown. She announced that the homecoming parade is this Thursday at 4 pm. Also, city school board members completed some academy training provided by the state association of school boards. Also, the Arc of Alabama honored special education collaborative specialist Erin Piper as its 2023 Education Advocate of the Year. Also, Public Works remains busy with replacing signs, mowing grass and clearing out clogged ditches.

Mayor Choat informed the public that he will meet with department heads the following morning to discuss the newly approved budget. He also gave progress updates on the Commerce Lane extension and Loop Road projects, both of which remain on schedule. He expressed excitement, with a healthy of relief, about the incoming traffic light for Stockton residents.

There were no audience comments.

With no further public business to discuss, at President Bright's prompting, Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for an executive session to discuss a potential real estate deal. **UNANIMOUS** After a brief recess, they met in executive session. It ended by 6:55 pm. President Bright promptly adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC
City Clerk