

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2024 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in an **agenda workshop session on Thursday, March 21, 2024**, at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Pro Tem Ben Short presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

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

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

Those absent: Council President Jaime Anderson

The City Council then determined the order of consideration. Mayor Choat revisited a proposed economic development agreement regarding Walk Ons Bistreaux with the Council. He asked the Council to consider adding it to a future agenda. Ryan Vernon of Lathan Architects gave a presentation for renovating the Sports Complex softball and baseball fields. The City would replace grass with turf and convert one baseball field into a Miracle Field. Vernon stated that Lathan's proposed construction would require closing the ballfields in June, to re-open in time for the 2025 playing season. The councilors gave their informal support. With nothing left to review, President Pro Tem Short adjourned the workshop around 5:25 pm.

MARCH 26, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024**, at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Jaime Anderson presiding over the meeting and Stacy Frazier serving as recording secretary.

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

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

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

They reviewed the minutes from the March 7 agenda workshop and March 12 regular session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Anderson introduced the one-item consent agenda, as well as the regular agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approving the consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approving the regular agenda, as amended. **UNANIMOUS**

Because of public interest regarding the Library board's most recent action, President Anderson deferred public comments until the end of the meeting.

Under the regular agenda, President Anderson recognized Police Chief Eric Rush. Chief Rush announced the promotions of Captain Richard Lovell, Lieutenant Chad Jones, Sergeant John Middleton, Corporal Anthony Martin and Corporal Jordan Thomas. He summarized each man's law enforcement service with high praise, then presented plaques. After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor then moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules and bring up an ordinance up for immediate consideration. Councilor Short seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor subsequently introduced a proposed ordinance to re-adopt Ordinance No. 2019-020-ADM and Resolution No. 2019-046, which establish the City Employee Civil Service and related Rules & Regulations, respectively. This reflects Trussville breaking away from the Personnel Board of Jefferson

County, in order to set up its own system. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2024-004-ADM**

During Council reports, Councilor Bright reported that the Industrial Development Authority will participate in Career Day at the high school, for juniors and seniors interested in employment opportunities with IDA businesses. She invited other business owners to participate in Career Day. She deferred the rest of her committee reports.

Councilor Cook welcomed Walk Ons as the newest Civic Center caterer. He deferred the rest of his committee reports.

Councilor Short deferred his committee reports.

Councilor Taylor deferred his committee reports.

President Anderson reported that only 19 spots remain for the Gees Bend quilt making workshop on April 19. Also, the Red Cross blood drive occurs on March 29. She deferred the rest of her committee reports.

Mayor Choat announced that he will meet with ALDOT Director John Cooper and staff on March 28 to get an update on its I-59 lane widening project.

During audience comments, Preston Pendergraft (6225 Jonathan Way) spoke out in support of the Library Board's decision to keep certain books in circulation for public consumption, instead of capitulating to a group's efforts to remove them. Jessie Odell (7365 Thomas Hall Drive) and Matt Georgia (3489 Annette Street) agreed. Emily Stauss (7179 Mountain View Drive NE) & Marti Slay (3581 Queenstown Road) also advocated support for the board and the library's mission. All three speakers also thanked city leaders for supporting the board members.

With nothing left on the agenda, President Anderson promptly adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC
City Clerk