

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### JULY 18, 2024 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop session** on **Thursday, July 18, 2024**, at 5 pm to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Jaime Anderson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:                      Councilor Jaime Anderson  
   Councilor Ben Short  
   Councilor Lisa Bright  
   Councilor Perry Cook  
   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. Next, Bobby Riis of Tower Homes shared his company's proposed subdivision plans for 18.2 acres, currently owned by Deerfoot Baptist Church. If the Council agreed to rezone the property to R-G (Garden Residential), Tower Homes has designed a 49-lot subdivision, sandwiched by Mount Olive Church Road and Husky Parkway. The Council asked a few questions then informally indicated they would keep an open mind to the idea. Councilor Bright informed everybody that she would miss the regular meeting. With nothing left to review, the agenda workshop adjourned around 5:20 pm.

### JULY 23, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, July 23, 2024**, at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Jaime Anderson presiding and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

Council 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 Jaime Anderson  
   Councilor Perry Cook  
   Councilor Alan Taylor  
   Councilor Ben Short

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

Those absent:    Councilor Lisa Bright

They reviewed the minutes from the July 9 agenda workshop & regular session. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve all minutes as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

President Anderson introduced the regular agenda. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approving the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Taylor introduced a proposed proclamation honoring HTHS graduate Jackson Howell. **He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-17** Tuscaloosa resident Joe Hocutt introduced incoming College Football Hall of Fame inductee Antonio Langham, who then heaped generous praise on Howell for his high school academic and athletic accomplishments. The former All-American and member of the 1992 national championship **Crimson Tide** then presented Howell with his Team of Distinction plaque from the National Football Foundation. Howell's extended family was in attendance, including his grandparents Buddy & Becky Aydelette. Buddy Aydelette played offensive guard for **University of Alabama** under Coach Paul Bryant, including the 1978 & 1979 national championship teams. Howell too will play offensive line for **Alabama**. After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed ordinance to annex property located at 401 Roper Drive. **He then moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules in order to bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote,**

**UNANIMOUS Councilor Short then moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for annexation. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2024-014-ANX**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution to grant unpaid leave to a new employee, who had already scheduled a vacation prior to his getting hired. **He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-36**

Next, Trussville resident and Jefferson County Commissioner Joe Knight gave the public a summary briefing about the current North Chalkville Road widening project, spanning from Woodland Circle to the I-59 bridge. He then introduced three county engineers in attendance. One of them, Luke Searcy, then gave a more detailed presentation, including video footage from a drone flyover. The County estimates that the \$10.8 million project will conclude around February 26, 2026.

During Committee reports, Councilor Cook summarized the Seniors Center's successful July 4 celebration at the Civic Center. Also, the Civic Center is hosting its silver anniversary commemoration on August 30th. Also, the Seniors Center is planning a group trip to New York City in December. Also, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is looking for a member to replace Jimmy Mazrano

Councilor Short reported that Design Review approved a new interstate sign for Krystals, a replacement exterior for Shirley's Florist and a speakeasy lounge layout, located in the Entertainment District.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Public Safety and Utilities committees did meet. He acknowledged Utilities member Buddy Aydelette in the audience. Also, the Chamber, Trussville First Baptist and a few businesses just hosted their annual city employee appreciation lunch at the Civic Center. Also, Leadership Trussville just selected its third class for the 2024-2025 year. Later, he promoted the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on August 2nd.

President Anderson reported that the Historical Commission enjoyed hosting the local Rotary Club back on July 10. They will open the City Museum on August 10, from 10 am to 2 pm. She also summarized the library's recent outreach to the Seniors Center. Also, Hewitt Trussville High School will honor local veterans at its home football game on August 30.

After congratulating Jackson Howell, Mayor Choat thanked the Chamber and sponsors for hosting the city employee luncheon. Also, he announced that ALDOT will open I-59 lane expansion bids on Friday July 26. He then gave an update on the US Highway 11 median project, including the change made by ALDOT to allow for left turns near Complete Cleaners. That change surprised Mayor Choat and city leaders. He then thanked Public Works for its weekend work to remove downed trees following weekend storms. He also informed the audience of a property tax referendum town hall meeting at the high school performing arts center on July 25th. He yielded his time to Trussville resident and State Representative Danny Garrett. Garrett told the public about various grants he secured for the community

There were no audience comments.

With nothing left on the agenda, President Anderson promptly adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC  
City Clerk