

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### AUGUST 8, 2024 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop session** on **Thursday, August 8, 2024**, at 5:02 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. After listening to Cork Hill accountant Joe Chapman summarize his firm's audit of the City's FY2023 financial performance, the elected officials mutually agreed to delay the related resolution to their next meeting, so that they can take a few days to read the audit. Next, IT Director Jason Parsons presented a proposal from TextMyGov, where the City could send citywide or targeted text messages to residents. Based on public feedback and city website usage, Parsons wants TextMyGov to replace the City's current app when that contract comes up for renewal. The elected officials mutually agreed to add the TextMyGov professional services agreement to the consent agenda. Next, Human Resources Director Mandy Dixon briefed the city council on the Civil Service Board's recommendation to create two new City positions. Mayor Choat suggested, and the City Council mutually agreed, to add a related resolution to the regular agenda. Because of the citywide property tax referendum, the elected officials mutually agreed to move their next regular session, to Thursday, August 22 from August 27. The rescheduled meeting will start immediately upon adjourning the 5 pm agenda workshop. Councilor Cook informed everybody that he would miss the regular meeting. With nothing left to review, the agenda workshop adjourned around 5:48 pm.

### AUGUST 13, 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 Bright led the prayer and Councilor Short led the pledge.

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

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

Those absent:    Councilor Perry Cook

They reviewed the minutes from the July 18 agenda workshop & July 23 regular session. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the minutes, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

President Anderson introduced the consent and regular agendas. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the three-item consent agenda, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS** Upon request from Mayor Choat, Councilor Bright moved, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion, to approve the regular agenda, which was amended to include an executive session prior to adjournment. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution to adopt the city's transportation plan, as required annually by the Rebuild Alabama Act. **She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-37**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Choat to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency, allowing JCEMA to relocate its operations center temporarily to Civic Center, if necessary. **He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-38**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Choat to sign a right-of-way easement deed to Jefferson County, for a replacement sewer easement in the Sherman Oaks neighborhood. **He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-39**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution adding two new job classifications – Code Enforcement Officer and Human Resources Generalist -- to the City and its Employee Civil Service Board. **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-40**

During Committee reports, Councilor Bright announced that the IDA will meet next Thursday, August 22, at 6 pm. She also praised Public Works for sprucing up the curbs and turn lanes at all school street accesses. After acknowledging school board member Kathy Brown in the audience, she announced the BOE's next meeting will be on August 19. She also promoted the upcoming Husky Night football jamboree and Paws for Cause fundraiser events; she praised Parks & Recreation for its successful Party at the Pavilion, which drew about 1000 people. She concluded her report by encouraging the public to vote on August 27th.

Councilor Short summarized the two annexations Planning & Zoning had recommended at its August 12th meeting.

Councilor Taylor announced that James Spann will be the Chamber of Commerce's featured speaker at its August 15th luncheon. Also, Leadership Trussville's executive committee will meet on August 16th.

President Anderson reported that Hewitt Trussville High School will honor local veterans at its home football game on August 30, aka "Red, White & Blue Night" She summarized upcoming events at the Library and encouraged the public to visit its website for additional details. Also, ACTA's next production *Mousetrap* opens on September 20.

Mayor Choat reported that ALDOT awarded Wiregrass Construction its I-59 lane widening project bid for \$70 million. Wiregrass will start on the southbound side this fall; it should take eight months. They then will do the northbound, which will take another eight months to complete. ALDOT also plans to repaint the lanes on County Road 10. Also, seven contractors cleared pre-bid screening for the city's upcoming Loop Road project. Also, the US Highway 11 median lane project resumes after ALDOT added left turn accesses near Complete Cleaners.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) exchanged friendly greetings with the City Council. He had missed a couple meetings because of a broken hip.

Councilor Taylor then moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss a potential or possible real estate deal. **UNANIMOUS**

Upon its conclusion and with nothing left on the agenda, President Anderson promptly adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC  
City Clerk