

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2024 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop session** on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024**, at 5:30 pm to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Pro Tem Ben Short presided over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

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

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

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

The City Council then determined the order of consideration. Although there were no formal discussion topics, Councilor Cook informally brought up a tree issue. After Assistant Public Works Director Justin Ferguson shared his thoughts, Cook and others agreed that the Tree Commission should discuss that matter at its November 4 meeting. At the Council's request, city attorney Seth Cohen summarized Graham & Company's proposal to market the former Gold Kist chicken plant property, as recommended by the IDA. With nothing left to review, President Pro Tem Ben Short adjourned the workshop at 5:48 pm.

OCTOBER 22, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, October 22 2024**, at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Pro Tem Ben Short presiding and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Pro Tem Short called the meeting to order. Councilor Bright led the prayer and Councilor Taylor led the pledge.

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They reviewed the minutes from the October 3 agenda workshop & October 8 regular session. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the minutes, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

President Pro Tem Short then introduced the regular agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation recognizing October 24 as Rotary International World Polio Day. **She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-30** After a brief recess for a group photo with Rotarian Fran Aldridge, Short resumed the meeting.

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution accepting various streets throughout the Winslow Parc subdivisions. *The Council had tabled the proposal back in June because Inspections had not received critical documents from the developer.* **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval, UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-34**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Choat to sign a 15-year naming rights agreement with Amerex. The city's largest private sector employer is donating over \$500,000

to support the City's Miracle League baseball field, now under construction in the Sports Complex. **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-56**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution engaging commercial real estate broker Graham & Company for a one-year deal to market the former Gold Kist chicken plant property, per IDA's recommendation. **She moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-57**

President Pro Tem Short then solicited nominations for Council President, for the November 2024 – October 2025 term. Councilor Taylor nominated Councilor Short. There were no other nominations. **UNANIMOUS with Short abstaining**

President Pro Tem Short then solicited nominations for Council President Tem, for the November 2024 – October 2025 term. Councilor Bright nominated Councilor Taylor. There were no other nominations. **UNANIMOUS with Taylor abstaining**

During Committee reports, Councilor Bright acknowledged school board member Sherrye Tolbert in the audience and summarized the BOE's annual one-day retreat. The school board also honored 35 students who achieved perfect ACAP scores. She summarized Public Works' seasonal activities. Assistant Public Works Director Justin Ferguson wants the City to promote further its TextMyGov communication tool so that his department can notify city residents in advance about the leaf vacuum truck routes. She also promoted the HTHS stage production *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*.

Councilor Cook summarized the Seniors Centers' upcoming activities – Fall Festival on October 25, Thanksgiving lunch on November 8, and its December 9-13 trip to New York City.

Councilor Taylor summarized the Chamber of Commerce's well-attended lunch meeting on October 17, featuring Mayor Choat's State of the City address. Also, Leadership Trussville enjoyed touring city buildings for its Gateway to Happy Living Day on October 12. Next month, they will visit the new Fire Station No. 4.

Councilor Short carried over his reports.

Mayor Choat informed the public that the City will open bids for the Loop Road Project on October 30. Also, he will meet soon with Alabama State Games organizers to discuss hosting baseball and softball tournaments next summer. Also, he commended the City Employee Civil Service Board members and HR Director Mandy Dixon for all their time and hard work. When asked, Fire Chief Tim Shotts could not give an exact date for Fire Administration's upcoming move to its new offices but believed it would be around the end of the month.

There were no audience comments.

With nothing left on the agenda, Council President-elect Short adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC
City Clerk