

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2024 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop session** on **Thursday, November 7, 2024**, at 5 pm to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Ben Short presided over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

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

Others present in their official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib

Those absent: Mayor Buddy Choat
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Alan Taylor

The City Council then determined the order of consideration. Will Macabbe of Enterprise Fleet Management gave a presentation to the councilors. He and Enterprise are offering to run the City's automobile fleet. Instead of purchasing vehicles, the City would operate under equity leases. If the City were to sign an agreement and implement all of EFM's current recommendations, the City would turn over its entire automobile fleet by FY2030 or FY2031. The Council informally expressed an open mind to the idea. With nothing left to review, President Short adjourned the workshop at 5:45 pm.

NOVEMBER 12, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**, at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Ben Short presiding and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Short called the meeting to order. Councilor Anderson led the prayer and Councilor Cook led the pledge.

Those members present were as follows: Council President Ben Short
Councilor Jaime Anderson
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

They reviewed the minutes from the October 22 agenda workshop & regular session. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the minutes, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

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

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation honoring 8th Grade football coach Scott Bromley. After leading his team to a perfect 8-0 season, he earned Metro South Coach of the Year honors. **She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-31** There was a recess for group photos; then Bromley briefly spoke to the council and audience, expressing appreciation. Afterwards, Short resumed the meeting.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed proclamation declaring November 2024 as Epilepsy Awareness Month. **She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-32** There was a recess for group photos with two local families; Epilepsy Foundation Alabama executive director Jeremiah Stone Sr. spoke briefly to the council and audience, expressing appreciation. Afterwards, Short resumed the meeting.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution awarding the Loop Road construction bid to Milam & Company LLC. They offered the lowest bid, at \$5,932,984. **She moved and Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-58**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution approving the 2025 City holidays schedule, including three early closings. **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-59**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution allowing city government to close early on December 23 & December 31, 2024. **He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-60**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution authorizing longevity pay to city employees with at least five years of employment. **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-61**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution approving unpaid vacation leave to a city employee. That employee had already planned a vacation prior to his employment here. **He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-62**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution approving unpaid medical leave to a city employee, who is ineligible for FMLA. **He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-63**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution adding two new job classifications to the City Employee Civil Service System, as recommended by the Library Board. **She moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-64**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution approving various changes to job classifications, as recommended by the three-member Employee Civil Service Board. **She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-65**

Councilor Anderson deferred her committee reports.

Councilor Bright thanked Public Works for its continued progress on potholes and fallen trees. Since both leaf trucks require repairs, Public Works texted messages to affected residents, asking that they bag their leaves temporarily, until the leaf trucks are operating once again. She acknowledged school board member Dr. Steven Ward. The city schools announced that Lauren Deibert (HTHS), Mindy Dennis (HTMS), Stephanie Wilkerson (Cahaba ES), Landry Pate (Magnolia ES) & Madison Blank (Paine ES) are its Teachers of the Year. Also, HTHS cross country track and girls flag football teams are in the state playoffs.

Councilor Cook announced that youth basketball pre-season registration is down so far, compared to last year. He praised David Vinson & Drew Peterson for their leadership in the Sports Complex construction projects. Also, the Tree Commission will soon meet with the HTHS principal to review some questionable trees in the parking lot area.

Councilor Taylor announced that the Utilities Board will meet on November 18. Also, the start time for the Christmas parade will now start at 2 pm on December 14, instead of 3 pm. Also, Leadership Trussville will visit the new Fire Station No. 4, as part of its public safety day.

Councilor Short reported that the new Active Transportation Committee elected Kris Reeves as chair and J.T. Murphy as vice chair at its first meeting. They will meet every other month next year.

Mayor Choat thanked the downtown merchants for their nice Christmas promotional event. He also reported that the Miracle League construction project is running just ahead of schedule. He acknowledged city resident Richard Epstein, who was in the audience for the first time since September.

There were no audience comments, not even from Epstein.

At Mayor Choat's request, **Taylor moved, then Anderson & Bright jointly seconded the motion, to go into executive session to discuss a potential real estate transaction. UNANIMOUS** After a brief recess, they met behind closed doors until 7:07 pm. Upon its conclusion, President Short then adjourned the council meeting at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC City Clerk