

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### DECEMBER 5, 2024 AGENDA WORKSHOP

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

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

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

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

The City Council then determined the order of consideration. Mayor Choat briefly discussed pending sales of two properties in the industrial park, the status of Mount Joy Baptist Church's property on Pineview Avenue, and the possibility of assessing residential garbage fees. Fire & Inspections departments informed everybody about their offices relocating to Trussville-Clay Road. With nothing left to review, President Short adjourned the workshop at 5:20 pm.

### DECEMBER 10, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2024**, at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Ben Short presiding and Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Short called the meeting to order. Councilor Bright 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 Attorney Rick Stotser

Those absent: City Clerk Dan Weinrib

They reviewed the minutes from the November 21 agenda workshop & regular session. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the minutes, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

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

During public comments, John Griscom (3492 Annette Street) announced that he & other volunteers are laying 1400 wreaths for the annual Wreaths Across America Day, occurring December 14. Naman Renfro (7858 Raleigh Drive) asked the City Council to reconsider its resolution, enacted November 21, accepting all streets & sidewalks throughout Stockton. He contended that the sidewalks are not ADA compliant.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Taylor made a motion for unanimous consent to bring up a proposed ordinance up for immediate consideration. Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor then introduced an ordinance to annex an undeveloped property located at 2990 Leo Lane. **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2024-025-ANX**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution extending a City employee's unpaid leave of absence, per **Resolution No. 2024-63**, through December 20. **She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-67**

During committee reports, Councilor Anderson announced that the City museum will be open on December 14. Also, she promoted ACTA's productions *White Christmas & A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Also, she commended Veterans volunteers for preparing Christmas gift baskets for military families. Upon recognition, Librarian Jason Baker commended his employee Alicia Eyer on earning her master's degree in library and information studies at the [University of Alabama](#) while working full time.

Councilor Bright mentioned the IDA's special meeting on December 17. IDA will deliver Christmas trees to its tenants. Also, she commended Public Works for its prepping city streets for the Christmas, ongoing chicken plant clean-up and culvert clearing on Happy Hollow Road and Railroad Avenue. Also, the school board will meet on December 16. Schools will close from December 20 through January 3. She mentioned that ACTA provided teachers a free showing of *White Christmas*. She acknowledged school board member Dr. Steve Ward in the audience.

Councilor Cook noted a letter from Tree Commission member Sheree Mitchell. He also mentioned the city gymnastics team performed well at its most recent meet. Also, Inspections Department just moved its operations next to Fire Station No. 4.

Councilor Taylor announced that the Utilities Board's most recent audit reflected healthy finances and sound management. Also, reports on the City's October & November 2024 financials are forthcoming, met on November 18. He encouraged the public to visit the new fire station, something he just did himself. Also, the Chamber's annual Christmas parade will start at 2 pm on December 14. Also, the Leadership Trussville's next two programs are Small Business & Economic Development on December 12 and Government Day on January 9.

Councilor Short reported that the Planning & Zoning approved a modified Longmeadow plat at its December 9 meeting.

Mayor Choat thanked the Chamber and the Parks & Recreation department for the Christmas tree lighting. He thanked department David Vinson for his work to obtain grants for the Seniors Center. Also, he anticipates that Milam & Company will start the Loop Road Project on March 1, once all utilities have been relocated. Also, the ballfields construction has been ahead of schedule, prior to the inclement weather.

There were no audience comments. With nothing else to review, President Short then adjourned the council meeting, at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC  
City Clerk