

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JULY 8, 2025 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Tuesday, July 8, 2025**, at 5:30 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.

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Others present in their official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat City Attorney Rick Stotser City Clerk Dan Weinrib
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The City Council determined the order of consideration. Since there were no discussion items, President Short adjourned the workshop at 5:30 pm.

JULY 8, 2025 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, July 8, 2025**, at 5:30 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 Taylor led the prayer; Councilor Bright led the pledge.

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They reviewed the minutes from the June 26 agenda workshop & June 10 regular session. Councilor Cook pointed out a typo. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the minutes, with the correction noted. **UNANIMOUS**

President Short then introduced the regular agenda. Councilor Cook moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution accepting the FY2024 audit report from Cork Hill & Company LLC. The council needed additional time to review the audit after Joe Chapman's presentation on June 26. **He moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-30**

During committee reports, Councilor Anderson referred the public to the Library website for their latest schedule of events. Also, the city museum will be open on July 19. Also, ACTA's next production *Willy Wonka* will run July 10-20. She also thanked the public for their prayers of support as her father, former Mayor Gene Melton, continues to recover from his latest health setbacks.

Councilor Bright thanked Public Works, Parks, Police & Fire for their work at the Freedom Celebration on the Mall. Additionally, she thanked Trussville First Baptist Church for sponsoring the public event. Also, the school board's next meeting will be on July 21. She noted that Cahaba Elementary teacher April Smith won the Chiquita Marbury award for being an outstanding STEM teacher, as well as students William Bozeman & Parker Lybrand for their nominations to Boys State. She also made the public aware of various Foundation fundraisers to support the city schools.

Councilor Cook mentioned former councilor Zack Steele's appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board. He summarized enrollments in summer basketball, football, archery, softball and soccer. Also, the Seniors Center hosted 132 senior athletes for various District Masters sporting events. This October, Trussville will host up to 500 senior athletes for the State Masters tournament. Also, he commended ACE Tree Services for transplanting Magnolias to Magnolia Court and the new Cherokee sidewalk. He too thanked various city departments for their Freedom Celebration Day work.

Councilor Taylor reported that Finance continues its FY2026 budget preparatory work. He too thanked various city departments for their Freedom Celebration Day work. Also, Leadership Trussville's board will determine their next class of 30, from 42 applications.

Councilor Short informed the public when the Active Transportation, Design Review, & Planning & Zoning committees will meet next.

Mayor Choat summarized his latest meeting with ALDOT regional director DeJarvis Leonard, particularly regarding the I-59 expansion. ALDOT will temporarily close the southbound access from Chalkville Mountain Road, starting July 20. Also, Mayor described Tuscaloosa's lawsuit against the State Revenue Department, regarding SSUT. Also, Mayor praised Dr. Derrick Jordan and his Everlasting Ministry congregation on Happy Hollow Road. Also, Mayor Choat promoted his annual prayer breakfast, featuring retired football coach David Cutcliffe, on August 1.

During audience comments, council candidate Anthony Montalto (600 Linden Street) mentioned that Coach Cutcliffe's brother & sister-in-law used to live in Trussville. Montalto was their children's school principal.

With nothing else to review, President Short adjourned the meeting at 5:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib CMC