

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JULY 22, 2025 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Tuesday, July 22, 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.

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

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

Those absent: Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Alan Taylor

The City Council determined the order of consideration. At Mayor Choat’s request, the council agreed to add an executive session to the agenda. Since there were no discussion items, President Short adjourned the workshop at 5:33 pm.

JULY 22, 2025 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**, at 5:33 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 Anderson led the prayer; Councilor Bright led the pledge.

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They reviewed the minutes from the July 8 agenda workshop & regular session. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. **UNANIMOUS**

President Short then introduced the consent & regular agenda. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the two-item consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS**
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There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation to declare the local high school homecoming parade a citywide event. **She moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2025-14**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed ordinance. **She moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Anderson then moved to **approve an ordinance to declare over 1381 acres of city-owned property east of Deerfoot Parkway as surplus; Councilor Bright seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-015-ADM**

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immediate consideration. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Councilor Bright then moved to approve an ordinance for the City to sell those 1381+ acres to Trussville Gas & Water Board for almost \$8.4 million; Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. The buyer intends to keep the land undeveloped to protect the City's water supply. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-016-ADM**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a resolution to add Finance Director Joseph Calvert's name to the City's banking and other financial institutions' accounts. **She moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-32**

During committee reports, Councilor Anderson reported that the Library's successful summer reading program is winding down. Also, the city museum will be open all day during the Dog Daze festival on August 9. The Historical Committee will have its own tent in front of Heritage Hall. Also, ACTA sold out all its *Willy Wonka* shows. Its next show *Aladdin Jr.* runs August 1-3. ACTA received money from the Alabama Arts Council & State Representative Danny Garrett for replacement lighting. Also, she promoted local writer Gary Lloyd's new book *Model City*, which details the origins of the Cahaba Project district.

Councilor Bright acknowledged Dr. Patrick Martin & school member Kim DeShazo. The board met on July 21. Prior to that, the schools met with Trussville Fire & Police in preparation for the upcoming school year. She & Dr. Martin thanked both fire & police chiefs, as well as the student resource officers. The first day of school is August 7 or 8, depending on each child's last name. Dr. Martin bragged on the high school students' participation & pass rates on Advanced Placement exams. Also, the IDA will meet on August 31.

Councilor Short deferred his committee reports.

Mayor Choat updated the public on Loop Road, I-59 lane expansion & Happy Hollow Road resurfacing projects. He also promoted the annual prayer breakfast, featuring retired football coach David Cutcliffe, on August 1.

During audience comments, council candidate Jim Miller (517 Ryding Circle) praised the mayor for the successful property sale to the Gas & Water Board.

Councilor Bright then moved, and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion, to go into executive session to discuss possible or pending litigation. UNANIMOUS After a brief recess, the elected officials met behind closed doors. When that concluded, they reconvened in regular session and promptly adjourned at 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib MMC