

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2025 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Thursday, August 21, 2025**, at 5 pm to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Pro Tem Ben Short presided over the meeting and 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 Attorney Rick Stotser
City Clerk Dan Weinrib

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

The City Council determined the order of consideration. At the city clerk's request, the elected officials discussed when on September 2 to meet and canvass the August 26 election results. Everybody quickly agreed to 9 am. The city clerk said he would handle the public notices. President Short adjourned the workshop at 5:03 pm.

AUGUST 21, 2025 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Thursday, August 21, 2025**, at 5:03 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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Councilor Perry Cook
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They reviewed the minutes from the August 7 agenda workshop & August 12 regular session. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Cook seconded the motion to approve the minutes. **UNANIMOUS**

President Short then introduced the consent & regular agenda. Councilor Taylor moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the one-item consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Bright thanked Planning & Zoning Commission member Ralph Robson, in absentia, for his volunteer service to the city. Robson resigned after a 29-year stint. Councilor Taylor 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 ordinance. **He 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 Taylor then moved to approve an ordinance to establish a fee for Lift Assistance Services Performed at Extended Care Facilities by the Fire Department. Councilor Bright seconded the motion.** This ordinance replaces **Ordinance No. 2025-018-PS** which had been adopted but had not been put into effect. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-020-PS**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed ordinance. **She moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Councilor Bright then moved to annex the property located at 6480 Richmar Drive, a 16-acre property west of the Winslow Parc**

neighborhood. Councilor Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-021-ANX

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed ordinance. He 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 Cook then moved to annex the property located at 421 Alabama Boulevard. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-022-ANX

During committee reports, Councilor Bright reported that US News & World Report ranked Hewitt-Trussville High School 7th statewide (up from #8 last year) High School student Mary Kate Dimler won a \$20,000 scholarship from Samford University as the Alabama Governor's School's Outstanding Female Student. The school system will honor its inaugural Hall of Fame class during halftime of the Huskies/JAG football game. Former Mayor Gene Melton – Councilor Anderson's father – is among the inductees. Also, Public Works remains busy with its usual duties.

Councilor Cook reported that Parks & Recreation received approval for a \$150,000 grant to improve restrooms. The Seniors Center successfully hosted the District Games over July 8-10, featuring 133 participants. It will host the State Games over October 6-9. Thanks to State Rep. Danny Garrett, the Seniors Center will get new exercise equipment.

Councilor Taylor thanked both police & fire chiefs for speaking to the Sunrise Rotary Club. Also, the Chamber had great turnout for its most recent luncheon. Students from HT Leadership were in attendance. Also, Leadership Trussville's 4th Class has its overnight retreat on September 11-12

Councilor Short rolled his committee reports.

Mayor Choat gave a detailed summary of the City's FY2025 budget performance, as well as total debt service. Most notably, Trussville will finish the year with an estimated \$1 million surplus, in contrast to a projected \$1 million deficit at the start of this fiscal year. The city sold some property, refinanced some of its debt & controlled its own spending, the City now has a balanced budget & a \$7.5 million fund balance. Councilors Taylor & Cook praised Mayor Choat & his administration for their stewardship.

There were no public comments.

With nothing left to review, President Short adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib MMC