

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Thursday, September 4, 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 Jaime Anderson  
Councilor Lisa Bright  
Councilor Alan Taylor

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

Those absent: Councilor Perry Cook

The City Council determined the order of consideration. There were no discussion items. President Short adjourned the workshop at 5:04 pm.

### SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, at 6 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.

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

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

Those absent: Councilor Perry Cook

They reviewed the minutes from the August 21 agenda workshop & regular session, & September 2 special 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 & Councilors Anderson & Bright jointly seconded the motion to approve the four-item consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed proclamation, declaring the sixth annual Witches Ride Parade on October 25 as a citywide event. **She moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2025-16**

President Short then convened a public hearing on proposed alcohol licenses for the Raceway gas station/convenience store on Gadsden Highway. Owner Parankumar (Paul) Patel introduced himself. He answered Short, Taylor & Bright's questions about employee training & his prior history with retail alcohol sales. He said he already owns 15 similar stores in the Huntsville area, as well as in Tennessee & Mississippi. This is his first in the Birmingham metro area. Since there were no questions from the audience, President Short promptly closed the hearing.

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution approving the off-premises retail beer & table wine licensing for the Raceway franchise at 1435 Gadsden Highway. **She moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-39**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution, adopting the city's Storm Water Management Program Plan (SWMPP) for 2025, as required periodically by the Jefferson County Health Department. **She moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-40**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to approve the defeasance of the 2023 General Obligation warrants financing Glendale Farms. The city bought Glendale Farms two years ago. This summer, it declared the property surplus and subsequently sold it to Keith & Kathy Brown, for a profit. As accountant Brian Barksdale explained to the council & audience, the city's earliest opportunity to pay off the 2023 warrants is in 2028. The resolution makes the city set aside enough funds into escrow for the remaining loan payments & final payoff. By doing this now, the accounting rules & regulations allow the city to remove this long-term debt from its books on September 30, 2025. **He moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-41**

During committee reports, Councilor Anderson recognized new Cemetery Authority member Joy Paine, who was in the audience. They will meet at 5 pm on Thursday. She also thanked Richard Koch, who was absent, for agreeing to serve on the Veterans Committee. Veterans is hosting its annual Take Back the Day on Thursday evening, to fund a new bust for the Fallen Warriors Memorial.

Councilor Bright recognized school board member Sherry Tolbert, who was in the audience. The school board will have its second budget hearing on September 15. She also promoted the annual \$180 Join the Pack fundraiser, which funds teachers' grant requests. She also bragged about the high school & middle school's football victories over various rivals. Also, she praised Public Works for its continued clean-up work around the city. A heavy tree limb had fallen earlier in the day, temporarily shutting down traffic on a section of North Chalkville Road.

Councilor Taylor reported that Leadership Trussville's fourth class is having its overnight retreat on September 11-12

Councilor Short reported that Active Transportation had a productive meeting with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham as it develops its own master plan. Also, Planning & Zoning approved two subdivisions & made substantial progress, reviewing subdivision regulations, which have remained unchanged since 1978.

Mayor Choat thanked Barksdale, bond counsel Rod Kanter & investment advisor Chris Williams for their work on the city's long-term debts. He also reported that both Loop Road & I-59 projects are currently ahead of schedule, thanks to favorable weather. He also stated that Jefferson County finished its North Chalkville Road widening project.

During public comments, former councilor Jef Freeman (318 Woodward Road) asked the status of an overgrown lot near Main Street & Watterson Parkway. Inspections Director J.R. Malchus confirmed that the city has already issued final notices. It will soon initiate the abatement process if the property owner does not clean up his own property.

With nothing left to review, President Short adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib MMC