

## CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

### SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Thursday, September 18, 2025**, 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 Jaime Anderson  
Councilor Lisa Bright  
Councilor Alan Taylor

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

Those absent: Councilor Perry Cook

The City Council determined the order of consideration. When the proposed vape licensing ordinance came up for review, the city clerk shared that a 2025 state law prohibited cities from imposing new licensing fees on vape retailers once the state law takes effect on October 1. There were no discussion items. President Short adjourned the workshop around 5:20 pm.

### SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, September 23, 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 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  
City Clerk Dan Weinrib

They reviewed the minutes from the September 4 agenda workshop & September 9 regular session. Councilor Cook pointed out an error regarding his meeting attendance. Councilor Taylor moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion to approve the minutes, with the correction noted. **UNANIMOUS**

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

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed proclamation, declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **She moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2025-17**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a related proclamation declaring October 15 as Turn **Trussville Pink** Day, the annual citywide anti-breast cancer initiative. **She moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2025-18** After a brief recess to present the proclamations to Joshua White, President Short resumed the meeting.

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the annual Friends of the Library 5K run on October 25 as a citywide event. **She moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2025-19**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed ordinance. **He moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & consider an ordinance immediately. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS. Councilor Cook then made the motion, & Councilor Bright seconded,**

**to declare the properties at 101, 409, 413, 425 & 429 Alabama Boulevard as surplus. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-023-ADM**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed ordinance. **He moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & consider an ordinance immediately. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS. Councilor Cook then made the motion, & Councilor Taylor seconded, to authorize Mayor Choat to sign a purchase-&-sale agreement regarding those Alabama Boulevard properties. UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-024-ADM**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed ordinance. **He moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & consider an ordinance immediately. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Councilor Taylor then made the motion, & Councilor Bright seconded, to approve a non-exclusive franchise agreement with Uniti Fiber. By that point, Uniti Fiber's attorney Tara Herring Chambliss had just settled into her seat. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-025-ADM**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed ordinance. **He moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & consider an ordinance immediately. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Councilor Taylor then made the motion, & Councilor Bright seconded, to renew the 10-year-old non-exclusive franchise agreement with Southern Light. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-026-ADM, thus pleasing Chambliss' clients.**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed ordinance. **She moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & consider an ordinance immediately. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS She then moved, & Councilor Taylor seconded, to impose a municipal licensing fee on all retailers that sell vaping products, based on revenues. The ordinance would take effect immediately; the city would impose the new fee, beginning with the 2026 licensing year. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-027-ADM**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed ordinance. **He moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & consider an ordinance immediately. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Councilor Taylor then made the motion, & Councilor Bright seconded, to adopt the amended Rules & Regulations of the City Employee Civil Service Board. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-028-ADM**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution adopting the Updated Salary Administration Guide & Pay Plan, as recommended by the City Employee Civil Service Board. **He moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-42**

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution, adopting the job classification for the position of Public Works Director, as recommended by the City Employee Civil Service Board. **She moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-43**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution, adopting the job classification for the position of Executive Assistant to the Mayor, as recommended by the City Employee Civil Service Board. **She moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-44**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution, adopting the updated classification plan, as recommended by the City Employee Civil Service Board. **He moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-45**

President Short then convened a public hearing on proposed alcohol license for The Silos Golf Club on Roper Road. Attorney & club partner Scott Barnett stood in front of the council. He introduced his partners who were also in attendance. He answered Taylor's questions about training employees to screen wanna-be alcohol consumers. He agreed that the club would check identities on all customers. Their application is for a club liquor license. As such, their members are already required to be 21 or older. Because The Silos is also open to the public, Taylor wanted to be certain that the golf club would require non-members to show identification. Barnett advised the council that they would later apply for a special retail alcohol license, as well. Right now, The Silos only serves beer. When Councilor Bright asked, Barnett confirmed that the Springville-based Farmhouse would provide food service. Since there were no questions from the audience, President Short promptly closed the hearing.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution approving the club liquor licensing for The Silos Golf Club at 7905 Roper Road. **She moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2025-46**

All six elected officials deferred their reports. Councilor Bright recognized school board member Jason Daniel in the audience.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) requested new road stripes approaching Wal-Mart & Sam's Club.

Councilor Taylor then moved & Councilor Bright seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss potential economic development &/or real estate opportunities. **UNANIMOUS**

It was 6:25 pm. After a brief recess, they met behind closed doors until its conclusion. With nothing left to review, President Short adjourned the regular meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib MMC