

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2026 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**, at 5:30 pm to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Jaime Melton Anderson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:

- Council President Jaime Melton Anderson
- Councilor Kimberly Farr
- Councilor Ben Horton
- Councilor Brian Jackson
- Councilor Jim Miller

Others present in their official capacity:

- Mayor Ben Short
- City Attorney Rick Stotser
- City Clerk Dan Weinrib

The City Council determined the order of consideration. At President Anderson's request, the Council mutually agreed to move the only proposed ordinance to the Regular Agenda subsection, prior to discussion. After reviewing all other proposals, they mutually agreed to pull the proposed term limits resolution from the regular agenda. The councilors then went back to the proposed ordinance, which would repeal & replace the order of procedures for city council meetings. Each councilor spoke, giving her or his feedback about the adequacies & flaws in the ordinance. President Anderson cited some dated language about written proposals, among other things. Councilor Jackson & Horton suggested a spending threshold for which the council would be required to delay consideration. Councilor Miller shared that he studied the prior organizational ordinances, which Mayor Short had also done. They both enjoy history. President Anderson got the mayor & city clerk to commit to showing contrasts on future repeal-&-replace ordinance proposals. After Mayor Short shared his comments, it was abundantly clear that the entire council wanted to re-work the ordinance further. They mutually agreed to pull the proposed ordinance from the regular agenda.

With no further items to discuss, President Jackson adjourned workshop at 6:13 pm.

FEBRUARY 10, 2026 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026**, at 6:15 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Jaime Melton Anderson presiding and Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Anderson called the meeting to order. She led the prayer; Councilor Miller led the pledge.

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- Councilor Ben Horton
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They reviewed the minutes from the January 27 agenda workshop & regular session. Councilor Farr moved & Councilor Horton seconded the motion to approve the minutes with a noted correction. **UNANIMOUS**

President Anderson then introduced the four-item consent agenda, all of which involved the Industrial Development Authority, as well as the shortened regular agenda. Designated appointees Lisa Bright & Adam Trammell were on the front row, as Councilor Horton moved & Councilor Jackson seconded the motion to approve both agendas. **UNANIMOUS** Mayor Short, President Anderson & Councilor Farr expressed their gratitude to Bright & Trammell, as well as their predecessors, David Fuller & Jerry Little.

During public comments, Wade Swope (3500 Hilltop Circle) requested alternate route indicators for drivers on South Chalkville Road to avoid the rail line intersection. He was pleased to hear Mayor Short submitted a grant application to accomplish that.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Horton introduced a proposed proclamation honoring Trussville residents Cade Vanderpoorten, Peyton Jones & Alyssa Jones, as well as Fire Department employees Billy Jackson, Patrick Blom, Blake Benson, Chase Helbing, Daniel Perry & Colin Fach for their heroism in saving neighbor Mark Beasley from a heart attack. He recognized Fire Chief Tim Shotts, who described the lifesaving event in detail. Shotts called the three neighbors & six crew members to the front of the room. Mark Beasley & his family were also in attendance. Beasley too spoke to the entire room, expressing his gratitude. **Councilor Horton moved & the other councilors jointly seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2026-04** After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Councilor Farr then introduced a proposed proclamation declaring March 2026 as Blood Clot Awareness Month. **She moved & Councilor Miller seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2026-05** Dr. Shannon Harris approached the public podium to thank the council for passing this proclamation. She founded the Marcus Wayne Foundation in memory of her late father who died from a pulmonary embolism. After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Councilor Horton then introduced a proposed proclamation declaring February 28 as Arbor Day in the city. It coincides with the Tree Commission's annual tree giveaway at The Mall. **He moved & Councilors Farr & Miller jointly seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2026-06**

President Anderson then opened a public hearing regarding an alcohol licensing application. Acting general manager Danny Hall & a colleague approached the podium on behalf of their employer Logans Roadhouse. He had previously managed the restaurant on Pinnacle Square for seven years and has returned on an interim basis. During question time, Hall answered that Logans has new corporate ownership, but the restaurant staffing remains unchanged. State law requires that new management apply for an alcohol license. He also confirmed to the council that Logans uses the Responsible Vendor Program provided by ABC & that they have no history of serving alcohol to minors. Since nobody in the public spoke up, President Anderson closed the public hearing.

Councilor Jackson then introduced a resolution approving the restaurant retail liquor license application for Logans Roadhouse. **He moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS except for Miller, who abstained. Resolution No. 2026-12**

Councilor Horton then introduced a proposed resolution to declare various Fire Department & IT Department assets as surplus. **He moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2026-13**

Councilor Miller then introduced a proposed resolution to establish a policy & procedure for the appointment of future city school board members. **He moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2026-14**

Councilor Jackson then introduced a proposed resolution to engage the services of a project manager (Milam & Company) & a general contractor (Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction LLC) for building the emergency public works project in the Sports Complex; the resolution also appropriates just over \$161,000 from the general fund; Mayor Short had already secured a \$150,000 grant to subsidize the project. **Councilor Jackson moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & bring this resolution up for immediate consideration. Councilor Miller seconded. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Councilor Jackson then moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2026-15**

During committee reports, Councilor Horton reminded the public of the Tree Commission's tree giveaway at its February 28 Arbor Day event on The Mall.

Councilor Jackson announced that the city will be switching its primary banking accounts to PNC Bank from Regions. He also summarized Planning & Zoning Commission's actions at its most recent meeting. He mentioned the development of a proposed overlay district for the historic Cahaba Project neighborhood & his own work to update the city subdivision regulations.

Councilor Miller deferred to chairwoman Jane Alexander for his Historical Board report. She informed the public that the city museum hosted 497 visitors during 2025, up from 400 during 2024 & 300 during 2023. They will organize a set of bylaws, fill a vacancy and increase its board size to nine from seven.

Councilor Farr reported that the IDA will have its next lunch gathering at Diversified Nonferrous Technologies Inc.'s location. Also, the Library director's position will remain open until March 1. Whoever gets hired will succeed the late Jason Baker. Farr also mentioned two upcoming events at the

library. Opening Day for Parks & Recreation baseball is February 28. Also, the Chamber of Commerce has new executive officers. Sandra Vernon is now its president. The Chamber is getting ready for its February 17 lunch event & April 21 golf tournament. Meanwhile, Public Works continues to do its wintertime work, including debris clean-up around the city as well as behind the old Cherokee School.

Councilor Anderson announced that the Beautification Committee will accept annual nominations in April then do its judging in June. She acknowledged school board members Sherrye Tolbert & Dr. Steven Ward in the audience. The HTHS indoor track team won the 7A state championship; HTHS boys basketball team advanced to the state playoffs (7A Area 6); HTHS varsity cheerleaders won the National High School Cheerleading Championship at Disney World in Orlando; and HTHS girls volleyball won the 7A Area 7 Championship. On February 26, HTHS will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 2016 state champion baseball team. Also, Leadership Trussville will have One Community Day on February 12th.

Mayor Short thanked Public Works & Parks crews for clearing land in the Sports Complex for the future parking lot. By doing that job in-house, the city saves thousands of dollars. He also reported that a Parks grant remains pending. He also gave the public a briefing about a proposed Cahaba Project Overlay District. The City plans to survey residents & property owners of Cahaba Project properties, as well as solicit feedback from the rest of the community. He then answered Councilor Horton's question regarding the status of the new traffic light at the Carrington Drive/Gadsden Highway intersection, overseen by ALDOT.

There were no audience comments.

With no further business left to consider, President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib MMC