

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

MAY 21, 2026 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Thursday, May 21, 2026**, at 5:30 pm to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Pro Tem Brian Jackson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows: President Pro Tem Brian Jackson
 Councilor Kimberly Farr
 Councilor Ben Horton
 Councilor Jim Miller

Others present in their official capacity: Mayor Ben Short
 City Attorney Rick Stotser
 City Clerk Dan Weinrib

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Melton Anderson

The City Council reviewed all proposed items. They kept both proposed consent agenda items & added Resolutions No. 2026-41, -42 & -43 to consent, thus leaving two proposed ordinances on the regular agenda. With nothing left to review, President Jackson adjourned the workshop at 5:35 pm.

MAY 21, 2026 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council met in **regular session** on **Thursday, May 21, 2026**, at 5:35 pm. Council President Pro Tem Brian Jackson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows: President Pro Tem Brian Jackson
 Councilor Kimberly Farr
 Councilor Ben Horton
 Councilor Jim Miller

Others present in their official capacity: Mayor Ben Short
 City Attorney Rick Stotser
 City Clerk Dan Weinrib

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Melton Anderson

Councilor Horton led the prayer. Mayor Short led the pledge.

President Jackson introduced the minutes from the previous council meeting. Councilor Horton moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion to approve the submitted minutes. **UNANIMOUS**

President Jackson then introduced the amended consent & regular agendas. Councilor Miller moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion to approve the lengthened consent agenda & shortened regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Exercising privilege, President Jackson recognized Mayor Short, who in turn summoned Fire Chief Tim Shotts to the public podium. Chief Shotts announced that Firefighter Paramedics Hunter Reid & Michael Tucker had earned promotions to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. They received generous praise & applause. It was especially meaningful for the Reid family. Hunter's father Dennis Reid is a Trussville Police Sergeant. After a brief recess for pictures, President Jackson resumed the meeting.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Farr introduced a proposed ordinance to grant non-exclusive franchise rights to Brightspeed of Alabama, formerly Centurytel of Alabama. **She moved & Councilor Horton seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & bring the ordinance up for immediate consideration. Upon roll call vote, Miller voted no, defeating the motion supported by the other three. Ergo, Councilor Farr's act became the first reading & the ordinance will go on the June 9 agenda.**

Councilor Horton moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules & bring the ordinance up for immediate consideration. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS He then introduced a proposed ordinance to annex properties located at 7741 & 7744

Dollar Road. Planning & Zoning had recommended their annexations with the stipulated prohibition on mobile or manufactured homes on the A-1 (Agricultural) zoned properties. **Councilor Horton moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2026-013-ANX**

Finance Director Joseph Calvert then gave his monthly budget report, covering the city's performance through April. In sum, the City continues to outperform its initial FY2026 budget estimates, taking in more revenues while spending less money. Already, the Inspections Department has realized more permitting fee revenues over the last seven months than its initial total projection over the entire budget year. This year's sales tax revenues continue to outpace last year's. If the current trend holds, the city sales tax revenues will exceed its initial budget projection by over \$857,000. Assuming the city finished its budget year with a \$1.7 million surplus, it will then have a fund balance of at least \$10.7 million.

Mayor Short & the councilors then recognized Police Chief Dave Morrette, who announced the promotions of Officers Tony Armstrong & Stan Kennedy to the rank of corporal. They received generous praise & applause. After a brief recess for pictures, President Jackson resumed the meeting.

During committee reports, Councilor Horton thanked the city's first responders & their families. Jim & Nick's BBQ on Gadsden Highway will undergo a partial renovation once Design Review reviews & signs off its final plans.

Councilor Miller stated that the Veterans Committee now lacks a quorum since one of its members resigned due to health issues. During its Memorial Day program at Veterans Park, they will unveil some new busts for the War Memorial. Also, tickets to ACTA's production *1776* are going fast. The play will run July 9-19.

Councilor Farr congratulated the Chamber's Heather Weems & Melissa Walker on getting HT Leadership's Change Community Impact Awards. She also congratulated Ann Sargent on her recent promotion to assistant library director. The Library is launching its annual summer reading program. Its kickoff event on May 29 will feature a petting zoo. She also mentioned two other library events. Public Works remain busy.

On behalf of Councilor Anderson, Councilor Jackson reminded the public that the Beautification Committee is still accepting various landscaping nominations through the end of the month. He also promoted Restaurant Week Bingo. He also mentioned that the HTHS softball & baseball teams are in the state finals. The baseball team had just won Game 1. Game 2 will be play the next day.

Councilor Jackson informed the public that Planning & Zoning Commission moved its June meeting to June 18 from June 8. Also, Active Transportation Committee continues to evaluate its proposed comprehensive plan for citywide network of pedestrian pathways. Also, the public will soon hear follow-up publicity on the second Comprehensive Plan 2.0 sessions coming up at the Civic Center, aka *Plan-A-Palooza*. There'll be opportunities for online participation.

Mayor Short added that *Plan-A-Palooza* will occur June 8-11. He congratulated the high school baseball & softball teams on their successes. Initially, Mayor Short & the council had been willing to reschedule its June 9 meeting to June 16, at Councilor Miller's request. He announced he is withdrawing his request.

There were no audience comments.

With nothing left on the agenda, President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib MMC
City Clerk