

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 17, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone wishing to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens to 9 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 1/7/2018 to 1/15/2019** **\$336,668.65**

General Fund	296,219.83
Corrections Fund	7,798.95
Capital Projects Trust Fund	32,649.87

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2019. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council was a reminder of the Fair Campaign Act Filing to be done by January 31, 2019.

Brought before the Council was information concerning the Martin Luther King Parade scheduled for January 21, 2019 at 2pm. The parade will begin at the parking lot of Shoe Show on Battle St. and will disband at the parking lot of the B.N. Mabra Center.

Council President Patterson deferred to Parks and Recreation Director Ammons concerning the baseball and softball registration. Registration begins January 22<sup>nd</sup> until February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Street Recreation Center.

The 2019 Election Calendar was brought for Council information. The period for declaring candidacy will begin July 3 and end July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm with the election on August 27<sup>th</sup> and a Runoff Election, if needed, on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Council and Mayor will take office on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution #4685-#4693** approving weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4686-4693. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4694** placing a demolition lien on 612 Leahy Circle.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4694. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper NAYS: Councilman Street

**Resolution #4695** placing a demolition lien on 405 Sloan Ave.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4695. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4696** approving a contract with M&M Logging for timber and trees both standing and fallen at the intersection of Tayler's Mill Road and Berney Station Road (TWP.19S-RNG.5E-S.12)

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4696. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4697** approval of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the fiscal year 2019.

There was some discussion concerning the CIP for 2019. Councilman Street questioned the location of the Golf Course for the splash pad stating that he was not aware that a consensus had been made for the location and a special meeting was suggested for citizens to voice their opinions. The City Hall Façade was also brought up in this discussion. City Manager Cheeks stated that this upgrade would be to clean up the façade and unpainted sidewalks and re-stripe the parking lot.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4697. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to approve the invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 1/7/19-1/14/19</b>	<b>\$301,302.25</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	301,302.25

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to excuse the absence of Councilman Elston. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4698** approving a contract with Byrd Construction, Inc. for repair and rehabilitation for the Mump Creek Reservoir Dam and the Upper and Lower Dams located on Talladega Creek for a cost of \$202,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4698. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson recognized the presence of City Attorney O'Brien.

City Manager Cheeks wished to thank the Council for approving the 2019 CIP and commented that a listing for paving for individual roadways would be presented at the next meeting. She also informed the Council that the pothole near DHR was repaired and that a work order was put in to get the sidewalk repaired at Artisan Alley. It was also stated that staff members had met with Alabama Power concerning street lights and that during phase 1 the possibility of more lights on South Street will be addressed.

Council President Patterson commented that he had corresponded with the owners of the Talladega Downs Apartment complex and stated that he had passed the suggestions onto the City Manager, who will be looking for ways to respond.

Councilman Cooper commented that the sales and use tax and property tax had increased which is a good sign.

Councilman Simpson wished to commend Talladega College for the amazing ribbon cutting ceremony.

Councilman Street wished to thank City Manager Cheeks for the requested meeting attendance information. He also questioned whether the sidewalk near Artisan Alley belonged to the City. City Manager Cheeks stated that up to a certain point the alley is owned by the City. Councilman Street also wished to thank Council President Patterson for taking up the issue of Talladega Downs Apartments and also conveyed the appreciation of others who had similar concerns.

Council President Patterson wished to invite the president of Talladega College and honor him for his leadership during a Council meeting in February. He also wished to address an issue brought forth by Mr. Wallace concerning illegally parked cars on an alley near Mt. Canaan

Church. This matter was referred to City Attorney O'Brien who would in turn get back with City Manager Cheeks. It was agreed that City Manager Cheeks would contact Mr. Wallace with his findings.

Councilman Street inquired about the latest concerning Henrietta Lawler's complaints. City Manager Cheeks stated that some issues had been address, but is currently awaiting the signs to come in and the condemnation process has been started on the house in the complaint. Council President Patterson wished to add her to the agenda for the next City Council meeting for an update.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson to adjourn.

#### **AUTHENTICATION**

I, Joanna Medlen, Acting City Clerk of the City of Talladega, Alabama, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the City Council of Talladega, Alabama, which met in a regular session on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.