

CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2016-5:30 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:30 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Councilman David Street, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Billy Williams of Sylavon Baptist Church.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/21/2015 to 12/31/2015 **\$573,288.63**

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| General Operating Account | 425,388.00 |
| Senior Nutrition | 48,904.32 |
| Municipal Court | 7,102.54 |
| Corrections | 5,893.77 |
| TPD Fund | 86,000.00 |

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 23, 2015. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper swears in Joe Ballow and Brenda Brooks to the Talladega Heritage Commission and Clark Patterson to the Municipal Airport Board.

Council President Patterson deferred to Bob Portera of Neel Schaffer concerning the TAP grant application. The City applied for this grant in 2013 and 2014 but was not successful in receiving funding. If awarded, funding from the TAP grant will be used to address issues around the Court Square such as ADA upgrades to the crosswalks, replacing the stairs with an ADA compliant ramp on the Battle Street side of the Square, additional landscaping, irrigation system, and benches and rubbish bins. The project is estimated between \$400,000 and \$450,000. The grant is set up as an 80/20 match. The City's portion would be approximately \$90,000.00. Councilman Simpson asked for assurance that the local funds were available for this match. City Manager Bryant stated that the funds were available in the Capital Improvement Project fund.

Resolution #3763 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at 722 Pulliam St. (Parcel ID 1308281011009000)

Resolution #3765 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at 748 Pulliam St. (Parcel ID 1308281011021000)

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #3763 and #3765. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3764 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at 115 Jackson St. (Parcel ID 1306233012002000) *Council President Patterson requested removal of this Resolution from the Agenda* AYES: All.

Resolution #3766 approving a contract with Neel Schaffer for a feasibility study for the East Street parking lot.

Resolution #3767 approving a contract with Neel Schaffer for design and construction engineering and inspection (CE&I) for the Otts Building.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #3766 and #3767. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3768 approving an agreement with Alabama Department of Corrections (DOC) for inmate labor.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #3768. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3769 approving the application for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant (TAP) with a 20% matching City funds (approximately \$100,000).

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #3769. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 12/29/15 to 12/30/15 **\$1,140,185.70**

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| Operations & Maintenance | 43,345.53 |
| Revenue | 1,096,840.17 |

Council President Patterson brought before the Council the concerns of the community regarding the recent rash of violence. It was stated that the youths of the area lack a place which offers safety and good moral guidance. Council President Patterson questioned what the City could do. City Manager Bryant stated that there were a number of parks the youths of the area could utilize at no charge. It was also mentioned that there were low cost options available at the Spring Street Recreation Center. Council President Patterson deferred to Parks and Recreation Director Ammons. Director Ammons stated that a child is never turned away and that the Center works with them. Council President Patterson stated that he would like to revisit the subject of the \$4 fee of the Spring Street Recreation center and requested that the City Manager and Director Ammons meet concerning this issue. It was suggested that if the recreation center did not bring in much revenue that the fee be abolished. City Attorney O'Brien stated that the Council would have to see if it was in the original policy by Ordinance and if so nothing could be done tonight regarding this issue. Council President requested that the City Manager research what could be done legally and report back at the next regular meeting.

City Manager Bryant presented to the Council a reminder of the public hearing to be held January 12 at the Ritz Theatre concerning a grant obtained through the Alabama Historical Commission to update the National Register of Historic Places for buildings within two of the City's historic districts. He also wished to thank staff for their hard work and dedication during the inclement weather.

Councilman Elston stated that he wished to encourage all to take pride in their City to take it back to what it was.

Councilman Street commented that many may not know of the Action Center on the City website which creates electronic requests to different departments.

Councilman Simpson stated that at the last meeting he did not receive enough information regarding insurance qualifications for small businesses wishing to conduct business with the City. He requested that he would like other insurance companies input.

Motion by Councilman Elston to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Recorded by: Joanna Medlen

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, 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 Monday, January 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.