

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
January 6, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

In memoriam of former Talladega Fire Chief, Kenneth D. Dickerson, Council President Power opened the floor for remarks. City Manager Cheeks stated that he was a local hero and wished to send her condolences to the family. Councilman Patterson also stated that Kenneth Dickerson was a local hero and made tremendous contributions to the City. Councilman Williams also stated that he thought highly of Mr. Dickerson as he has known him since childhood.

Council President Power asked if there were any questions concerning the amended agenda specifically the contract with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development. There was some discussion upon this matter with City Manager Cheeks stating that the City has had the Section 5311 Public Transportation Program for over 20 years and that this contract had additions to include new state and federal government regulations; it does not change duties or the responsibilities for the program. Council President Power noted that the cost of the program seems to go up every year and asked if there was a more cost-effective way to run the program. City Manager Cheeks stated that it was a bare bones program meaning it only includes the cost of drivers, fuel, dispatch, maintenance to the vans and cost of cell phones for the drivers. The program from East Alabama pretty much guarantees to pay at least 50% of the expenses. It was also mentioned the City normally requests a new van every couple of years as to defray maintenance costs, however the current request has been delayed due to a shortage of vans. Councilman Patterson commented that the program was never designed to make money but to bring a better quality of life to citizens.

Council President Power asked if there was any discussion concerning the resolutions on the amended agenda. There was some discussion as to moving one of the items to the next meeting however with the time sensitive nature of the item no action was taken to move it to the next meeting.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2020 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 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 Joseph K. Power, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Council Member Betty C. Spratlin, Councilman Trae Williams, Mayor Ragland and City Manager Beth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams to approve invoices and expenditures. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/16/2019 to 1/02/2020	\$ 283,935.79
General Fund	119,806.89
Library Fund	147.52
Municipal Airport	19,600.73
Capital Projects Trust Fund	144,380.65

There were some questions concerning the invoices and expenditures for the City. Council Member Spratlin asked if City employees are paid twice a month and if it was on this report. City Manager Cheeks stated that it was on the budget approved previously by the Council and on the monthly expense report given by the Finance Director. Council President Power asked when the accounts payable were paid and it was stated that they are paid in 30 days. Council Member Spratlin inquired about an \$800 payment made for catering; it was stated that this was to feed the volunteers during the Christmas on the Square event.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2019. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland swears in Cay Davis to the Heritage Hall Commission.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall to approve the Parks and Recreation BOGO offer. AYES: All.

Ordinance No. 1858 approving the ground lease agreement with Dynasafe US, LLC.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1858. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AND DEEMING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING LEASING THEREOF

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1858. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1858. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution No. 4982 approving the condemnation of 504 North Street West apartments.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #4982. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution No. 4983 approving a three-year Agreement for Service contract with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for the Section 5311 Public Transportation Program.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #4983. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution No. 4984 approving the purchase of a server for the Police Department from TSA (Technical and Scientific Application) for a cost of \$21,042.75.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #4984. Roll Call. AYES: All.

There was some discussion concerning Resolution No. 4984. City Manager Cheeks stated that the current server is 11 years old and cannot be upgraded. Council President Power questioned if training is included with the cost. Police Chief Busby commented that there was no training required and that the current system will no longer be supported by the server.

Resolution No. 4985 approving a contract with Axon for the Police Department for 50 body cams, software, video storage and all other hardware and upgrades over a five-year period for a total cost of \$362,314.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #4985. Roll Call. AYES: All.

There was some discussion concerning this purchase. Council President Power questioned if this was a budget item and it was stated that it was part of the Capital Improvement Project which was previously budgeted. Police Chief Busby stated that this purchase would cover if a camera fails for any reason, it would be repaired or replaced and that the company will also replace equipment at least every 2.5 years.

Resolution No. 4986 approving a change order for the contract with Business Systems & Consultants (BSC) to increase the number of documents from 120,000 to 190,500 at a cost of \$0.22/per document which increases the original contract from \$26,400 to \$63,910.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #4986. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Power, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, and Councilman Williams NAY: Council Member Spratlin

Motion by Council Member Spratlin to table Resolution #4986. *Motion died from lack of a second.*

There was some discussion upon this matter as to whether this resolution could be moved to the next meeting. It was stated that cost to scan and digitize the Court Office documents was more than previously thought due to the high volume of documents needing to be preserved.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Williams to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 12/16/2019 to 1/2/2020	\$ 26,702.78
Water/Sewer Fund	26,702.78

A work session to discuss Capital Improvement Projects budget was set for 4pm on January 23 before the regular Council Meeting.

City Manager Cheeks wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Hall inquired about the acquisition of Eastside School. City Manager Cheeks deferred to City Attorney O'Brien who commented that if the City is willing the building is available to be donated. City Manager Cheeks stated that the next step would be to tour the facility and that would be arranged in the next few days. Council Member Hall asked if there was a Parks and Recreation Board and it was stated that there was at one time a Recreation Board but it has been inactive.

Council Member Spratlin commented that she had received many comments about bringing the Parks and Recreation Board back. City Manager Cheeks stated that there the board was an advisory board and would get the resolution to her.

Councilman Patterson questioned the progress of the work in Talladega College for the Rising Up event. City Manager Cheeks commented that the ribbon cutting is scheduled for the 31st and that work on the road in front of the facility is in progress.

Council President Power informed the Council that he would be meeting with Alabama Power concerning the lease of property at the golf course and would report back the findings. There was some discussion upon this matter.

Council President Power also asked if the Body would like to discontinue the practice of the pre-council. Councilman Patterson was in agreement with the discontinuation of the pre-council stating that if there were any questions to be had; to come at 4pm and ask the questions needed. The census was to end the practice of pre-council. Council Member Hall questioned if the Council meetings could be moved from Mondays to Thursdays. City Manager Cheeks stated that there are several City board meetings held on Thursdays and that there was an ordinance in place setting the schedule of the Council Meetings. However, a change can be made at the Council's discretion with an ordinance.

Mayor Ragland wished to thank all City employees for their hard work.

Councilman Patterson wished to have a statement read into the record – he wished to explain his position with the golf course situation; stating that there was a steady decline in the interest of golfing in this area with Timber Ridge closing, Alpine Golf Course in financial difficulty, and the City running the golf course in the red for many years before finding a third party, E and E, who went into bankruptcy after 3 years. It was also stated that the company was losing over \$1000 a month and customers numbering less than 15 on any given weekend. However, there was never any income generated.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property (real estate) at 6:46pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council return to Chambers at 7:10pm with no action taken.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for no action taken in the Executive Session. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for adjournment. AYES: All.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Joanna Medlen, 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 6, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.