

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 7, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 7, 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 Reverend Hugh Morris.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone wishing to comment or ask questions concerning the ordinance to provide permitting process for sidewalk usage. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/17/2018 to 1/4/2019** **\$450,034.48**

General Fund	363,354.40
Corrections Fund	20,306.67
Cemetery	85.68
Library Fund	4,954.01
Capital Projects Trust Fund	61,333.72

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2018. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper swears in Darian Simmons to the Industrial Development Board.

Brought before Council was the previous board application of Chip Moore to the Industrial Development Board. Councilman Street read a letter from Chip Moore stating his desire to withdraw his application until further notice.

The change in Mayor and Council's Salary/Compensation was brought before the Council with no action taken.

The 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday was deferred to City Manager Cheeks who stated that the Council had previously adopted #1731 mandating the City's participation in the State Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday in perpetuity. According to the Alabama Department of Revenue the holiday will be held February 22 to February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Brought for Council consideration was the Spring Street Recreation Center's BOGO Membership Offer. Parks and Recreation Director Ammons stated that the Recreation members look forward to the buy the month of January and get the month of February free offer every year and usually yields an increase in membership. Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to approve the BOGO Membership Offer at the Spring Street Recreation Center for the month of January. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the Alcohol License 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for KJB LLC located at 707 Coosa St. West. AYES: All.

David Andrews from the Center of Municipal Solutions came before the Council concerning two special use permits for Verizon Wireless. Mr. Andrews stated that these permits will increase service speed at those locations.

**Resolution #4675** approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 305 Hosey St.

**Resolution #4676** approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 105 Lancaster St.

**Resolution #4677** approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 404 Lancaster St.

**Resolution #4678** approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 601 East Lancaster St.

**Resolution #4679** approving nuisance abatement for junk car on Hosey St.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4675 to #4679. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4680** approving a special use permit for Verizon telecommunication tower located at 113 Chilton St.

**Resolution #4681** approving a special use permit for Verizon telecommunication tower located at 408 Ft. Lashley Ave.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4680 and #4681. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4682** approving a supplemental agreement with Neel-Schaffer Engineering for the East Street Parking Lot Project at a cost of \$7,500.00.

**Resolution #4683** approving renewal agreement with Axon for body worn camera system at a cost of \$33,840.00.

**Resolution #4684** approving a contract with InSite Engineering for limited storm sewer inspection for a cost of \$8,350.00.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4682-#4684. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

**Water Department Expenditures for 12/17/18-1/05/19**

**\$791,208.74**

Water/Sewer Fund

791,208.74

City Manager Cheeks informed the Council that National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was January 9<sup>th</sup> and wished to thank them for all that they do. She also announced that non-violent crimes were down over 30% for 2018 and that homicides were also reduced in that year.

Councilman Street wished to inform City Manager Cheeks of a severe pot hole near DHR and requested a status update on its repair. City Manager Cheeks stated that Public Works is currently working on the pot hole. Councilman Street also requested a list of streets on the last two paving cycles and commented that a resident of South Street has asked him about adding additional street lights. He also requested that the City Manager look into exterior maintenance for the Spring Street Recreation Center.

Councilman Simpson requested that City Manager Cheeks look into handicap assessable parking near the Braswell building.

Council President Patterson also requested that City Manager Cheeks look into the additional lighting for South Street and stated that he was concerned about the recent events at Talladega Downs Apartments. He also commented that he would like to see a letter written from the Council to the apartment holders asking them to do something about security and requested that City Attorney O'Brien look into this matter.

Motion from Councilman Simpson adjourn the meeting.

After adjourning, the Council reconvened to excuse the absence of Councilman Elston. Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper to excuse the absence of Councilman Elston. AYES: All.

Councilman Street also requested a copy of the attendance of the Council for the last two years.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson to re-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 Monday, January 7, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.