

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
January 9, 2017 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing on (12) twelve properties that are set for placement of weed abatement liens. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment or complain.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2017-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman David Street, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr., and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/19/2016 to 1/5/2017 **\$1,363,638.01**

General Operating Account	558,494.64
Senior Nutrition	101,189.24
Municipal Court	9,491.36
Corrections	25,162.00
Capital Improvement Fund	669,300.77

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2016. AYES: All.

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

Citizen Joe Ballow came before the Council to express his concerns with the Police Department. Mr. Ballow stated that the department was 14 officers short and that the City's crime rate has increased. He also stated that the City employees were unhappy and haven't received a raise in two years. City Manager Bryant responded that the Police Department is currently fully staffed. He also stated that given the legislation that controls civil service, it is difficult to fill open positions quickly. He also stated that the City is currently conducting a classification study that would change compensation for everyone.

Citizen Chad Turner came before the Council requesting more information as to what has been implemented for a crime prevention plan. City Manager Bryant stated that a Community Advisory group is currently in development.

Council President Simpson deferred to City Manager Bryant concerning an update on the City Board/Commission appointments resolution. He stated that a solution was still in the works and will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Council President Simpson deferred to Councilman Patterson concerning the role Talladega College will play in the Inauguration Parade. He stated that this opportunity would be a positive image for the City and for the College. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street to appropriate \$5,000 for Talladega College to aid in their travels to Washington D.C. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Patterson invited Vice President King of Talladega College to speak before the Council. Vice President King thanked the Council for their support and stated that if others wish to contribute there is a GoFundMe page online to do so.

Resolution #4060-#4071 approving weed abatement liens on 12 properties.

Resolution #4072 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for abatement to 444 Welch Ave.

Resolution #4073 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for abatement to 711 Pulliam St.

Resolution #4074 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for abatement to 22 East Sloan

Resolution #4075 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for abatement to 18 Sloan Ave.

Resolution #4076 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for abatement to 16 Sloan Ave.

Resolution #4077 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for abatement to Court St.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #4060-#4077. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4078 approving contract with Municipal Code Corporation for recodification services.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #4078. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4079 approving public funds for the purchase of educational materials to be distributed by the Fire Department.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #4079. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 12/21/16 to 1/5/17	\$ 1,291,708.93
Operations & Maintenance	156,758.96
Revenue	1,134,949.97

Councilman Street thanked all employees who worked during the recent winter storm.

Councilman Simpson wished to express his appreciation for those who work out in the cold weather and wished to remind everyone that January 9th was Alabama Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Motion by Councilman Patterson 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 9, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.