

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 4, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Talladega City Hall Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Betty Spratlin, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Joseph K. Power, Jr., Mayor Timothy Ragland, and City Manager Seddrick Hill via Zoom.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Public hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens for 19 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 9/2/2021-9/27/2021	\$689,223.30
General Fund	157,570.46
Corrections Fund	21,516.65
Cemetery	6,556.76
Library Fund	165.46
Municipal Airport	24,279.79
Capital Projects Trust Fund	246,496.37

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2021. AYES: All.

Council President Spratlin announced the date of the next E-Recycle Event scheduled for October 15, 2021 from 10am-2pm in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot.

Council President Spratlin deferred to Attorney Greg Morgan concerning an application for right of way. Attorney Morgan stated that his clients, who were landlocked, request access to their property by a right of way through another parcel owned by the Simmons' family. This petition has already been heard by the Planning Commission. Councilman Patterson commented that this was the first notification he has received concerning this matter and requested City Manager Hill look into the situation. There was some discussion concerning this issue.

Ordinance #1893 amending Ordinance #1779 Court House Square parking

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1893. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1779 IN PART TO CHANGE THE RESTRICTED AREAS DESIGNATED; AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Waiver of the first reading and Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1893. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1893. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5314 to assess a weed abatement lien on 424 Mountainview Rd.

Resolution #5315 to assess a weed abatement lien on 169 Mountainview Rd.

Resolution #5316 to assess a weed abatement lien on 409 Shaw Ave.

Resolution #5317 to access a weed abatement lien on 411 Shaw Ave.

Resolution #5318 to access a weed abatement lien on 803 East Battle St.

Resolution #5319 to access a weed abatement lien on Lot 10-17, Blk. A. East St.

Resolution #5320 to access a weed abatement lien on 319 Sloan Ave. East

Resolution #5321 to access a weed abatement lien on 858 Elm St.

Resolution #5322 to access a weed abatement lien on 123 Lancaster St.
Resolution #5323 to access a weed abatement lien on 817 Eastwood Ave.
Resolution #5324 to access a weed abatement lien on 821 Eastwood Ave.
Resolution #5325 to access a weed abatement lien on 118 Elizabeth Ave.
Resolution #5326 to access a weed abatement lien on 112 Elizabeth Ave.
Resolution #5327 to access a weed abatement lien on 307 Adams Ave.
Resolution #5328 to access a weed abatement lien on 214 N. Spring St.
Resolution #5329 to access a weed abatement lien on 206 E. Sloan Ave.
Resolution #5330 to access a weed abatement lien on 301 Dumas Ave.
Resolution #5331 to access a weed abatement lien on 315 Westwood Circle

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of Resolution #5314 to Resolution #5331. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second by Council Member Hall to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 9/2/2021 to 9/27/2021	\$420,724.08
Water/Sewer Fund	420,724.08

City Manager Hill wished to introduce Camille Burgin, the new Human Resources Director. He also informed the Council that the Chief of Police job position has been posted and there were several strong applicants both internal and external, had a great meeting with East Alabama Planning and Development Commission concerning a comprehensive and strategic plan and policy, also to be included in that plan is a hotel feasibility study, met with Terry Smiley from Alabama Power concerning updating properties and discussed initiatives with Public Works Director Phillips, and an internship program to start in the summer, had the opportunity to speak at Talladega College encouraging students to serve in areas of public service after graduation, met with Interim Finance Director Steele regarding the budget, conversation with Purchasing Director Blackburn concerning weed abatements, had a successful meeting with GFL to make sure that the roadway is clear of debris from garbage pickups, met with the president of CACC, a great meeting with a citizen in Bemiston, mentioned travel to Portland, Oregon for an ICMA conference with a return date of October 6th, it was also mentioned that Fire Chief Warwick was in charge during this absence, mentioned a possible land donation to the City, in terms of tourism efforts, attended Main Street Program with the application due in January 2022, and mentioned completion of airport operating program by Jim Brock.

Council Member Hall requested an update concerning demolition of houses in Ward 2. City Manager Hill commented that the consultant hired has not responded back as of yet with a start date and have been reached out to. It was also stated that he would follow up with City Planner Buyher concerning this issue.

Councilman Patterson inquired about correspondence received from Ms. Hunley. City Manager Hill stated that Ms. Hunley had complimented Public Works and Community Appearance for work being done on Sloan. Councilman Patterson wished to thank the employees from both those departments.

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

Council President Spratlin wished to inform all that there would be a food drive at Trinity United on October 7 to start at 10am.

Councilman Power had submitted to the Council pictures received from a citizen of areas in the City which had seen vast improvement in clean up. He wished to thank City Manager Hill for his leadership for the changes seen around the City. He also mentioned a concert in honor of Bobbye Trammell, scheduled at the Ritz Theatre on October 7. Also mentioned was a reduction in viewers for the Council Meeting on Facebook Live, stating perhaps the sound issue was the cause and requested City Manager Hill to look into the matter. City Manager Hill deferred to City Clerk Medlen concerning the issue. City Clerk Medlen stated that the City was in the process of researching Chamber upgrades. Next, Councilman Power informed the Council that the Talladega Municipal Airport did have at least 50 planes fly in for the latest NASCAR race.

Mayor Ragland wished to welcome Ms. Burgin to the City. He also wished to thank Brian Creighton for inviting him to the Speedway to give a welcome to the City address. He also wished to congratulate Josh Kelly as Player of the Week, and wished to thank Senator Tuberville for the invitation to discuss grant funding opportunities in Oneota. He also wished to thank City staff for their hard work.

Council President Spratlin stated that there was a scheduling conflict for the next Council meeting and inquired if October 21 would be amenable to the Council. All was agreeable to the change of date.

Councilman Patterson inquired about an approximate time on when the work on the Chamber area would begin. City Manager Hill stated it would be after the vote on the budget.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall 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, October 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.