

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2017-5:00 pm**

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

Invocation by Mayor Jerry Cooper.

The Public Hearing was called order for the 8 properties set for weed abatement liens with no property owners present to dispute the liens.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 9/25/2017 to 9/29/2017 FY 2016-17 \$223,159.92

General Operating Account	168,941.05
Senior Nutrition	704.90
Capital Improvement Fund	53,513.97

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 9/25/2017 to 9/29/2017 FY 2017-18 \$276,418.35

General Operating Account	276,418.35
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Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2017. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper presented to Susan Shipman, Cliff Andrews, and Linda Price of Second Chance, Inc. a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Talladega.

Walvid King from Talladega College came before the Council to invite the City Council Members, City Manager Bryant, and the audience to Talladega College's 150th Anniversary, which will be celebrated with several activities and ceremonies. He also requested a donation of some sort, but will return at a later date concerning this issue. Council President Street commented that the Council will look into the request and get back with him.

Alex Sharland from the Center for Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) came before the Council with a presentation for preparing for economic development. This presentation outlined how economic development works, what potential investors are looking for, available resources, how to organize to be ready for this development, and strategies for economic development.

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

Resolutions #4283 to #4290 approving liens for the cost of weed abatement on eight properties.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4283 to #4290. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4291 approving the application for airport improvement funding from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for the Talladega Municipal Airport.

Resolution #4292 approving funding of the lump sum payment for eligible retirees under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 367 of the Regular Session of the 2017 Legislature.

Resolution #4293 approving a tax abatement agreement with Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4291 to #4293. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4294 approving a contract with Telegraph Creative for brand management for fiscal year 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00.

Resolution #4295 approving a change order to the contract with George Hicks Construction to stabilize and repair the passage way between the Otts Building (offices and dressing rooms) to the Ritz Theatre facility at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4294 to #4295. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Street, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

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

Water Department Expenditures for 9/28/17 to 10/6/17 FY2016-17	\$136,854.94
Operations & Maintenance	25,775.85
Revenue	111,079.09

Water Department Expenditures for FY 2015-16	\$140,678.35
Operations & Maintenance	60,170.19
Revenue	44,297.63
North Talladega Water	1,650.00
Construction & Improvement	34,560.53

Brought before the Council was the advertisement for vacant positions on various City Boards.

City Manager Bryant commented that the Finance Department has been awarded for Fiscal Year 2016 a GFOA recognition for financial excellence. He also informed the Council that sponsors for the Christmas on the Square has raised \$104,000 for the event.

Mayor Cooper commented that he would be in attendance at the Talladega Speedway and will continue to recommend the City of Talladega.

Councilman Cooper commented that he was looking forward for the opening of the Georgia Pacific Plant and wished to express his thanks to the Community Appearance Department for their hard work.

Councilman Elston also wished to thank the Community Appearance Department as well as other Departments for their hard work.

Council President Street also wished to thank Georgia Pacific for their investment in the City of Talladega.

Motion from Councilman Simpson 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, October 9, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.