

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
2 November 2015**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in an organizational meeting on Monday, 2 November 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Auditorium, the regular place for such meetings. The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk Elizabeth Cheeks. Minnie Bailey of First United Methodist Church was asked to offer the invocation. Then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Education Members (Shirley Simmons-Sims for Ward 1, Mary McGhee for Ward 2, James N. Montgomery for Ward 3, Charles Roberts for Ward 4 and James E. Braswell for Ward 5) were sworn in as a group by The Honorable Jeb Fannin, Circuit Judge.

Dr. Horace L. Patterson was sworn in as Councilman for Ward 1 by The Honorable Jeb Fannin, Circuit Judge. Councilman Patterson was then invited to take his Council seat.

Jarvis Elston was sworn in as Councilman for Ward 2 by The Honorable Mark Nelson, Municipal Court Judge. Councilman Elston was then invited to take his Council seat.

David Street was sworn in as Councilman for Ward 3 by The Honorable Jeb Fannin, Circuit Judge. Councilman Street was then invited to take his Council seat.

Ricky Simpson was sworn in as Councilman for Ward 4 by The Honorable Jeb Fannin, Circuit Judge. Councilman Simpson was then invited to take his Council seat.

Gerald Cooper, Sr. was sworn in as Councilman for Ward 5 by The Honorable Jeb Fannin, Circuit Judge. Councilman Cooper was then invited to take his seat.

Jerry Cooper, Sr. was sworn in as Mayor for the City of Talladega by The Honorable William Hollingsworth, Circuit Judge.

The City Clerk declared a vacancy in the office of Council President and asked for a motion to appoint a Council Member as Council President. Councilman Simpson made a motion with a second from Councilman Street to appoint Councilman Patterson as Council President. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Elston, Councilman Street, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Patterson

Council President Patterson assumed the gavel and requested a motion for the appointment of Council President Pro Tem. Councilman Street made a motion with a second from Councilman Elston to appoint Councilman Simpson as President Pro Tempore. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Elston, Councilman Street, Councilman Cooper, and Councilman Patterson ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston to set the dates and time for the regular Council meetings (first and third Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm). Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson to adopt the Eleventh Edition of *Roberts' Rules of Order*. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Street to appoint the law firm of Thornton, Carpenter, O'Brien, Lazenby, and & Lawrence to act as the City's legal representation. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second by Councilman Simpson authorizing operation under the 2015-2016 budget as approved by Ordinance No. 1801 adopted 9/21/15. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston authorizing continued existing duties of personnel including City Manager and City Clerk, city functions and programs and policies until such a time as revised in accordance with all applicable laws. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Elston to accept all existing contracts with the City. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson adjourned the Organizational Meeting and convened the Regular Council Meeting.

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/18/15 to 10/30/15  
FY 2014-2015** **\$160,830.23**

General Operating Account	129,609.41
Brownfield Fund	31,220.83

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/18/15 to 10/30/2015  
FY 2015-2016** **\$300,470.43**

General Operating Account	210,000.23
Senior Nutrition	69,612.30
Corrections	2,537.50
RBEG Fund	14,850.00
Capital Improvement Fund	3,470.40

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Elston to approve minutes of October 19, 2015. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1808** authorizing the Finance Director and the City Clerk as signatories on all City bank accounts.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Elston for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1808. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Street for reading of the heading only. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA TO ADOPT METHOD OF PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS PURSUANT TO CODE OF ALABAMA, 1975 11-43A-31.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Simpson for the adoption of Ordinance #1808. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3703** authorizing all City bank accounts as required by Code of Alabama 1975, Section 11-43A-31 for the new fiscal year.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #3703. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3704** approving the 2015-2016 insurance policies for auto, general/professional liability, property liability, umbrella coverage and cyber liability.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #3704. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/21/15 to 10/29/15** **\$257,767.48**

**FY 2015-2016**

Operations & Maintenance	58,262.12
Revenue	126,897.61
Construction & Improvement	72,607.75

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/21/15 to 10/29/2015** **\$12,274.29**  
**FY 2014-2015**

Operations & Maintenance	12,274.29
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City Manager Bryant introduced the newly hired Municipal Court Clerk, Robin Tucker. He also mentioned that the grand opening for Standard Furniture was scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2015 at 10:00am.

City Manager Bryant informed the Council and audience that registration for Youth Basketball Ages 6-15 was open until November 20, with the cost at \$60.00. He also mentioned that he was looking forward to working with the new Council and Mayor.

Council President Patterson requested of City Manager Bryant an update on the rebranding for the City to be brought forth at the next meeting.

Mayor Cooper thanked the citizens for electing him as Mayor and stated that he would help build up Talladega and will help the Council in any way he could.

Councilman Cooper, Councilman Street, and Councilman Elston thanked all in attendance for their support.

Councilman Simpson congratulated the new Council.

Attorney O'Brien asked for the Council to convene an Executive Session for pending legal action.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #3705. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:13pm and reconvened at 6:29pm.

**Resolution #3705** approving contract with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram Inc. for a special audit at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Elston for the approval of the amended agenda to consider Resolution 3705. AYES: All.

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 an organizational and regular session on Monday, 2 November 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.