

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 5, 2018-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 5, 2018 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 Jarvis Elston, Councilman David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens to 7 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/22/2018 to 11/2/2018** **\$509,286.31**

General Fund	426,727.44
Corrections Fund	4,728.40
Capital Projects Trust Fund	68,026.21
Cemetery	4,967.99
Library Fund	4,836.27

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2018. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson recognized the presence of City Attorney O'Brien, School Board Member Jake Montgomery, George Montgomery, and Dr. Jimmy Davis.

Mayor Cooper presents the National Hospice and Palliative Care Proclamation to Grant LaFollette and Stan Mills.

Mayor Cooper swears in Brenda Brooks to the Heritage Hall Commission.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the application of Anton Chatman to the Industrial Development Board. AYES: All.

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Doug Marshall from the Presbyterian Home came before the Council to announce the Home's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A short video presentation was shown concerning the Home's origins and work being done.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. She stated that the Finance Department has continued to achieve this award every year since 2009 and wished to commend the whole department.

City Manager Cheeks informed the Council that the City received a CDBG grant for the Howard Street Sewer Project last Friday. A delegation from the City received this award from Governor Kay Ivey in Montgomery.

George Montgomery came before the Council to request closing a street, waiving open container ordinance and extending the time for live music due to a wedding being held at his residence on March 23, 2019. Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street to approve his request. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve an alcohol license for Raceway Express LLC located at 543 Broadway Ave. (formerly Six Point Enterprise, LLC). AYES: All.

Council President Patterson deferred to Councilman Simpson concerning a request for a contribution from the Talladega High School band for transportation to a football playoff game. It was decided that this request be handled by the City Manager. Motion from Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the request from the THS band. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4644-4650** approving weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4644-#4650. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4651** accepting the CDBG award of \$450,000.00 for the Howard Street Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4651. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4652** approving a contract with Davis Builders for installation of flooring in the Detective Division of Police Department for a cost of \$8,450.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4652. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4653** approving a contract renewal with Rivertree Systems for auditing/examination services.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4653. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 10/22/18-11/2/18</b>	<b>\$491,604.91</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	491,604.91

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning the new online payment portal for the Water Department. City Manager Cheeks stated that with the upgrade of the Tyler software a new module for accepting payment online was included. It was also stated that a \$1.25 fee would be charged to use this online portal and if you wish to avoid the fee; payment can be called in and paid over the phone. Councilman Street questioned if a record could be kept of how many people chose to use the portal or to call in. City Manager Cheeks stated that that type of data could be collected.

**Resolution #4654** approving the surplus of three Water and Sewer Department vehicles.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4654. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance No. 1844** establishing rates for Water and Sewer usage, residential and commercial.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Cooper for the Reading of the Heading Only. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**THIS ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES THE RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER USAGE, BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL, AND TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCE, REGULATION OR RESOLUTION INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1844. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the Adoption of Ordinance #1844. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council was a draft of the Sidewalk Permit. City Manager Cheeks commented that the draft was put together in conjunction with City Attorney O'Brien, InSite Engineering, Municipal Services Director Hanner, Building Inspector Jerry Taylor, and herself. The draft includes application fees, regulations, and requirements. There was some discussion upon this matter. Councilman Simpson questioned if a property owner can only purchase a permit for the area in front of their own property. City Manager Cheeks stated that a property owner can only purchase a permit for the area in front of their property. City Attorney O'Brien stated that adjacent property owners could enter into an agreement between themselves if they need to more space.

City Manager Cheeks gave an update on the Christmas on the Square event. It was mentioned that advertising on television and radio would begin and a billboard by Walmart is up. She also stated that there would be more food trucks, more items at Santa's workshop, and the donations for the event are over \$62,000. Council President Patterson wished to extend his gratitude for those who supported the Christmas on the Square event.

City Manager Cheeks wished to send condolences to the family of Hank Fannin. Mr. Fannin passed away November 3<sup>rd</sup> and was the municipal judge for the City for 26 years. She also informed the Council that there were two Talladega College interns working at City Hall. It was also stated that the Halloween on the Square and the Candy Hunt and Movie at Veterans Park was a success

Councilman Simpson asked the Council if they would consider getting a price for pressure washing the Square after all the construction was finished.

Councilman Cooper commented that he has been approached by the elderly in the community concerning parking for the Christmas Parade and asked if the City could possibly provide a golf cart for them. City Manager Cheeks stated that it could be arranged.

Mayor Cooper stated that the grand opening for Georgia Pacific would be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> by invitation only.

Councilman Street wished to send his condolences to the family of James Kent, a longtime community leader.

Councilman Elston commented that the Council had a task at hand concerning the vacant position of the City Clerk. It was decided that Councilman Elston and Councilman Cooper be tasked with moving forward in this regard.

Councilman Elston also wished to thank all who came out to participate in the Candy Hunt at Veterans Park and extended his gratitude to Director Ammons.

Councilman Simpson also expressed his appreciation for those who helped with the event on the Square.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Attorney O'Brien concerning an Executive Session. City Attorney O'Brien stated that the Executive Session was concerning acquisition of property and a motion would be needed to enter into the Executive Session.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Elston to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property at 6:05pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council returns to Chambers at 6:20pm. Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston to authorize the City Manager to begin the acquisition of the property. AYES: All.

Motion from Councilman Elston adjourn the meeting.

#### **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, November 5, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.