

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019 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 David Street, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

Council President Patterson wished to recognize the presence of City Attorney O'Brien.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone wishing to comment about the location of a proposed splash pad. Resident of Ward 3 Nancy Lutchendorf came before the Council to express her support for the splash pad. Ms. Lutchendorf stated that the splash pad should be in a place that is assessible to everybody and does not need to be in a neighborhood. It was also stated that the splash pad should be able to be developed into a recreation venue for children and adults. Next to speak upon this matter was Ward 3 resident Betty Street. Ms. Street commented that the splash pad would be a great thing for the community and children, but it would need to be in a more populated area such as Bemiston and Brecon; stating that many grandparents keep grandchildren and mainly walk to these types of places. A presentation was shown concerning ideas and basic information for the proposed splash pad. City Manager Cheeks commented that building a splash pad was a major decision for any municipality and stated that the three locations being considered were at Brecon, Bemiston, the golf course and Wedhadkee. There was some discussion upon this matter. The general consensus was that wherever it was located space would be needed to allow for development of other equipment and activities. Councilman Elston stated that the golf course would be a promising area for the splash pad and recommended that it be placed there. Councilman Street questioned the ability to obtain insurance if it were to be placed on the golf course due to it being located on a flood zone. However, it was also stated by Municipal Services Director Hanner that the splash pad itself would be elevated and not on the actual flood zone. Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper to locate the proposed splash pad at the Municipal golf course. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper NAY: Councilman Street

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 2/4/2019 to 2/15/2019 **\$295,766.16**

General Fund	263,479.67
Corrections Fund	26,870.04
Cemetery	54.90
Capital Projects Trust Fund	5,361.55

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2019. AYES: All.

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

Brought for Council information is the date of the Mardi Gras Parade scheduled for February 23rd and the E-Recycle event for March 15th.

Councilman Elston requested a moment of silence for the Simpson family for the loss of Councilman Simpson's father.

Resolution #4703 approving a purchase agreement with Allcomm Wireless, Inc. for fifteen (15) Motorola APX4000 portable radios in the amount of \$40,735.50.

Resolution #4704 approving a purchase agreement of seven (7) Dodge Chargers and three (3) Dodge Durangos from Opelika Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram at a cost of \$322,376.61.

Resolution #4705 approving surplus of six vehicles from the Police Department.

Resolution #4706 approving a purchase agreement of three (3) Ford F-350 Crew Cabs from Tallassee Automotive Incorporated for the Community Appearance Department at a cost of \$88,503.00.

Resolution #4707 approving surplus of three vehicles from the Community Appearance Department and five vehicles from Public Works Department.

Resolution #4708 approving a purchase agreement of one (1) Dodge Grand Caravan from Tallassee Automotive Incorporated at a cost of \$24,446.00.

Resolution #4709 approving surplus of one vehicle from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4703 to Resolution #4709. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Junk Cars

Resolution #4710 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 407 Ave H

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4710. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4711 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 819 Scott St.

Property owner Mr. Pope came before the Council requesting some time to remove the nuisance. Code Enforcement Officer Rowls stated that Mr. Pope will be allowed to have until Monday to remove the junk car.

Resolution #4712 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 1019 Dellwood Drive

Resolution #4713 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on corner of Charles St. and East Damon

Resolution #4714 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 525 West St.

Resolution #4715 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 903 Sims Circle

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4712 through Resolution #4715. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 2/4/19-2/14/19	\$346,254.74
Water/Sewer Fund	346,254.74

Resolution #4716 approving a purchase agreement of four (4) Dodge R1500 Extended Cabs, two (2) F350s, one (1) Dodge R1500 4x4 Extended Cab, and one (1) Jeep Renegade with Tallassee Automotive Incorporated for a cost of \$212,088.00.

Resolution #4717 approving a purchase agreement of one (1) Chevrolet Trax from Donohoo Chevrolet for a cost of \$20,164.75.

Resolution #4718 approving surplus of eight (8) vehicles from the Water Department.

Resolution #4719 approving a purchase agreement of one (1) 2020 International HV607 Chassis from Southland International Trucks, Inc. for a cost of \$80,083.15.

Resolution #4720 approving a purchase agreement of one (1) 10' Warren dump body from Warren Truck and Trailer, Inc. at a cost of \$14,185.00.

Resolution #4721 approving surplus of one (1) Unit WS112 – 2007 International Dump Truck.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4716 to Resolution #4721. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4722 approving a contract for design services for City Hall's Sanitary Sewer Replacement from InSite Engineering at a cost of \$49,200.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4722. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper NAY: Councilman Street

Resolution #4723 approving a proposal for design services for a repair project at the Water Department Office from Aho Architects, LLC at a cost of \$29,500.00.

Resolution #4724 approving a contract with Community Consultants, Incorporated for grant administration and compliance services for the Howard St. Sewer Rehabilitation at a cost of \$50,000.00.

Resolution #4725 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for project design and CE&I services for the Howard St. Sewer Rehabilitation at a cost of \$99,153.00.

Resolution #4726 approving a proposal for design services for a roof replacement project at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) from Aho Architects, LLC at a cost of \$18,400.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4723 through Resolution #4726. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Brought before Council was a presentation on the 2019 Paving Project. According to the presentation there will be nine streets proposed to receive milling and asphalt, five streets proposed to receive chip seal treatment, and two roads proposed for re-striping. Also brought forth in the presentation were lists of roads paved from 2010 to 2018. Councilman Simpson asked Public Works Director Phillips for those who would be asking why Battle St. was not on the paving project. Director Phillips stated that Battle St. is still currently maintained by ALDOT. Councilman Street stated that he was surprised that Spruance St. was not on the list to be paved. Director Phillips commented that Spruance St. could be added to the next paving plan. Mayor Cooper requested that white striping be looked into for both sides of East St. South from Lancaster to the four way stop sign at Hawthorne. Director Phillips stated that she would look into this matter. Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the 2019 Paving Project. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Cheeks introduced the new Finance Director; Romy Stamps. She also wished to give her personal condolences to the Simpson family and the Russell family.

Mayor Cooper announced that the Talladega High School Basketball team won their game tonight and will be going on to Birmingham for the Final Four.

City Manager Cheeks informed the Council that the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday will begin tomorrow until Sunday at midnight.

Mayor Cooper wished to recognize the employees who did a fine job working the Simpson funeral and wished to thank all City employees for their hard work.

Councilman Cooper informed the Council that the policeman injured in the shooting in Auburn was a second cousin and requested everyone keep him in their prayers.

Councilman Simpson wished to thank everyone for their condolences.

Councilman Street questioned if the street lights near the old skating rink on Hwy. 21 belonged to the City. City Manager Cheeks stated that staff would need to identify it, however if it was on Hwy. 21 it would not be on the City's light. Councilman Street next requested a report of engineering and design costs the City has been paying for the last 6 years. He also requested an update on the retaining wall on Johnson Ave. City Manager Cheeks stated that because of the rain the project has not gone forward however this wall is in the City's right of way and is the responsibility of the City's to maintain and make sure the sidewalk is safe. She also stated that the City Attorney's legal opinion will be forwarded to him.

Councilman Elston stated that he has been noticing a renewed change in the Department Directors and attributed it to the leadership of City Manager Cheeks.

Councilman Street wished to recognize Chief Busby and the police department as they participated in an active shooter drill this past week in the City schools; stating that they did an excellent job.

City Manager Cheeks also mentioned that Chief Busby had been selected to be the keynote speaker for the graduation of several recruits in Montgomery.

Council President Patterson stated that he would like for them to go to the next step – looking for various examples and visiting various locations in order to obtain ideas and submit to City Hall. City Manager Cheeks commented that once the suggestions were received a community hearing could be held to display the drawings and visuals and hear from the community.

Council President Patterson also reminded the Council that the second March meeting on March 18th would be held at the Public Library at which time the City would be honoring Dr. Hawkins for the massive job he's done for Talladega College. He also wished to join in sending condolences to the Simpson family.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson to adjourn.

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 Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.