

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 4, 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 Pro Tem Ricky Simpson, Councilman David Street, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

Council President Pro Tem Simpson wished to recognize the presence of City Attorney O'Brien.

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

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 1/18/2019 to2/1/2019 **\$368,385.79**

General Fund	343,008.53
Corrections Fund	2,313.69
Capital Projects Trust Fund	23,063.57

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2019 with one addition. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper presented a Black History Month proclamation to Dock Russell.

Brought before the Council was a reminder to file a Statement of Economic Interest by April 30, 2019.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street to approve \$1,000 for the yearly sponsorship of the Talladega Junior Welfare League. AYES: All.

Resolution #4699 approving an agreement with Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. of Pelham, Alabama for the purchase of a 2019 Complete Fire Apparatus/Triple Combination Pumper in the amount of \$483,033.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4699. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4700 authorizing the Court Clerk to execute and contract the services of a Special Judge and Special Prosecutor.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4700. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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 1/18/19-2/1/19	\$219,175.33
Water/Sewer Fund	219,175.33

Resolution #4701 approving an amended design service contract with InSite Engineering for upgrades to the Stonehill Booster Station at a cost of \$10,150.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4701. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4702 approving an agreement with Gillespie Construction, LLC of Prattville, Alabama for the replacement of Brecon Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station at a cost of \$285,355.00 pending compliance with insurance, bonding, and licensing requirements.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4702. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4703 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for design services for phase one of rehabilitation of Filters 1-4 at the Water Filter Plant at a cost of \$46,650.00.

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

City Manager Cheeks wished to thank the Council for approving the resolution for the purchase of a new fire truck and stated that the new fire truck will take 8-10 months to build. It was also stated that the City received a letter from the Appalachian Regional Commission concerning a \$200,000 grant which will be awarded to the City. This grant along with the \$450,000 CDBG grant will go towards the Howard Street sewer rehabilitation. City Manager Cheeks also informed the Council of several activities scheduled in honor of Black History Month at the Mabra Center, the Public Library, and various community centers around town. She also gave an update on the three bridges being replaced stating that the Isbell Circle bridge was 81% complete, the West Street bridge was 65% complete, and the Coosa St. Bridge at 15% completion.

Mayor Cooper wished to express his appreciation to City employees for their work.

Councilman Cooper inquired about the repair work on the sidewalks around the Square. City Manager Cheeks commented that hopefully it will be another 3 months.

Council President Pro-Tem Simpson asked about sidewalk near Clark Insurance stating that there was a trip hazard located there. Municipal Services Director Hanner stated that they have received a complaint concerning this issue and it is being addressed.

Councilman Elston requested information on the Industrial Development Board; asking how many members were currently on the Board. City Manager Cheeks stated that there were 6 currently on the Board and that the Board cannot seat until there are 9 members.

Councilman Elston inquired about the City Manager's evaluation and indicated his desire for City Manager Cheeks to start on it in order to give her time for her input. Councilman Street commented that a professional evaluation had already been done by GEDI and questioned why that it could not be used. Councilman Elston stated that the one drafted by himself and Councilman Cooper with the guidance of Attorney O'Brien was sufficient. Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper to start drafting a performance evaluation for the City Manager. AYES: Council President Pro-Tem Simpson, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Cooper NAY: Councilman Street

Councilman Street brought to the Council's attention an incident of citizen who had hit a pothole and damaged her tire. City Manager Cheeks stated that the claim was sent to the City's insurance carrier. Councilman Street commented that the claim had been denied due to the fact that it didn't meet their criteria and stated that he felt that it does not remove the City's liability and suggested that the City pay for this damage. Councilman Simpson asked City Attorney O'Brien if it would make the City liable for every other claim if this one claim were to be paid by the City. Attorney O'Brien stated that it would be only this particular claim. Councilman Elston stated that the City would need to be careful about this issue.

Councilman Street inquired about the paving information he had requested previously. City Manager Cheeks stated that originally the paving information would be done at this meeting, however due to a situation the paving project will come up at the next meeting of

February 21st. She also stated that they will be receiving this information at least a week ahead of time. Councilman Street also inquired about the sidewalk on Hill Street across from Alabama Power. City Manager Cheeks stated that when the sidewalk program goes forward this particular sidewalk is on the top of the list.

Councilman Street wished to welcome Drayer Physical Therapy to town and requested an update on the Wehadkee project. City Manager Cheeks stated that the report from Terracon had concerns about the soil containing arsenic, heavy metals, and asbestos. It was stated that if the building was to be taken down, the soil contamination would have to be taken into consideration due to the high cost. She also commented that there was no decision or true set plan because of the money issue. Councilman Street also asked if the repairs or replacement of a retaining wall on Johnson Ave. was public or private property. It was stated that the wall belonged to the City.

Council President Pro-Tem Simpson wished to remind everyone that the next Council meeting was scheduled for February 21st.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper 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 Monday, February 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.