

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 7, 2022 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Talladega City Hall Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Betty Spratlin, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Joe Power, Councilman Trae Williams, Mayor Timothy Ragland, and City Manager Seddrick Hill.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

There was some discussion concerning the City's submitted invoices and expenditures from 1/15/2022 to 1/27/2022. It was decided that the invoices and expenditures would be brought back to the Council at the next meeting for consideration.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2021. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the waiver of open container for the Mardi Gras Parade. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of the waiver of fees for vendor permits and licenses for Sunshine Saturday. AYES: All.

Jessica White from GFL Environmental came before the Council concerning the 4.8% increase for residential waste collection and disposal. Ms. White commented that the increase is based on the CPI and that a clause in the City's garbage contract states that any requested cost increases or adjustments can be considered by the Council. City Attorney O'Brien recommended that the City ask for evidence of the cost increase.

Brought before the Council was a reminder that the 2022 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday is scheduled for February 25, 2022 to February 27, 2022 as well as a reminder to the Council to file their Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) by April 30, 2022.

Ordinance #1901 amending Ordinance #1799 to prohibit the tethering of animals

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1901. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1799, IN PART TO PROHIBIT THE TETHERING OF ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the waiver of the first reading and the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1901. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1901. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Williams to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 1/15/2022 to 1/27/2022	\$135,997.81
Water/Sewer Fund	135,997.81

Resolution #5440 approving an amended contract with WCA dba GFL Environmental for residential waste collection and disposal that will increase the cost by 4.8%

Motion by Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5440. *Councilman Patterson wished to withdraw his motion.*

Resolution #5441 approving a contract to employ Mark D. Owsley as counsel to pursue collection, lien, and litigation for severely past due and substantial bills owed to the Water Department

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5441. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Hill commented that he had a great meeting with the Mayor of Oxford concerning the possibility of a tourism partnership, sister city bill, bringing back the NASCAR parade, induction of drivers

back into the NASCAR park, the launch of the CareerLIFE internship, had a successful meeting concerning the Eastside Building, began preparation for the new comprehensive plan, was accepted into Opportunity Zone for April, preparation for applying for Main Street Alabama, met with a franchise interested in coming to Talladega, applied for an ariel replacement grant for a new fire truck and a grant for additional fire fighters, applied for ALDOT grant improvements for intersection of 21 and Jackson Trace which although not successful, came back and had other resources to do road repairs for that intersection, met with broadband initiatives, an upcoming trip to DC, and the new forthcoming City website.

Mayor Ragland commented that several citizens had inquired about warming stations. He also requested that the AJ building be looked into as it looks to be in bad shape, and mentioned an upcoming trip to DC to meet with congressional representatives.

Council Member Hall asked when the last audit was done and requested a copy. City Manager Hill commented that the 2020 audit had come in this week. Councilman Power requested that an auditor come present the findings to the Council.

Council Member Hall next inquired about the Police Chief position. City Manager Hill stated that interviews would begin in two weeks with a Zoom meeting first to narrow down the candidates to 3, followed by an in-house interview and then a session where the community could come out to see how the candidates interact and to ask questions.

Councilman Patterson wished to express his appreciation to City Manager Hill on his leadership especially concerning the internship program currently being launched. He also wished to extend his appreciation to Community Appearance for their hard work.

Council President Spratlin inquired about the golf course, requested that the historic plaque at the Courthouse be installed, CIP, and Willman Road. City Manager Hill commented that the City is waiting on a lease agreement to come back from Alabama Power. It was mentioned that the City had been waiting on the 2020 audit to come back as well as looking to tie up some incomplete projects from the previous years. City Manager Hill commented that a grant was applied for specifically for Willman Road.

Councilman Power commented that an ordinance for historic perseveration may be needed for the Main Street program. He also mentioned that there was a Chamber meeting concerning tourism next Tuesday at CMP and again requested training on reading the summary report of the City's finances under the new format.

Council President Spratlin requested an update on the East Street parking lot. City Planner Buyher stated that the architect was in the design phase.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for adjournment.
AYES: All.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Joanna Medlen, 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 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.