

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Talladega City Hall Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Trae Williams, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Betty Spratlin, Councilman Joseph K. Power, Jr., Mayor Ragland and Interim City Manager Kelsey Gallahar.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall to approve invoices and expenditures. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 2/12/2021-2/24/2021	\$323,177.49
General Fund	205,265.84
Corrections Fund	17,555.56
Library Fund	2,173.20
Municipal Airport	20,282.89
Capital Projects Trust Fund	77,900.00

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of the Minutes of the Called Meeting of February 8, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2021. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval to petition bids for printing and mailing of water bills. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1886 amending Ordinance No. 1845, Ordinance No. 1869, and Ordinance No. 1870 establishing the City of Talladega’s Employee Classification plan and amending Ordinance 1835 to provide for a transfer of a position in the Office of the City Manager to the Police Department, and to amend a job description for the Police Department

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1845, ORDINANCE NO. 1869 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1870 ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF TALLADEGA’S EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2835 TO PROVIDE FOR A TRANSFER OF A POSITION IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO AMEND A JOB DESCRIPTION FO RHTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1886. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1886. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5230 approving a contract with Crime Gun Intelligence Technologies for public safety investigation tools at a cost of \$111,904.00 pending compliance with insurance and licensing requirements

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5230. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5231 approving the temporary closure of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive for 6 months with the option to re-evaluate at the end of the term in order to allow for discussion for a permanent plan for pedestrian safety

Motion by Council President Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5231. Roll Call. AYES: All.

There was some discussion concerning the temporary closure of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Councilman Patterson inquired as to why he was not notified of this issue and requested that anything of sensitive nature affecting in Ward 1 be communicated to him. Interim City Manager Gallahar commented that there was no change other than putting the approved request in a resolution. Building Inspector Morgan stated that Talladega College had reached out to his office regarding a proposed replacement sign at the Student Center and after meeting with Mr. Pope and the location of the sign, which falls on City right of way, it was decided between the Public Works Department and his office that since the portion that had been allowed to be temporarily closed had no traffic, an exception could be made of the necessary set back, however a resolution would be needed for legal backing.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 2/11/2021 to 2/24/2021	\$ 61,281.40
Water/Sewer Fund	61,281.40

Interim City Manager Gallahar informed the Council that the Talladega High School basketball team won their region game and announced that the archery sign-up had begun at the Spring Street Recreation Center. She also informed everyone that United Way would have another food give away this weekend at Trinity United Methodist on March 5.

Councilman Patterson wished to speak concerning the recent shooting on Nolan St. and implored the residents to speak up when witnessing a crime or if they have any information of a crime. He also wished to express his appreciation to the Police Department for their work.

Mayor Ragland swears in Richard Maurice Vincent to the Industrial Development Board.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session to discuss property at 5:44pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council returned to the Chambers at 5:55pm with no action taken.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President 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, March 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.