

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 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 Joseph K. Power, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Council Member Betty C. Spratlin, Councilman Trae Williams, Mayor Ragland and City Manager Beth Cheeks.

Invocation by Councilman Horace Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 3/2/20120 to 3/6/2020	\$ 333,390.88
General Fund	205,983.75
Corrections Fund	30,746.23
Municipal Airport	973.77
Capital Projects Trust Fund	95,687.13

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2020. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland swears in Chip Moore to the TOP Trails Board.

Council President Power deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning the event at the Ritz Theatre on April 4, 2020. City Manager Cheeks informed the Council that there would be a “Journey with Mr. Harold Franklin” presentation at the Historic Ritz Theatre on April 4, 2020 at 11am. She also wished to announce the Parks and Recreation Department’s Senior Trip in October, 2020 to Branson, Missouri. It was also mentioned that the current senior trip had been cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation.

Brought before the Council was the appointment of the Municipal Court Judge. Upon a name vote, Mark Nelson was appointed Municipal Court Judge effective April 27th for the next two years.

City Manager Cheeks informed the Council of a vacancy on the Civil Service Board and requested the Council to bring a recommendation for a citizen to serve on the Board at the next meeting. The only qualifications for this Board are that members must be at least 25 years old and be a registered voter in the City of Talladega.

Resolution #5003 approving a Special Event Reimbursable Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for Race Weekend at the Municipal Airport.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5003. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance No. 1866 amending Ordinance No. 1854: Flood Damage Prevention for the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1866. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1854; FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

Motion by Councilman Williams with second from Council Member Spratlin for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1866. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the Adoption of Ordinance #1866. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Council Member Hall to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 3/2/2020 to 3/6/2020	\$ 119,457.86
Water/Sewer Fund	119,457.86

City Manager Cheeks announced that in an effort to reduce the spread of the Covid-19, not only has the agenda been greatly reduced, certain City facilities have been closed to the public, although the public may still call in with inquiries. She also stated that per the Alabama Department of Public Health, there should be no more than 50 people in any type of gathering. It was also mentioned that Spring Street Recreation would be closed to the public however the phones will be manned for anyone needing assistance. Also, the Senior Nutrition program will continue to serve however meals will be picked up in the parking lot of the Mabra Center. The Transportation program will run as normal however it is asked that if any clients are feeling ill, to please not utilize the transportation program. It was also mentioned that the Library would also be closed to the Public until March 31st. City Hall will remain open with restricted access. The Water Department will also be closed to the Public; however, customers can utilize the drive through for payments or pay online. It was also mentioned that the City would temporarily losing inmate labor due to the precautions for Covid-19. It was also mentioned that the Court Office and Finance would still be accepting payment in their offices.

Mayor Ragland wished to congratulate the Talladega College Men's and Women's Basketball for their success. He also wished to congratulate Colby Simmons for being named the First Team Selection in Class 4A. He also asked all to adhere to the guidelines of the CDC and the Alabama Department of Public Health and practice common sense.

Councilman Williams informed the Council that this past Saturday, United Way along with several citizens, held a clean up day at Knoxville Cemetery yielding great results.

Council Member Spratlin wished to thank the City Manager in keeping the Council abreast concerning the Covid-19 situation. She also stated that Saturday was a great day and inquired if the E-Recycle Event on March 27th had been cancelled. City Manager Cheeks stated that the E-Recycle will go on as planned. It was also asked when the Battle of Talladega Sign would be put back up. City Manager Cheeks commented that it will be installed at a later date with counsel from the County as to the location.

Council President Power asked when the punch list would be done for the paving project. City Manager Cheeks stated that due to the weather there is not a date for a punch list as there are some items not completed yet. He also inquired about several businesses receiving a late notice on business licenses. It was mentioned that the businesses double check with the Finance Office

Councilman Patterson asked if the buses used for the transportation program were intermittently sprayed and wiped down. City Manager Cheeks stated that the both transportation buses are being sprayed and wiped down and not carrying more than 2 riders at a time. It was also stated that additional drivers were being used so as to not to over expose the two current drivers. Councilman Patterson also inquired about the policy on returning phone calls and how long it would take to receive a phone call back from the City Manager's Office. City Manager Cheeks stated that calls usually are returned within 24 hours, however if there are continually calls from the same caller, the 24-hour period cannot be guaranteed.

Council Member Hall wished to thank all who came out to help at Knoxville.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property (real estate) at 5:51pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council return to Chambers at 6:09pm with no action taken.

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, March 16, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.