

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 29, 2018-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2018 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 David Street, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Councilman Jarvis Elston, and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

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

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 3/5/2018 to 3/16/2018** **\$737,459.38**

General Operating Account	529,775.34
Senior Nutrition	66,955.52
Municipal Court Fund	4,764.08
Corrections Fund	23,637.82
Cemetery Fund	4,383.24
Capital Improvement Fund	107,943.38

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2018. AYES: All.

Keela Brown came before the Council to formally invite them to a VIP Reception on April 6<sup>th</sup> for the Hall of Heroes and stated that the grand opening would take place April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ed King came before the Council concerning issues with the location of the proposed splash pad. Mr. King commented that the idea of the splash pad is a wonderful idea but would prove to be a disservice for the residents who surround the splash pad and for the potential customers. Stating issues of the lack of space for the splash pad and for other necessary playground equipment families would expect and enjoy, issues with traffic congestion, and the noise pollution that would be caused by the splash pad. He requested that the Council re-think the location and more research be done.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of an alcohol license 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Quick Stop Mart at 315 East Street North. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval to waive the license fees for vendors, suspend the ban on open containers during the April in Talladega Block Party and approve closure of streets on the Historic Courthouse square for the Block Party on April 14, 2018. Roll Call. AYES: All.

A reminder was given to the Council regarding the filing of the Statement of Economic Interest due by April 30, 2018.

David Andrews with the Center for Municipal Solutions concerning special use permits for cell phone towers for technology upgrades. He stated that the Center for Municipal Solutions recommended the approval of Special Use Permits for the two locations.

**Resolution #4398** approving contract with Neel-Schaffer Engineering for design services for a splash pad at the Spring Street Recreation Center at a cost not to exceed \$58,530.00. (*tabled from previous meeting*)

No action taken.

**Resolution #4400** approving a special use permit for Sprint to modify an existing facility located at 460 Stone Hill Drive.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4400. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4401** approving a special use permit for Verizon to modify an existing facility located at 1003 Renfroe Tower Road.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4401. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4402** approving a change order with Davis Builders for the Park Improvements project at a cost of \$4,300.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4402. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4403** approving a contract with East Alabama Umpire Association for officiating services for baseball/ softball games at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4403. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Street, Councilman Elston, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

**Resolution #4404** approving a contract with George Hicks Construction for repairs to the Big Springs Monument at a cost of \$164,790.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4404. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Street, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston and Councilman Simpson

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 3/1/2018-3/16/2018</b>	<b>\$961,053.20</b>
Operations & Maintenance	339,543.66
Revenue	576,664.00
Capital Improvements	44,845.54

The selection of Council President and Pro-Tem came before the Council. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson for selecting Councilman Cooper for Council President. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Council President Street

Motion by Council President Street and a second from Councilman Simpson for selecting Councilman Patterson as Pro-Tem. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the dates April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> as the April Council meeting. AYES: All.

City Manager Bryant commented that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at Veterans Park from 2pm-5pm. It was also announced that the baseball and softball opening day will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Ben Bruner Sports Complex beginning at 9am.

Councilman Cooper commented that it was good that citizens came to express their opinions and would like more community involvement.

Councilman Patterson wished to congratulate the new Council President and also expressed his pleasure of how the matter of the splash pad was dealt with and wished to thank the people who brought forth their concerns.

Councilman Elston expressed his thanks to outgoing Council President Street and stated that he is looking forward to working with Councilman Cooper as Council President.

Councilman Simpson questioned if the ditches being dug are too close to the road and stated that he would like to see them leave a foot by the side of the road. He also requested that this be looked into.

Council President Street wished to thank Mr. King for expressing his concerns and stated that the Council is willing to work with the public concerning this issue.

City Attorney O'Brien stated that an Executive Session concerning a pending litigation was requested. It was also requested that City Manager Bryant attend. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson to enter into Executive Session. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:55pm and reconvened at 6:15pm. No action was taken.

Motion from Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Cooper to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Recorded by: Joanna Medlen

#### **AUTHENTICATION**

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, 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, March 29, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.