

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 6, 2017-5:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Sr., Councilman David Street, Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr., and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Councilman Horace Patterson.

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

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 2/20/2017 to 3/3/2017 **\$439,699.73**

General Operating Account	426,095.03
Municipal Court	4,885.56
Corrections	6,948.28
Capital Improvement Fund	1,770.86

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2017. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of proclamations for Colonel Farrior and Willie and Betty Farrior. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper swears in Jerry Ottomanelli to the Historic Preservation Commission and Rex Griffin to the Municipal Airport Board.

The Council was informed that the vacancy on the Municipal Airport Board due to Calvin McRae's death will be advertised.

City Clerk Cheeks informed the Council that the next E-Recycle Day is scheduled for March 17, 2017 from 10am-2pm in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot.

Valerie White from the Heritage Hall Museum came before the Council concerning events at Heritage Hall. It was announced that the KidsArt Exhibit honoring National Youth Art Month will be March 7th to March 17th, with the Opening Reception on Sunday, March 12 from 2pm to 4pm. Heritage Hall will also be host to the Watercolor Society of Alabama's 76th National Exhibit. The exhibit will be on display from April 7th-May 19th. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 9th from 1pm to 4pm.

Brought before the Council is a request from Talladega High School for \$1,000 for the band who will be going to San Antonio, TX. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the request for \$1,000 for the Talladega High School band. AYES: All.

Council President Simpson deferred to City Manager Bryant concerning the Lundmark letter of withdrawal and City Attorney O'Brien's response to a Library Board inquiry, which indicates that the City has no management authority over the Library. Councilman Patterson requested that a letter be sent to Lundmark thanking them for their consideration.

Resolution #4103 approving the surplus of four police vehicles.

Resolution #4104 approving the purchase of four police vehicles from Opelika Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for a total cost of \$121,601.20.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street to approve Resolution #4103 and Resolution #4104. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Elston questioned Police Chief Busby as to when the police cars will be consistent in color. Police Chief Busby stated that due to unforeseen accidents the color change has slowed but they are working towards the transition. Councilman Patterson requested the Police Chief to speak about the break-ins reported in the news media. Chief Busby commented that the Police Department is working diligently to solve these crimes and wished to assure citizens and the Council that they are doing everything possible including adding extra duty officers.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 2/22/17 to 3/3/17	\$ 406,880.26
Operations & Maintenance	139,697.72
Revenue	266,870.85
Capital Improvement	311.69

City Manager Bryant commented that the City's rebranding logo won an award from the Alabama Advertising Foundation for the Gold in Integrated Brand Identity Campaign and is entered in the Southeastern District competition.

Councilman Elston introduced Clint Johnson who spoke about an event scheduled for March 11 from 12pm to 2pm at Christ Deliverance Christian Center. This event is a monthly gathering for youths called "rebuilding bridges."

Councilman Street gave an update on TOP Trails. He stated that ridership is at a high and will soon be having a grand opening for the RV Park. He also stated that the Historic Preservation Commission just approved Phase I for the Braswell building renovation.

Council President Simpson requested that the Council set up a date for a Work Session with no action being taken.

Motion by Councilman Elston 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 Monday, March 6, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.