

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
June 15, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall 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 to approve invoices and expenditures. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 5/13/20120 to 6/8/2020	\$ 314,468.71
General Fund	269,503.68
Corrections Fund	1,402.68
Cemetery	3,304.63
Library Fund	2,247.96
Municipal Airport	17,492.51
Capital Projects Trust Fund	20,510.38
Water/Sewer Fund	20,510.38
	6.87

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2020 with one correction. AYES: All.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens for 10 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Ragland swears in Travis Griffin to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board.

Rod Skene from the Advisory Panel for the deaf and visually impaired came before the Council with a report. Mr. Skene stated that the panel consists of 7 members and also commented that the panel was formed to serve the council and would like provide awareness screening and training for how to deal with the deaf and blind population. He also wished to thank Councilman Williams, Council President Power, City Manager Cheeks and Mayor Ragland for their participation in the use of vision simulators. Councilman Williams requested an update on the bus from East Alabama Regional Planning and Development. City Manager Cheeks stated that there was no new update on the bus, however the City is in the process of hiring another driver to increase the transportation program soon.

Jimmy Williams came before the Council to discuss the events at the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting. He wished to make clear comments made by Chairperson Whitson during the meeting were incorrect and wished to bring forth documentation to prove this as such.

Project Manager of property 619 McAlpine came before the Council to request that the Council rescind the demolition of the structure. Mr. Wynn stated that he was committed to follow through with the repair of 619 McAlpine if given the opportunity. City Manager Cheeks stated that the contract had already been signed but would see if the contractor would be willing to switch out another similar property instead. She also stated that a licensed builder must be obtained as well.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of the Evaluation Form for the City Manager to be submitted to Council President Power and Council Member Spratlin. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1867 amending Ordinance #1845 by setting the City of Talladega's Classification Plan.

Motion by Council President Power for the Adoption of Ordinance #1867. *Motion defeated due to lack of a second.*

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall to schedule a Work Session on June 29, 2020 at 5pm to have any questions answered concerning the Classification Plan. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1868 repeal of Ordinance #1249.

There was some discussion upon this matter. Councilman Patterson commented that he would like to know what would replace the Historic Preservation Commission and that several years ago there was about the responsibility of the historic district being held by the Building Inspector and City Planner. City Attorney O'Brien stated that there was no plan in place to what replaces Ordinance #1249 but had given a couple of suggestions to the City Manager such as taking the enforcement provisions dealing with permitting and requirement that buildings in the historic district has to be maintained to a certain standard and incorporate it in the Zoning Ordinance or once the Council abolishes the HPC at some point the Council reforms a new HPC to take all the ordinances for the geographic areas for historic districts and take the time to only include those that have taken the time to register the structure as a historic property. Building Inspector EJ Morgan commented that the building inspector has no authority to dictate materials so long as they are approved building materials and commented that the HPC is the only entity that can set regulations for historical features.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1868. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AM ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 1249 AND TO ABOLISH THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1868. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1868. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Weed Abatements

Resolution #5029 to assess a weed abatement lien on 823 Allen St.

Resolution #5030 to assess a weed abatement lien on 904 Summer St.

Resolution #5031 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot corner of Knox St. and Ave H

Resolution #5032 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot corner of Lide Rd. and Hollingsworth

Resolution #5033 to assess a weed abatement lien on 716 Coleman Drive

Resolution #5034 to assess a weed abatement lien on 102 McClellan St.

Resolution #5035 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St.

Resolution #5036 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St.

Resolution #5037 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St.

Resolution #5038 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot corner of Ave H and Knox St.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5029 to Resolution #5038. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5039 surplusing of police dog and donation to handler

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5039. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 5/27/2020 to 6/8/2020

\$ 178,479.59

Water/Sewer Fund

178,479.59

Resolution #5040 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for design and construction, engineering, and inspection (CE&I) services for the main WWTP, Brecon WWTP, and Airport WTTP for updates and upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$69,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5040. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5041 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for design services for Dam Repairs and Access Phase II at a cost not to exceed \$78,600.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5041. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5042 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for sewer TV inspections, cleaning, and smoke testing services at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with ascend from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5042. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5043 approving a contract with Carlson Equipment & Software for GPS equipment, training, and support for staff at a cost not to exceed \$9,991.00.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5043. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland request that the Council consider the request of Miss Britney Harvell for an ad to help her endeavor to the Miss Alabama competition. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of \$500 to Miss Britney Harvell. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Power, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, and Council Member Spratlin ABSTAIN: Councilman Williams

Councilman Patterson commented that he still has not received a satisfactory answer to who would be responsible if the HPC was abolished. City Manager Cheeks stated that as soon as the ordinance was published it would take effect and all HPC requests would go through the Building Inspector. There was also some discussion concerning the classification ordinance.

Council Member Hall inquired about the Eastside School. City Manager Cheeks deferred to City Attorney O'Brien; who stated that they are currently investigating the release of the buildings to the City. Council Member Hall also asked about the violators riding ATVs on public roads. City Manager Cheeks stated that the City was aware of the problem and asked that when they are sighted to call the Police Department, however they will not chase them down as it would put the youthful violators in danger.

Council Member Spratlin inquired about the complaint registered by a Hillandale resident where there are two homes are in need of condemnation. City Manager Cheeks stated that the City is in the process to start condemnation of the property with the swimming pool, however it would not be done in time to swap out with the McAlpine request.

Council President Power wished to acknowledge the presence of Jackie Smith and his wife who recently moved to Talladega. It was stated that Jackie Smith was the former superintendent of a large construction company in North Alabama and had been on the board of ADIB for 20 years.

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, June 15, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.