

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 2017-5:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 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 Pro-Tem Gerald Cooper Sr., Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, City Manager Patrick Bryant, and Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson 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 6/19/2017 to 7/7/2017 **\$540,720.26**

General Operating Account	471,007.52
Senior Nutrition	51,109.24
Municipal Court	9,403.00
Capital Improvement Fund	9,200.50

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2017 and the called meeting of June 26, 2017. AYES: All.

The Public Hearing was called to order for the 25 properties set for weed abatement liens with no property owners present to dispute the liens.

Tim Smith came before the Council concerning a petition for turn lane on Highway 77 North and presented some suggestions that would alleviate his concerns. Mr. Smith stated that he understood it was a state highway but thought the City Council could let the State agency know their concern about the area and make recommendations.

Alan Holley came before the Council requesting a contribution of \$1000.00 for the Talladega Stingrays Swim Team's trip to Disney World and Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. City Manager Bryant stated that the Council could not contribute for a pleasure trip.

Resolutions #4150 to #4174 to assess weed abatement liens.

Resolution #4175 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars in vacant lot on Lane St.

Resolution #4176 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at 720 Patricia Avenue.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #4150 to Resolution #4176. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4177 approving a contract with Kilgore Construction for Restroom Facilities at Duncan Pinkston and Edythe Sims Parks at a cost of \$101,848.00.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #4177. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman to excuse the absence of Council President Street. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 6/22/17 to 6/29/17 **\$320,664.53**

Operations & Maintenance	89,126.20
Revenue	142,173.53
Capital Improvement	89,364.80

Mayor Cooper informed the Council that he had been sent a letter by a former Councilman requesting that a plaque be placed at the Ritz Theatre listing the council members who were involved in the purchase of the Theatre. City Manager Bryant stated that he would get a price on this plaque.

Councilman Patterson commented that he hopes that they will be able to do something personally for the Talladega Stingrays Swim Team.

Councilman Elston wished to air his hope that Edythe Sims Park will be on the next Capital Improvement Plan for renovations. He also requested that a discussion about September's Council meeting be put on the next meeting's agenda.

Councilman Simpson wished to commend Council President Pro-Tem Cooper for filling in as Council President. He also wished to thank Mr. Smith for his concern pertaining to a turn lane on Highway 77 North.

Council President Pro-Tem Cooper commented on the positive appearance of the Courthouse Square. He also inquired of City Manager Bryant about the status of industry in the City. City Manager Bryant commented that the City is currently in the process of developing an economic strategic plan and attention will be paid to possible industrial recruitment and are in the middle of assessing the assets at the City's disposal to ramp up efforts. He also commented that the local economy is outpacing the regional economy and that the unemployment rate is at a ten-year low. Also, investors are once again taking interest in the city and purchasing vacant properties along the City's economic corridor in order to redevelop and place new business inside. It was also stated that all the economic trends indicate that the City is heading in the right direction.

Council President Pro-Tem Cooper also asked if the Economic Development Authority has been facilitating the City in acquiring industrial jobs for the City. City Manager Bryant commented that the EDA is a county effort in helping locating industry for the entire County and stated that as a whole the City has benefited from their function.

Council Simpson wished to thank Community Appearance Director Bast and his crew for the work done in the aftermath of a storm on Ward Ave.

Motion from Councilman Patterson 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, July 10, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.