

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 15, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019 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 Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Council President Patterson.

Council President Patterson wished to recognize the presence of City Attorney O'Brien.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/1/2019 to 7/12/2019** **\$642,181.87**

General Fund	597,938.65
Corrections Fund	33,213.06
Cemetery	10,100.00
Library Fund	72.76
\$.04 & \$.05 Gas Tax Fund	857.40

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of the regular minutes of July 1, 2019. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper swears in Merri Jane Miller to the Library Board.

The Knoxville For Life Planning Committee came before the Council to extend their appreciation for the support given to them and requested for the next reunion help in directing traffic. A DVD of the activities from the reunion was also given to the Council.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning Eddie Duncan's School Supply Giveaway which would not be held this year. City Manager Cheeks deferred to Cornelius Pickens, a member of the social savings club, VWA. Mr. Pickens stated that his organization wished to continue Mr. Duncan's event in his absence. Council President Patterson requested that Mr. Pickens submit in writing his request for the Council. All were in support of this endeavor once the proper paperwork had been submitted.

It was announced that the School Supply Tax Holiday would be held July 19-July 21, 2019. It was also announced that the recycling center would be temporarily closed for construction. The construction will consist of enlarging the concrete pad area for the recycling bins and the addition of a manned guard shack at the entrance. This is all done to ensure what is being recycled and to provide citizens with information on disposal of non-recyclable items.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Cheeks in reference to the paving project. It was commented that the paving will continue on for the next few weeks and once finished the section going from Walmart to the bypass and from the Courthouse Square 77 North up to the intersection of the 275 bypass will then be handed over to the City. It was also mentioned that once ALDOT's paving was completed the paving for the city's project would commence as the City's contractor (McCartney) is the same for ALDOT's project.

Also deferred to City Manager Cheeks was an update on the traffic light on the corner of Court Street South and West Battle Street. It was stated that due to a car accident, the traffic light was rendered inoperable and unrepairable. ALDOT was alerted to the problem and approved of the detour and rerouting of traffic. The time line for replacement of the traffic light control box is July 15<sup>th</sup> and installation on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the repair will be charged to the pick up truck owner's insurance company.

The E-911 phone app was presented by Kelsey Gallahar from the City Manager's Office. This app will allow users to find information on animal control, county directory, agency map on properties, a direct link to ALDOT and employees of the County can access a portal from it as well.

Brought before the Council was a presentation by City Manager Cheeks concerning the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas on the Square event. It was stated that planning for this event is currently underway. A video presentation of a 20 ft. tall Christmas tree was shown. The proposed tree would light up with music of up to 15 different songs and last well over an hour. The cost of this purchase would be spread out over 3 years. It was

also stated that donations in hand is at the \$10,000 mark and there are well over \$50,000 in pledges. She also wished to thank the committee of employees working to make this event bigger and better.

**Resolution #4802 through #4814** to assess weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4802 to Resolution #4814. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4815** approving a contract with Temple Electric for the purchase of a traffic light control box for a cost of \$9,421.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4815. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4816** approving a contract with Stone & Sons for installation of a traffic light control box for a cost of \$10,000.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4816. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 6/14/19-6/27/19</b>	<b>\$326,562.54</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	326,562.54

City Manager Cheeks commented that the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration was excellent and wished to thank Director Ammons and her staff for their work in making it a success. She also mentioned the recent renovations at City Hall – the painting of the exterior, sidewalk, and the next step of re-stripping the parking lot. She also stated that there were several ribbon cuttings in the City this week and was honored to be invited to them. City Manager Cheeks also wished to highlight the activities of several departments within the City.

Councilman Elston commented that he liked receiving the monthly reports and stated that the employees are assets to the City. He also wished to thank all who helped make the Knoxville reunion great.

Mayor Cooper also wished to speak well upon the City employees and encouraged all to stay hydrated in the hot weather.

Councilman Cooper wished to thank Director Bast for the clean appearance of Veterans Park.

Councilman Simpson commented that he also was in attendance of the ribbon cuttings and stated he would be interested in attending more.

Councilman Elston wished to inquire about the status of the City Manager evaluation from City Attorney O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien stated that his office had received four of the five evaluations. Councilman Elston stated that at the next meeting the results may be presented.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to excuse to absence of Councilman Street. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston to adjourn.

#### **AUTHENTICATION**

I, Joanna Medlen, Acting 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 15, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.