

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2018-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 2, 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 Horace Patterson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Councilman David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and Interim City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens to 12 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the condemnation of six properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the amended agenda. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson recognized the presence of City School Board members Jake Montgomery and Shirley Sims. Mr. Montgomery introduced the new City School Superintendent Tony Ball. Mr. Ball expressed his appreciation for being given the opportunity to be superintendent of the City School system and looked forward to working with the City Council.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/2/2018 to 7/13/2018 **\$170,977.54**

General Fund	147,405.88
Corrections Fund	21,602.91
Capital Projects Trust Fund	1,968.75

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 2, 2018. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the appointment of Joe Ballow to the Civil Service Board. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Cooper, Councilman Simpson; NAYS: Councilman Street and Councilman Elston. Joe Ballow was present and was sworn into office by Mayor Cooper.

Keela Brown and Joe Power came forward as representatives of the Hall of Heroes and gave a quarterly report on the number of visitors, stating that many were from outside of Alabama. They also requested that the appropriation for the Hall of Heroes be increased for FY2019.

It was announced that the annual Knoxville Back to School Party would be on August 4th and that there would be free food and distribution of free school supplies.

Resolutions #4468 to #4479 to assess weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolutions #4468 to #4479. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #4480 approving an engagement letter with Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting for actuarial calculations as required by GASB 75 for a cost of \$5,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolution #4480. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #4481 approving a purchase contract with B&S Sporting Goods LLC and Riddell for Parks & Recreation Department's Sports Uniforms per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for approval of Resolution #4481. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #4482 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for the design of Phase One of the Fire Department Training Center at a cost not to exceed \$23,300.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for approval of Resolution #4482. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #4483 approving the surplusing of the theatre seating removed from service at the Ritz Theatre.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolution #4483. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #4484 approving a contract with InSite Engineering to provide application development services and all engineering design and inspection services required to implement all approved federal grant projects.

Resolution #4485 approving a contract with Community Consultants, Incorporated to provide application preparation services and all grant administrative services for all approved federal grant projects.

Resolution #4486 approving the execution of applications to CDBG for \$450,000.00 and Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant for \$200,000 with matching City funds of \$315,546.52.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolutions #4484-4486. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #4487 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 612 Leahy Circle.

Resolution #4488 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at Welch Ave.

Resolution #4489 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 800 Stephen J. White.

Resolution #4490 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 9 Sloan Avenue

Resolution #4491 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 114 Court Street N.

Resolution #4492 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 405 Sloan Avenue.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for approval of Resolutions #4487-4492. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #4493 approving re-allocation of funds within the Capital Improvement Program to purchase a fire truck.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolution #4493. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Cooper; NAYS: Councilman Street.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 6/29/18-7/13/18	\$95,398.28
Operations & Maintenance	95,398.28

Rev. Hugh Morris, a representative of the Talladega County NAACP, informed the council that the NAACP membership had purchased four seats for the Historic Ritz Theatre and encourage those that could to also make such a contribution to the theatre.

Interim City Manager Cheeks informed the Council of the need to increase the Municipal Court budget in the coming year and asked for a consensus of the council on the continued commitment to operate and fund a Municipal Court. Council members asked for more information and research to be done on the benefits of having a Municipal Court to be presented at the next meeting.

City Attorney Mike O'Brien came before the Council to request an Executive Session concerning possible litigation. Motion was made by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper to go into Executive Session at 5:50 pm to return within approximately 15 minutes.

Council return to Chambers at 6:15 pm. Council President Patterson stated that the council instructed City Attorney Mike O'Brien to develop correspondence in response to the possible litigation.

Motion from Councilman Simpson to adjourn the meeting.

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 16, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.