

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
July 20, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. 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 Councilman Williams to approve invoices and expenditures. Roll Call. AYES: All.

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 6/30/2020 to 7/13/2020</b>	<b>\$ 357,096.77</b>
General Fund	225,955.98
Corrections Fund	28,884.42
Cemetery	6,500.00
Library Fund	2,175.00
Municipal Airport	17,075.28
Oil Trust Fund	17,309.50
Capital Projects Trust Fund	59,182.64
Water/Sewer Fund	13.75

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for approval of minutes of the Work Session of June 29, 2020. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2020. AYES: All.

Council President Power deferred to Councilman Williams concerning the Sensory Loss Advisory Panel. He stated that there were some concerns and wished for City Manager Cheeks to speak upon them – Phyllis Crofton wished to get an update on public transportation. City Manager Cheeks stated that there was the additional van received back from Community Life Institute and that another driver had been hired. She also mentioned that ridership has been low due to the pandemic. Amber James wished to receive an update on pedestrian travel around the Square. City Manager Cheeks commented that the State has not turned over the road to the City yet, however the City is pushing to get the audible signs, but are at the mercy of the contractor and vendor. She also stated that as soon as a date is given, she will let them know. Cynthia Shaw requested that the City organize a group of Police, Fire and EMT employees to do a workshop to help with interactions in case of emergency. Councilman Williams stated that he would get with Rod Skene and City Manager Cheeks concerning this.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Robert Mabra's reappointment to the Planning Commission. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Marie Player's reappointment to the Planning Commission. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Martha Boydston to the Heritage Hall Commission. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of a waiver on open container for a wedding reception on August 15<sup>th</sup>. AYES: All.

David Aymatt from the Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS) came before the Council concerning a special use permit for telecommunication tower located at 30475 Highway 21. Mr. Aymatt stated that Verizon will be modifying existing equipment and adding feed lines to upgrade services.

**Ordinance #1871** amending Ordinance No. 1845 by setting the City of Talladega's Classification Plan and amending Ordinance 1835 to Provide Revised Job/Position Descriptions for Employees in the Purchasing/Safety, Human Resources and Finance Departments. *Motion for Reading of the Heading Only fails for lack of action.*

**Resolution #5063** approving a special use permit for Verizon Wireless telecommunication tower located at 30475 Highway 21.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5063. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 7/1/2020 to 7/13/2020</b>	<b>\$ 197,798.12</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	197,798.12

Council President Power asked if City Manager Cheeks had any comments concerning the amending of the Zoning Ordinance. City Manager Cheeks stated that there was a publishing process that had to be done before bringing the newly revised Zoning Ordinance to Council. She asked which dates were amenable to the Council to schedule a work session concerning the Zoning Ordinance. It was decided that a work session be scheduled on August 5, 2020 at 5pm. It was also scheduled that the first meeting in September be set for September 3, 2020 due to the Labor Day holiday.

City Manager Cheeks stated that as an added precaution to the pandemic, City Hall is restricting public access and encouraged everyone to call for appointments. She also mentioned that the Water Department and Library will open tomorrow. The Library will continue with curb side service and the water department payment office at the drive thru will be opened.

Council Member Hall asked if it was possible to hire more employees to help with picking up trash in the City. City Manager Cheeks stated she would look into getting some seasonal workers.

Council Member Spratlin inquired about the two burned houses on Hillandale. City Manager Cheeks stated that the papers have been served and notifications were sent out and resolution for their condemnation should be brought at the next meeting.

Councilman Patterson asked what was the procedure for any employee who has been exposed to Covid-19. City Manager Cheeks stated that there was a confirmed employee case and that the department had been quarantined. It was also stated that some results were received and those with a negative result will come back to work. It was also stated that once someone in a department has tested positive for Covid-19, everyone in the department is sent home to test and quarantine. The office then receives a medical grade cleaning.

Mayor Ragland asked if the retirement program for city employees would be back on the agenda. City Manager Cheeks stated that it was the intention to put it back on the agenda in August. It was also mentioned that preliminary information and discussion would be had with each Council member.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall 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, July 20, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.