

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
July 25, 2016- 5:00 pm**

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Bryant to introduce the new Talladega City Schools Superintendent, Terry Roller. Mr. Roller stated he was committed to lead, inspire and educate the City's children.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2016-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 5:30 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 David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr., and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Danny Cotton of Shiloh Baptist Church.

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

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/11/2016 to 7/22/2016 **\$562,242.42**

General Operating Account	521,370.02
Cash Bond	38,422.40
Capital Improvement Fund	2,450.00

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2016. AYES: All.

Councilman Street wished to publicly apologize to Councilman Elston concerning a matter from the previous meeting and appreciated Mr. Elston's offers of help.

Eddie Duncan came before the Council to request \$1000 for his annual Tools and School Supply Give Away event. There was some discussion upon this matter and the amount of \$500.00 was agreed upon. Motion from Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Cooper and a second from Councilman Elston to approve the application of Greg McMillan to the Municipal Airport Board. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Elston to approve the application of Chuck Roberts to the Historic Preservation Commission. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council is the schedule for the 2016 Back to School Sales Tax holiday which begins Friday, August 5 at 12:01 am and ending Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 12 midnight. This event was passed in March of 2008 stating that the City would participate in the Sales Tax Holiday as long as the State decides to hold the event.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Bryant concerning the feasibility of a splash pad for the City. The preliminary research determined that a project of this size will approach the cost of \$500,000. Because of that cost, it is planned to be included in the City's next Capital Improvements Program which will begin October 1, 2017. If approved, the facility will be ready for use by the summer of 2018.

Council President Patterson reads his memo into the minutes:

“Gentlemen, as you know we are currently engaged in a very important process, a classification study to improve and enhance the operation of our organization which will include an adjustment to our current pay scale ensuring that our employees and any future employees will be compensated competitively with surrounding communities. However, we should also be sensitive to the fact that our organization cannot reach heights greater than its leadership. In light of this and in order to maintain the proper image for the City of Talladega, we know we must continue with a strong leader at the top of our organization. Following discussion with City Manager Bryant regarding his intent to enter into a new contract for employment as Talladega City Manager, I am recommending the Council form a subcommittee consisting of myself and Councilman Street to negotiate in good faith with Mr. Bryant to bring forward a mutually beneficial contract before the Council for approval at a future date. I have discussed the matter with City Attorney O’Brien and have been assured that the format for negotiations. I have recommended is legal and in no way violates the State of Alabama Open Meetings Law.”

There was some discussion upon this matter. Motion from Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street to approve the subcommittee for the City Manager Contract Negotiations to comprise of Councilman Street and Council President Patterson. AYES: All.

Resolution #3873-#3890 authorizing weed abatement liens

Resolution #3891 to adopt the Talladega County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2015 Plan Update.

Resolution #3892 to adopt a service agreement with InSite Engineering to provide various professional and engineering services at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 per month.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolutions #3873 to Resolution #3892. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3893 to approve a contract with Waites Construction for resurfacing of walking tracks at Amanda Bingham, Duncan Pinkston and Edythe Sims Parks and the basketball court at Amanda Bingham Park for a cost of \$59,300.00.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve Resolution #3893. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3894 to approve a contract with InSite Engineering for walking track pavement inspection services for a cost of \$7,250.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve Resolution #3894. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3895 to approve a contract with Neel-Schaffer for the Otts Building for design detailing the structural support system of a new roof system and reinforcement of the existing masonry walls; renovation of the existing façade; preparation of structural design drawings and technical specifications for bidding; and a cost estimate for the project and CE&I services during the construction phase for a cost of \$51,250.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve Resolution #3895. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3896 to approve a contract with Telegraph Creative for event management and asset creation for “Christmas on the Square” event for a cost of \$50,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve Resolution #3896. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman President Patterson, Councilman Street, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

Resolution #3897 to approve a contract with Telegraph Creative for continued brand management from July 25, 2016 through September 30, 2017 at a cost of \$75,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve Resolution #3897. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Cooper, and Councilman Street ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson and Councilman Elston

There was discussion concerning the matter of Resolution #3896. There were some questions surrounding the cost of this event. Various local business owners weighed in on the matter letting the Council know that they were in favor of this event. Several stated that they would be willing to donate to this event. Those present who commented in favor of the event were Boyd McGehee (Talladega Insurance Agency), Jason Daves (Director of the Chamber of Commerce), Chad Thomas (1st Bank of Alabama), Joel Taylor (Brookwood Medical) and several others.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 6/14/16 to 7/21/16	\$ 710,895.51
Operations & Maintenance	291,020.50
Revenue	383,131.48
Construction & Improvement	36,743.53

Mayor Cooper swears in Greg McMillan to the Municipal Airport Board and Chuck Roberts to the Historic Preservation Commission.

City Manager Bryant informed the Council and audience that Talladega College president Billy Hawkins was named the first black chairman of the board of directors for The Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Councilman Elston stated that the Talladega Ballers had a successful tournament at Talladega College and wished to thank Coach Ramos.

Councilman Street requested that City Manager Bryant look into the noise ordinance as it pertains to Jake brakes on semi-trucks, and to look into the one-way traffic on South/North Streets. He also requested that public works look into a storm drain near the railroad tracks which looks to be sitting below the surface of the road and sun shields for the traffic lights.

Councilman Cooper stated that this has been the best meeting thus far due to the many vocal contributions of the community.

Mayor Cooper commented that many of the businesses on the Square have problems with the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilman Street stated that if anyone has any questions or concerns the Historic Preservation Commission meeting is the first Thursday of the month and is open to the public. Chairperson Lutchendorf of the HPC commented that the Commission can only follow the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Simpson 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 25, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.