

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2018-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 20, 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 Jarvis Elston, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and Interim City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by James Jackson of Refuge Church of Our Lord.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens to 7 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Council President Patterson recognized the presence of City Attorney Michael O'Brien and welcomed Boy Scout Troop 130.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 8/6/2018 to 8/17/2018 **\$281,329.71**

General Fund	141,621.47
Corrections Fund	15,612.48
Cemetery	7,363.26
Library Fund	72.76
Capital Projects Trust Fund	116,659.74

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2018 AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper swears in Phoebe Presson to the Planning Commission.

An update on the Summer Food Program which ran from June 4-July 20 was presented to the Council. It was stated that this program which provides free meals to children served 14,315 breakfasts and 21,260 lunches during these two months. This was an increase of 3,654 meals from 2017.

Councilman Street wished to introduce the new CEO of Brookwood Baptist Hospital, Frank Thomas.

Councilman Elston also wished to recognize the presence of School Board Member, Mary McGhee.

Motion from Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Elston to approve a proclamation for FNN's Coach of the Year Award. AYES: All.

Jimmy Williams came before the Council to give an update on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. Mr. Williams stated that the committee found the original Auburn study done in 2012 and property owner Kevin Smith has taken it and met with an architect to work on getting an update on this study. He also stated that one of the goals of the committee was to educate and provide communication to current and prospective property owners. Mr. Williams also commented that the committee would like to clarify and simplify the HPC ordinance; perhaps getting only administrative approval for paint colors and such projects. It was also stated that the meeting for the Advisory Committee would be scheduled for August 22 at 5pm in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper to appoint Josi Whitson, Jim Whitson, Katie Campbell, Adia Winfrey, Susan Tripodis, Randy Roberts, Reverend Hugh Morris, Nancy Lutchendorf, Tom Lutchendorf, Betty Street, Patti Hill, and Valorie Cooper to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. AYES: All.

Resolution #4504-4510 to assess weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4504-4510. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4511 approving an addendum to the contract with Slappy Communications to increase data storage capacity with backup to the cloud at a cost not to exceed \$5,300 annually.

Resolution #4512 approving the renewal of the Senior Nutrition Program through East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4511 and Resolution #4512. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4513 approving the application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). (There are no matching funds needed for this grant.)

Resolution #4514 approving a contract with Neel-Schaffer Engineering for CE&I services for the Courthouse Square ADA Upgrades Project for a cost not to exceed \$51,872.00.

Resolution #4515 approving a contract with Waites Construction for demolition of eight structures for a total cost of \$98,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4513 to Resolution #4515. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Contract Renewals

Resolution #4516 approving a contract renewal with Waste Pro of Alabama for solid waste collection and disposal with a 2.71% CPI increase. (This increase is allowed under the current agreement and will cost customers \$0.50/per month).

Resolution #4517 approving a contract renewal with Miller's BBQ for concession stand services for events at the Ben Bruner Sports Complex per bid specifications.

Resolution #4518 approving a contract renewal with Waites Concrete for concrete products per bid specifications.

Resolution #4519 approving a contract renewal with Waste Pro of Alabama for dumpster and roll-off container services per bid specifications.

Resolution #4520 approving a contract renewal with Taylor Power for preventative maintenance, inspection and repair services for generators per bid specifications.

Resolution #4521 approving a contract renewal with Armbrester Electric for HVAC maintenance service per bid specifications.

Resolution #4522 approving a contract renewal with Brannon's Inc. for office supplies per bid specifications.

Resolution #4523 approving a contract renewal with Brannon's Inc. for janitorial supplies per bid specifications.

Resolution #4524 approving a contract renewal with Armstrong Lawn Service for cutting and cleaning of properties declared a nuisance under Ordinance #1642 per bid specifications.

Resolution #4525 approving a contract renewal with NAFECO and Sunbelt Fire to supply Firefighters with proper safety gear per bid specifications.

Resolution #4526 approving a contract renewal with American Pest Control to provide pest control services for City facilities per bid specifications.

Resolution #4527 approving a contract renewal with MAC Uniforms to provide Police Officers and Firefighters with uniforms per bid specifications.

Resolution #4528 approving a contract renewal with Recyc Systems for disposing of sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities per bid specifications.

Resolution #4529 approving a contract renewal with Alexander Construction for patching utility street cuts per bid specifications.

Resolution #4530 approving a contract renewal with Guardian Systems and Living Water for testing, analyzing and reporting samples of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants and Water Treatment Plant per bid specifications.

Resolution #4531 approving a contract renewal with Service Chemicals, Harcros, and Chemrite for chemicals per bid specifications

Resolution #4532 approving a contract renewal with Consolidated Pipe & Supply for construction materials per bid specifications.

Resolution #4533 approving a contract renewal with Brown & Bigelow for work uniforms for City staff per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4516 to Resolution #4533. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Annual Purchasing Contracts

Resolution #4534 approving a contract with Advanced Asphalt Products for cold mix per bid specifications.

Resolution #4535 approving a contract with Fleet Analytics for fleet tracking services per bid specifications.

Resolution #4536 approving a contract with Thomas Vaults for grave open and close services per bid specifications.

Resolution #4537 approving a contract with CVR Computer Supplies for printer ink and toner per bid specifications.

Resolution #4538 approving a contract with R.K. Allen Oil, The McPherson Company and W.H. Thomas Oil Company for petroleum and oil per bid specifications.

Resolution #4539 approving a contract with Coosa Valley Propane for propane per bid specifications.

Resolution #4540 approving a contract with CB&A Construction for sidewalk restoration services per bid specifications.

Resolution #4541 approving a contract with Vulcan Materials for stone and gravel per bid specifications.

Resolution #4542 approving a contract with Waites Tire for tire maintenance services per bid specifications.

Resolution #4543 approving a contract with A-1 Tree Service for tree cutting services per bid specifications.

Resolution #4544 approving a contract with Waites Tire and Express Oil Change for vehicle maintenance services per bid specifications.

Resolution #4545 approving a contract with Southern Pipe, Empire Pipe, Consolidated Pipe, M&H Valve and G&C Supply for water construction supplies per bid specifications.

Resolution #4546 approving Attorney Retainer Contract dated November 13, 2017 with Thornton Carpenter O'Brien Lawrence & Sims and Montgomery Ponder, LLC to pursue claims against the opioid manufacturers.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4534 to Resolution #4545. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance No. 1840 approving an amendment to Ordinance 1835 to provide revised job/position descriptions for certain employees of the City of Talladega.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Reading of the Heading Only. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1835 OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA TO PROVIDE A REVISED JOB/POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance No. 1840. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Cooper NAY: Councilman Street *Immediate Consideration not unanimous – no further action on this Ordinance.*

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

Water Department Expenditures for 8/04/18-8/17/18	\$451,091.22
Water/Sewer Fund	451,091.22

The Council Meeting schedule for September to December 2018 was presented to the Council with no changes.

The Budget Work Session was scheduled for August 30th at 5:00pm.

Interim City Manager Cheeks wished to thank the Purchasing Department and Renae Blackburn for all their hard work in getting the contracts ready. She also commented that the newly renovated car wash on Battle Street with its wonderful stone façade will be beautiful when finished and informed the Council that the Big Springs Monument is almost complete. It was also stated that the work on the Courthouse Square for the ADA compliance would start at the end of the month and that the museum at Talladega College has broken ground. Interim City Manager Cheeks also mentioned that the Lazy Pig and the Red Bowl restaurants are not open for business.

Mayor Cooper stated that he was proud of the work being done and encouraged all to drive through Talladega College to see all the exciting construction being done.

Councilman Cooper also echoed the Mayor's thoughts stating that it was exciting to drive around town to see what was going on.

Councilman Street wished to thank those who help promote the City and wished to send condolences to Chuck Roberts. He also informed Interim City Manager Cheeks that he would be requesting information from her via e-mail and inquired about the timeline concerning the inmate who escaped. Councilman Street also requested from Council President Patterson aid in helping the Water Department employees who have been underpaid be compensated. There was some discussion about this.

Council President Patterson commented that the compensation plan was currently being looked at again however it is not ready for discussion.

Councilman Elston commented that Alan Kelly from the Police Department would be leaving the Police Station to take a position as the City of Glencoe's Police Chief. He also read an open letter and requested it be taken into the record as follows:

To the residents of Ward 2 and the Citizens of Talladega,

I would like to share my thoughts regarding the recent editorial letters published in the Daily Home regarding the Leadership of the City Council.

I begin by stating the following:

- *Councilman Ricky Simpson: As a local businessman, he works continuously to improve our City...not to mention his generosity. I have witnessed for the past seven years his personal financial contributions to matters important within the entire community.*
- *Councilman Gerald Cooper: At times when his health is not the best, he manages to find the strength to attend Council Meetings and endures through their duration. To everyone...this is courage. Also, I have admiration for his efforts and his continued passion to serve this City.*
- *Councilman David Street: He is determined and relentless to matters that he has chosen to champion. Also, he is actively involved in the community. Recently, he volunteered for an annual event held in Ward 2 (my ward).*
- *Councilman Dr. Horace Patterson: For over twenty-five years, not only has he been behind the wheel, but a driving force behind many accomplishments in our City during this time. His leadership... well longevity speaks and answers to this. His unwavering pursuit to serve his community and the City of Talladega are unparalleled.*

Comments have been presented, opinions have been offered and statements have been rendered regarding members of the Talladega City Council. I am not going to address or reply to any in this letter. However, I must agree...some things must stop. So if anyone desires to express their continued concerns, statements, (and most importantly) any blame, direct them to me.

On Monday, August 27, 2018 starting at 5:30pm and ending at 8:30pm, I will be available at City Hall (Council Chambers). All citizens of the City of Talladega (the leaders referenced in the articles), the Daily Home (including the Editor and member of "Our View" panel), are cordially invited and residents of Ward 2 are strongly encouraged to attend. In other words, there is no need for submission of letters to the editor regarding this Open Letter. Please attend or submit their thoughts to me at jbeldon@taward2.com.

In addition, I will be notifying some of the Business Leaders identified and submitters (of editorial letters) to schedule a meeting to personally discuss their concerns provided in the Daily Home.

Every, let's agree to "some things must stop..." and being by attending.

Thanks and hope to see you all there.

*Committed to the Community, Dedicated to Progress
Jarvis Elston*

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

Motion was made by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property (real estate) at 6:03pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council return to Chambers at 6:18 pm with no action taken.

Motion from Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street 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, August 20, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.