

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
August 21, 2017-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017 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 David Street, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Sr., City Manager Patrick Bryant, and Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 8/7/2017 to 8/18/2017 **\$565,146.53**

General Operating Account	483,657.07
Municipal Court	4,616.48
Cash Bond	490.00
Corrections	28,012.96
Cemetery Fund	1,375.00
Capital Improvement Fund	46,995.02

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2017. AYES: All.

The Public Hearing was called order for the 9 properties set for weed abatement liens with no property owners present to dispute the liens.

A representative from Carr, Riggs, & Ingram came before the Council to present the Fiscal Year 2016 CAFR.

Brought before the Council was a request of an approval of a temporary alcohol license for the Ritz Theatre fundraiser on August 25-26. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Street, Councilman Patterson, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Simpson NAYS: Councilman Cooper

Also brought before the Council was a request to waive the open container ban during the Ritz Theatre fundraiser being held on August 25-26. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Street, Councilman Patterson, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Simpson NAYS: Councilman Cooper

Keela Brown came before the Council concerning the Hall of Heroes. Ms. Brown stated that the Hall of Heroes is tentatively scheduled to open on Veterans Day. She also wished to extend an invitation to any Councilman who wish to receive a tour of the facility.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of a proclamation for National Health Center Week. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1830 adopting the City of Talladega's Job Classification and Compensation Plans.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson for the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1830. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1830. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE CITY OF TALLADEGA'S CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS BEGINNING AUGUST 24, 2017.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston for the Adoption of Ordinance #1830. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1831 approving the amended budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Street for the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1831. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Street, Councilman Patterson, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

After some discussion, there was a motion to reconsider and to bring the motion again for the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1831. Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1831. Roll Call. AYES: All

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2016 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2017.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1831. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolutions #4208-#4216 to assess weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4208 to Resolution #4216. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4217 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at 415 Davis Street.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4217. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4218 approving a contract with Waites Construction for Brignoli Bridge Replacement Project at a cost of \$128,749.40.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4218. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Street, Councilman Patterson, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

Resolution #4219 approving a contract with Neel-Schaffer Engineering for Construction engineering and inspection services for the Brignoli Bridge Replacement Project at a cost not to exceed \$19,286.50.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4219. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4220 approving a contract with Walker Patton Company Inc. of Birmingham for the Court Street Retaining Wall Stabilization Project at a cost of \$127,034.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4220. Roll Call. AYES: All.

During the discussion pertaining to Resolution #4220, Councilman Simpson stated that he was wary of this approval due to the fact that water is still being retained in this area and may cause damage to the repair. However, it was stated by Public Works Director Phillips that the retained water is not the cause of the problem.

Resolution #4221 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Telegraph Creative for the Christmas on the Square event at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Street for the approval of Resolution #4221. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Street and Councilman Patterson NAYS: Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper.

There was much discussion concerning the matter of Christmas on the Square. Councilman Patterson implored the citizens of Talladega to express their opinion on the matter. Councilman Simpson suggested that perhaps a cash match option be offered. It was also stated much of the cost of this event would be funded by donations.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 8/9/17 to 8/17/17	\$522,017.81
Operations & Maintenance	225,270.80
Revenue	296,724.56
Capital Improvement	22.45

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the City Council Meeting dates for September 11, September 25, October 9, and October 26. AYES: All.

City Manager Bryant commented that the goal of the current Council is to strengthen the economy and perception of the City of Talladega and every effort is being made by staff toward achieving those goals, through shaping perception of the community and making the economy attractive to new industry. He encouraged the Council and community to cooperate and try to be on the same page to move the community forward.

Councilman Cooper commented that he agreed with City Manager Bryant, however the grass in the City has not been kept cut and expressed his dissatisfaction of the loss of inmate workers due to an unfortunate incident. It was then stated that due to many other factors, the issue of grass cutting has been a struggle.

Councilman Patterson commented that history was made today due to the classification and compensation ordinance which was passed and requested that the community come forward if they desire the Christmas on the Square event.

Councilman Simpson requested that at the next Council meeting a list of goods and services be provided for the Christmas on the Square.

Council President Street suggested that each Council member meet with City Manager Bryant to get information to questions so to respond intelligently to citizens.

Motion from Councilman Patterson 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, August 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.