

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2017-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 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 Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/24/2017 to 8/4/2017 **\$872,990.04**

General Operating Account	275,137.97
Senior Nutrition	229,503.86
Municipal Court	9,893.23
Capital Improvement Fund	71,064.50
2.5 Mil Tax Fund	287,390.48

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Cooper for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2017. AYES: All.

The Public Hearing was called order for the 12 properties set for weed abatement liens and 6 properties for condemnation with no property owners present to dispute the liens or condemnations.

Valorie Cooper came before the Council to give praise for the property owners who put forth the effort in revitalizing their hometown, especially those in the downtown Courthouse Square area, and wish to encourage the Council to keep the lines of communication open to the public.

Resolutions #4184-#4195 to assess weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4184 to Resolution #4195. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4196 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on Washington Ave.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4196. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4197 approving the demolition of structure at 805 Central Avenue.

Resolution #4198 approving the demolition of structure at 290 Grogan Road

Resolution #4199 approving the demolition of structure at 1149 Ft. Lashley Avenue

Resolution #4200 approving the demolition of structure at 400 Brignoli Street

Resolution #4201 approving the demolition of structure at 716 Coleman Circle

Resolution #4202 approving the demolition of structure at 308 Damon Street East.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4197 to Resolution #4202. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4203 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for design and CEI services for the upgrades to the Public Works facility at a cost not to exceed \$14,200.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4203. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4204 approving a contract with Clean Air Concepts of Cincinnati, Ohio for a Vehicle Exhaust System for the Fire Department at a cost of \$82,200.71.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4204. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4205 approving a contract with Neel-Schaffer for structural engineering services in conjunction with design repairs of the Big Springs Monument at a cost of \$37,300.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4205. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4206 awarding a façade grant to the owners of 107 and 111 North Court Square.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4206. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 7/26/17 to 8/3/17	\$440,665.51
Operations & Maintenance	95,326.50
Revenue	344,288.65
Capital Improvement	1,050.36

Resolution #4207 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for design and CEI services for resurfacing the parking lot at the Water Service Center at a cost not to exceed \$12,850.00.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #4207. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Bryant commented that Police Chief Busby attended the Alabama Chiefs of Police Conference and was awarded with completion of the Chief of Police Leadership Training Academy; which he is only one of just over 100 Police Chiefs in the history of the State of Alabama to receive this certification.

Councilman Cooper requested that people who mow their grass direct the clippings back into the yard so as to not clog up City drains. He commented that many have requested that a sign be put up from the State to identify where Fort Lashley is located and would also like the same type of sign for the Big Springs Monument. He also commented that the asphalt under the railroad track in Bemiston needs to be repair because the dirt washes out from under the asphalt and will cause the track to drop to the ground if a heavy truck were to hit it.

Councilman Elston wished to express his appreciation to Mr. Duncan, the Duncan Family, and other volunteers for the Back to School Event held at Edythe Sims Park.

Councilman Simpson commented that he has received some complaints about heavy vehicles traveling on Grogan Road and requested some assistance on this issue. He also requested that the installation of a guard rail be looked into on Mountainview Road, stating that the original guardrail has been in disrepair for a year. He also requested an update on the park on McMillan Street.

City Manager Bryant commented that the City has been maintaining the right of ways at McMillan Park, making sure grass is cut and ditch is clear, but as mentioned at the last meeting, any other work to be performed would have to be apart of the next CIP program, which is currently being prepared.

Mayor Cooper commented that he presented a 100th birthday proclamation to Ms. Mary Evelyn Burton. He also stated that the residents have requested that a guardrail be put up on a narrow bridge located off of Waites Road and Ridgeview Road.

Council President Street commented that the Historic Preservation Commission was able to award three COA's to building owners and that attendance at TOP Trails is escalating.

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 7, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.