

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION
September 24, 2018 – 4:00pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a budget work session on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 4:00pm at the City Hall Council Chambers. The following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper and Interim City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

The topic discussed was the Appropriations for FY 2019. After some discussion concerning the appropriation for Isaiah House and the City Board of Education – other; the following amounts were agreed upon:

Boys and Girls Club	\$11,500.00
Community Life Institute	\$4750.00
EARPDC – Senior RX	\$21,000.00
Isaiah House	\$7,900.00
Palmer Place	\$4,750.00
Red Door Kitchen	\$10,500.00
Ritz Theatre	\$63,000.00
Samaritan House	\$2,000.00
City Board of Education Pre-K	\$92,000.00
Talladega Co. Economic Dev.	\$26,000.00
Heritage Commission	\$56,340.00
Volunteer Connections	\$3,000.00
First Family Service Center	\$5,500.00
Hall of Heroes	\$12,500.00
Talladega Co. NAACP	\$1,750.00
Talladega Pilgrimage Council	\$7,500.00
Discretionary Fund	\$20,000.00

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 budget work session on Monday, September 24, 2018, at 5:00pm at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Joanna Medlen, Acting City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
September 24, 2018-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 24, 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 Ricky Simpson, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and Interim City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the vacating of a section of Avenue F. Dr. Anthony McKinney from Greater Ebenezer Church came before the Council to express his gratitude for the vacation of Ave F.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens to 23 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 9/7/2018 to 9/21/2018

\$432,473.00

General Fund	299,024.72
Corrections Fund	26,526.42
Cemetery	52.98
Capital Projects Trust Fund	106,868.88

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2018 AYES: All.

Council President Patterson deferred to Steve Giddens and Jason Murray from the Drug Task Force. Mr. Gidden informed the Council that he would answer any questions about the Drug Task Force and wished to thank the Council for their support. It was requested that the same amount as last year be appropriated to the Drug Task Force in the amount of \$85,171.00.

Council President Patterson deferred to citizen Henrietta Lawler concerning community complaints. Ms. Lawler stated that she was speaking on behalf of members of the community as well as herself. Ms. Lawler stated that the main concern was the property across from her home which over grown with vegetation allows for nuisances and also requested that a speed bump be installed because of cars running into the ditch in front of her home. She also relayed to the Council a complaint from a senior citizen concerning illegal dumping on Wallis St. Council President Patterson requested that City Attorney O'Brien and Interim City Manager Cheeks look into the situation with an update at the next meeting.

Resolution #4580 approving an agreement with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC for FY2018 Audit

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4580. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4581-#4604 approving weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4581-#4604. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4605 approving the vacation of a section of Avenue F.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4605. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4606 approving a grant application with East Central Alabama Highway Safety Office.

Resolution #4607 approving a contract with East Central Alabama Football Officials not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4606 and Resolution #4607. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4608 approving a contract with Waites Construction to fill and stabilize the area where a building was removed for the East Street Parking Lot project for a total cost of \$11,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4608. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Street, and Councilman Cooper
ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

Resolution #4609 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for review of insurance values for all City Facilities at a cost of \$14,250.00.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4609. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4610 approving the surplus of three City structures (pavilion on West Coosa Street, recently purchased house on Coosa Street for bridge project, and concession stand, dug outs and light poles at park behind Fire Station 2).

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4610. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance # 1842 approving the budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1842. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2018 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2019.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1842. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1842. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance # 1843 approving the Franchise Agreement with Spire Alabama Inc. (formerly known as Alagasco)

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1843. Roll Call. AYES: All.

A FRANCHISE TO SPIRE, ALABAMA, INC. GRANTING ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1843. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Adoption of Ordinance #1843. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 9/10/18-9/21/18

\$186,253.17

Water/Sewer Fund

186,253.17

Resolution #4611 approving acceptance of the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) Financial Assistance Award in the amount of \$459,557.00

Resolution #4612 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for design services for upgrades to the Stonehill Booster Station for a cost not to exceed \$57,275.00.

Resolution #4613 approving the purchase agreement with Mastin's Inc. of Boaz, Alabama for two standby generator units in the Water and Sewer Department for a cost of \$200,524.00.

Resolution #4614 approving the surplus of two generators from the Airport and Brecon Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4611 to Resolution #4614. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4615 approving an amendment to the contract with InSite Engineering for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements to the Ironaton Road area increasing the contract from \$134,700.00 to \$146,150.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4615. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4616 approving an amendment to the contract with Schmidt Environmental Construction Inc. from \$1,342,000.00 to \$1,371,929.00 with two change orders: 1) changing hard wired to wireless technology and install a new replacement triplex control panel at the influent pump station.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4616. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the FY 2019 Employee Holiday Schedule. AYES: All.

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

Councilman Cooper mentioned that the daughter of Hubert Hubbard was in attendance today.

Councilman Simpson requested that the criteria for faster and more reliable internet services be looked into.

Council President Patterson deferred to Human Resources Director Drummond concerning an update on the applicants for the City Manager position. Director Drummond stated that there was a total of 24 applicants from the extra weeks that the advertisement ran and those applicants have been narrowed down to 16. Council President Patterson wished to set a Called Meeting on Thursday, September 27th so applicants could be narrowed down to 3-5 persons. He also stated that another meeting be set for October 4th for the interviews of these applicants. Council President Patterson also requested that the Council members put together in a written communication; two questions that they would like to ask each applicant applying for position and submit those to Director Drummond and requested Director Drummond to gather questions for each applicant to prepare to answer.

Council President Patterson wished to report on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee wishing to thank the committee for the time and energy taken. He stated that the sign ordinance will need to be looked

into and perhaps look at the City Planner taking on the administrative roles for items such as paint colors, basic maintenance, and roofing options; such items that should not need a COA. He also stated that the penalty portion of the ordinance will be looked into as well. There was some discussion upon this matter and it was stated that any changes be delayed until a permanent City Manager be installed.

Interim City Manager Cheeks stated that there will be a Called Historic Preservation Commission meeting on September 27th at 4pm and invited any Council member who would wish to attend and get some insight on the HPC. Interim City Manager Cheeks also announced that there would be a memorial event for Police Officer Chris Hurst in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot on September 29 from 9am-2pm.

Councilman Street requested that the noise ordinance be looked at concerning Jake Brakes. Council President Patterson requested that City Attorney O'Brien look into this matter. Councilman Street also questioned the possibility of repairing the rain on East St. by the railroad. Public Works Director Phillips stated that the property belongs to the State of Alabama.

Council President Patterson wished to recognize Kevin Smith for his commitment to the City.

Motion from Councilman Simpson adjourn the meeting.

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