

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 9, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019 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 Jarvis Elston, Councilman David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens for 19 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 8/19/19 to 9/7/19** **\$291,985.81**

General Fund	259,402.15
Corrections Fund	7,512.63
Cemetery	54.06
Library Fund	2145.47
\$.04 & \$.05 Gas Tax Fund	955.50
Capital Projects Trust Fund	21,916.00

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of the regular minutes of August 12, 2019. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of the called meeting of September 3, 2019. AYES: Councilman Simpson, Councilman Street, and Councilman Cooper  
ABSTAIN: Council President Patterson and Councilman Elston.

Brought before the Council was a presentation by the Drug Task Force. District Attorney Steve Giddens wished to thank the Council for their previous support stating that more has been done this year than the past in keeping the streets safe and drugs out of the hands of area youths. He also wished to request that the Drug Task Force's appropriation be approved for this year. Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of the Drug Task Force's appropriation request. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper recognized the achievement of Carly Layfield as the 14U Girls Bare Bow Champion and Isaac Uptain as the 14U Boys Bare Bow Champion as well as the rest of the 2019 Talladega Archery Team.

Jerry Taylor came before the Council informing them of a Christian organization called Mighty Men of Valor which has been formed in the City. The purpose of the organization is to teach men the principles of God's word concerning manhood using love. Mr. Taylor also wished to invite the Council to Veterans Park on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm where an event is planned by the Mighty Men of Valor.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of a purchase of a table at The Black and White Banquet sponsored by the G.W. Carver Chapter of Disabled American Veterans. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council was a contribution request from Angie Evans for the TCCHS Varsity Football team requesting funds to feed the Football team, coaches, and support staff. Council President Patterson deferred to City Attorney O'Brien who stated that not only are they a County school, this type of request benefits individual persons as opposed to the school system. It was commented by several Council members that they would be interested in donating personally to this fund.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson to request the Board of Trustees of Talladega College to consider naming the new student center in the name of Dr. Billy Hawkins. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council was Jimmy Williams' application to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion by Councilman Street to table Jimmy Williams' application. *Motion died to lack of second.*

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Jimmy Williams' application to the Historic Preservation Commission. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper  
NAY: Councilman Street

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of the cost of the election recount. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of certifying of the City Council for Wards 1, 4, and 5 and School Board Wards 1, 3, and 5. AYES: All.

City Manager Cheeks informed the Council that Police Chief Busby would be the keynote speaker of the 9-11 Prayer and Remembrance Service held on September 11 at 12pm at the County Courthouse Square.

Brought before the Council was a presentation of the sidewalk permit ordinance. It was noted that this ordinance is for all sidewalks in the City, and must accommodate pedestrians, wheel chairs, and the visually impaired. It was also noted that there must always be 5 feet of unobstructed walkway. Also stated was that only one permit would be allowed per store front or business. The cost of the permit was stated to be set at \$25 annually. Councilman Street questioned what were the two changes of the ordinance. City Manager Cheeks stated that the removal of the need for a certified architect and reducing the permit fee from \$35 to \$25 were the two basic changes.

**Ordinance #1850** – approving the procedure for permitting persons for sidewalk usage and authorizing the City Manager to develop a sidewalk use permit application

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 70-6 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 1395 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR PERMITTING PERSONS TO USE A PART OF THE SIDEWALKS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSE, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A SIDEWALK USE PERMIT APPLICATION, TO PROVIDE FOR PERMIT FEES AND PERMIT DURATION, TO PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PERMIT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1850. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Adoption of Ordinance #1850. Roll Call. Council President Patterson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Street

**Weed Abatement Liens**

**Resolution #4869 – to Resolution #4887** to assess weed abatement liens for 19 properties

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4869 to #4887. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4888** – approving contract with Websedge (ICMAtv) for a production of a film to be broadcast at the ICMA national conference and distributed through other venues for a cost of \$17,500.00

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4888. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of the Invoices and Expenditures of the Water Department.

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 8/19/19-9/6/19</b>	<b>\$552,119.79</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	552,119.79

**Resolution #4889** – approving contract with Standard Commercial Roofing & Envelope Solutions for roof replacements of the Main Wastewater Treatment Facilities at a cost of \$173,725.00 pending compliance with insurance and licenses.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4889. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4890** – approving a contract with Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Co., LLC for resurfacing the parking lot at the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant parking lot at a cost of \$55,725.00 pending compliance with insurance and licenses.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4890. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Cheeks requested that a budget work session be set for September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, which was agreed upon.

Councilman Simpson requested an update on the paving project. City Manager Cheeks commented that there is a pre-construction meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> with the paving contractor, but that was delayed. Originally the start date was thought to be the 15<sup>th</sup> however the State paving, who utilizes the same contractor, has not been finished; so as of this moment, there is not an exact start date. Councilman Simpson also inquired about the sinking areas on Battle Street. City Manager Cheeks commented that those areas have both been repaired. Councilman Cooper informed City Manager Cheeks that was a dip on the corner of Chaffee and Magnolia. City Manager Cheeks deferred to Public Works Director Phillips, who informed the Council that the damage was done by Alagasco who has performed a temporary patch and will come back at a later time with another patch.

Mayor Cooper wished to commend City Manager Cheeks for her professionalism during the election recount and also informed the Council that he had received a good remark concerning the police department.

Councilman Street inquired about the traffic light at the intersection of Haynes and Battle St. indicating that there were several reports concerning this issue. City Manager Cheeks stated that this issue has been fixed. Councilman Street wished to explain some of his votes for this night. He stated that he had hoped the Council would go into an executive session concerning the item of the Historic Preservation Commission application. He also mentioned that he was not comfortable voting for the Sidewalk Permit Ordinance because he still had some concerns about it, although he is not opposed to it. It was also mentioned that the money spent on the parking lot at the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant might be better used on paving the roads as he was not sure if the plant received many customers. City Manager Cheeks stated that the parking lot at the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant was being paved by bond money and could only be spent on the water department.

Councilman Elston wished to thank everyone for their support.

Council President Patterson inquired about the number of pot holes in the City and asked if there was a process for repairing them. Public Works Director Phillips stated that when the Water Department makes cuts and repairs, they pay for it. It was also mentioned that there is a 26-page list that the department goes through and the employees ride every road. Council President Patterson also requested the possible cost and plan for repairing potholes. There was some discussion upon this matter.

Mayor Cooper wished to recognize Mallory Parton and thanked her for her effort in attending.

Council President Patterson stated that the next City Council meeting was scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> and the budget work session on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. He also wished to extend deep appreciation and admiration to Councilman Simpson for what he's done for the City. Council President Patterson wished to congratulate Betty Spratlin and Trae Williams and is looking forward to working with them. He also wished to thank Councilman Street and Councilman Elston for their service. Councilman Street also wished to extend his appreciation for the opportunity to serve. Council President Patterson also wished to recognize the diligence of Councilman Cooper. Councilman Cooper wished to thank the people of Talladega for being the type of people they are and his family.

Motion by Councilman Elston to adjourn.

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, September 9, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.