

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ZOOM MEETING
October 12, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Trae Williams, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Council Member Betty C. Spratlin, Councilman Joseph K. Power, Jr., Mayor Ragland and City Manager Beth Cheeks.

Invocation by Councilman Horace Patterson.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 9/11/2020 to 9/28/2020	\$ 114,503.88
General Fund	80,246.88
Corrections Fund	184.96
Cemetery	55.91
Library Fund	74.76
Municipal Airport	2,067.37
Capital Projects Trust fund	31,874.00

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020 and the Called Meeting of September 22, 2020. AYES: All.

Council President Williams deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning the presentation of work to be done at the Chamber of Commerce. City Manager Cheeks commented that there would be a PowerPoint presented at the next City Council meeting in the Chambers. It was also mentioned that there were notable changes at the Chamber of Commerce with the basic fall planting being done. It was also mentioned that the next project was to take care of problems with the caboose and the Chamber building. Councilman Patterson wished to express his appreciation to City Manager Cheeks and the Community Appearance Department for their hard work in this endeavor.

City Manager Cheeks stated that as part of an anti-litter and cleanup campaign there are several events this weekend starting Friday with an E-Recycle event in the Piggly Wiggly Parking lot from 10am-2pm and a Clean Up day event supported by WCA at the parking lot of the Wedhadkee Yarn Mill. The Clean Up Day will also continue onto Saturday from 7am-12pm. It was also mentioned that there will be a \$2 fee for tires. Also stated was another clean up event on Saturday for Ave H. Anyone wishing to participate should meet at Edythe Sims Park at 7am.

Council President Williams deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning a Special Election for the Board of Education Ward 2. City Manager Cheeks wished to convey her condolences to the McGhee family and announced that there was a vacancy on the Board of Education for Ward 2. It was also stated that official notification from Superintendent Tony Ball was received September 28th. It was also mentioned that any vacancy where two or more years remain shall be filled by special election called by the City Manager and date set by the City Council. It was also mentioned that the date of the election should be no later than 120 days from the resulted vacancy and in the event that the Council fails to set an election date the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Education. Councilman Patterson inquired about the vote for the Board of Education. Council President Williams stated that there was not a vote scheduled. Council Member Spratlin commented that she was not in favor of setting an election date stating that she didn't think the City had the money to do the election and that it should be the decision of the Board of Education. There was some discussion concerning the role Council Member Hall may play on the Board of Education. City Attorney O'Brien stated that while Council Member Hall may not serve as a member pending the filling of the vacancy without resigning from the City Council; she could attend the School Board meetings and share any concerns she may have. Motion by Councilman Patterson to set a Special Election date. *Motion dies due to lack of a second.*

Ordinance #1882 – approval of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Talladega

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1882. Roll Call. AYES: All.

CITY OF TALLADEGA ZONING ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE SUPERSEDES AND REPLACES ORDINANCE NO. 1120

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1882. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1882. Roll Call. AYES: All.

There was some discussion concerning Ordinance #1883. Councilman Power commented that the amended budget revenue is overstated by \$1.2 million and the expenses are also overstated by \$1.2 million for the Water Department due to the depreciation amount. City Manager Cheeks commented that the auditors plan to make a statement at the next meeting.

Ordinance #1883 approval of the amended budget for FY2020

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1883. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2019 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1883. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the Adoption of Ordinance #1883. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1884 approval of Sunday Alcohol Sales

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1884. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE TIME OF SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY RETAIL LICENSEES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD AND OTHERS IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Council President Williams for the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1884. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1884. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Attorney O'Brien wished to clarify the hours that alcohol may be served. It was stated that the State statute that gives authority for this ordinance provides that no sales be permitted on any Sunday any earlier than 2am; with the actual times for vendors to be from 8am Sunday morning to 11pm Sunday evening. It was also mentioned that this would be effective on the 1st Sunday in November.

Ordinance #1885 approval of the budget for FY2021

There was some discussion concerning Ordinance #1885. Councilman Power wished to echo his comments made in Ordinance #1882. He also stated that although he is disappointed that the City's budget fell short although it may be something that could be improved upon during the year by making more money somewhere or cutting an expense. Also commented was that the depreciation amount was \$1.3 million so the revenue is not \$15,986,175 it is instead \$1,300,000.00 less than that but by like motion these expenses are increased by the same amount. He also recognized that stated at the previous

meeting there were some excesses in some budgets, but have since found out that it is based on a modified accrual system of financing and affects this budget in that a lot of these expenses come in strong at the end of the year due to the accrual basis, and is recognize at the end of the year; so it would nullify his comment concerning the excess budgets.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1885. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ODINANCE APPROVING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2020 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1885. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the Adoption of Ordinance #1885. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Annual Contracts

Resolution #5088 approving a contract with Kirkpatrick Concrete of Birmingham for concrete products per bid specifications

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5088. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5089 approving a contract with Webb Concrete of Oxford for Masonry Sand per bid specifications

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5089. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Williams, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, and Council Member Spratlin ABSTAIN: Councilman Power

Resolution #5090 approving a contract with Crawford Office Supply of Anniston for janitorial supplies per bid specifications

Resolution #5091 approving a contract with Crawford Office Supply of Anniston for office supplies per bid specifications

Resolution #5092 approving a contract with NAFECO of Decatur for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) per bid specifications

Resolution #5093 approving a contract with Sunbelt Fire of Fairhope for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) per bid specifications

Resolution #5094 approving a contract with Recyc Systems Southeast for sludge removal services from the Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities per bid specifications

Resolution #5095 approving a contract with Vulcan Materials of Birmingham for stone products per bid specifications

Resolution #5096 approving a contract with Express Oil and Waites Tire of Talladega for vehicle maintenance per bid specifications

Resolution #5097 approving a contract with Service Chemicals of Birmingham, Harcros of Bessemer, Cedarchem of Georgia and Colonial Chemicals of Georgia for water chemicals per bid specifications

Resolution #5098 approving a contract with Ferguson Waterworks of Pelham, Empire Pipe of Birmingham, Core & Main of Pelham, Consolidated Pipe of Birmingham, G&C Supply of Tennessee, and Southern Pipe of Birmingham for water construction supplies per bid specifications

Resolution #5099 approving a contract with Brown & Bigelow of Florida for work uniforms per bid specifications

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5090 to Resolution #5099. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Weed Abatement

Resolution #5118 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St.

Resolution #5119 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St.

Resolution #5120 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St. and corner of Ave H

Resolution #5121 to assess a weed abatement lien on 813 Cruikshank St.

Resolution #5122 to assess a weed abatement lien on House on hill of Ave K

Resolution #5123 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Coosa St.

Resolution #5124 to assess a weed abatement lien on 102 McClellan St.

Resolution #5125 to assess a weed abatement lien on 904 Summer St.

Resolution #5126 to assess a weed abatement lien on Mapco Express Inc. on Broadway

Resolution #5127 to assess a weed abatement lien on 404 West Street South

Resolution #5128 to assess a weed abatement lien on 410 Broome St.

Resolution #5129 to assess a weed abatement lien on 512 McMillan St.

Resolution #5130 to assess a weed abatement lien on 407 Dumas Ave.

Resolution #5131 to assess a weed abatement lien on 515 Lawson St.

Resolution #5132 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on corner of Jackson and College St

Resolution #5133 to assess a weed abatement lien on 101 Silverwood Drive

Resolution #5134 to assess a weed abatement lien on 308 East Damon Ave.

Resolution #5135 to assess a weed abatement lien on Old Cash and Carry building and lot on Hwy. 21 South/Fort Lashley

Resolution #5136 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5118 to Resolution #5136. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council Member Spratlin inquired if the basement located at 101 Silverwood Drive would be handled correctly. City Manager Cheeks stated that per the bid specifications, the debris will need to be removed and the property be left in a state where it is easily mowed. The time line for the contractor was also brought up for questioning. City Manager Cheeks also commented that after the building as been officially condemned by the Council, the property owner has a certain amount of time to take it down themselves with the 30 days starting today.

Resolution #5137 for condemned structure located at 101 Silverwood Drive

Resolution #5138 for condemned structure located at 722 Pulliam St.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5137 and Resolution #5138. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5139 to accept the National Aging and Transportation Grant

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #5139. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5140 approving a façade grant to the owner of 108 Court Square East

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #5140. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5141 approving weed abatement annual contract with Greenwood Lawn & Landscape per bid specifications pending compliance with insurance and licensing requirements

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5141. Roll Call AYES: All.

Resolution #5142 approving LMO lease renewal

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5142 with address location being corrected. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Williams, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, and Council Member Spratlin ABSTAIN: Councilman Power

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

Water Department Expenditures for 9/4/2020 to 9/29/2020	\$ 453,024.76
Water/Sewer Fund	453,024.76

Due to the upcoming holidays, the City Council meetings have been scheduled for October 26 and November 2.

City Manager Cheeks wished to point out the window decals that have been installed on the City owned buildings next to the Ritz Theatre celebrating the local sports teams. She also mentioned that one lane on Hwy. 77 North has been closed off due to the work being done on the access road for the Stone Hill Booster Station. It was also noted that the City received two Alabama Power foundation grants which will be used to help with the renovation to the Chamber of Commerce parking lot and the Alabama Power Good Roots foundation grant which will be used to replace older trees in the Chamber parking lot. It was also mentioned that the delineators have mostly been installed at Talladega College with some additional signage concerning the road closure. City Manager Cheeks also informed the Council that the CIP budget should be available by November 2. She also made mention that the Christmas parade this year would be held on December 7th and although there would not be a Christmas on the Square event this year, Christmas decorations would be installed around the Square before Thanksgiving and a tree lighting ceremony will be planned before the Christmas parade.

Council President Williams wished to congratulate Mayor Ragland on his new addition and also wished to thank Councilman Patterson for his work in helping with the transportation grant which will help benefit AIDB.

Councilman Power inquired if the window decals that were installed on the City buildings would be available for other property owners to obtain. City Manager Cheeks stated that if the property owner wished to coordinate with the City or commence privately, her office would provide the information on ordering the decals. He also inquired as to the amount of complaints concerning garbage pickup. City Manager Cheeks commented that the complaints had been reduced. She also mentioned that WCA would be donating dumpsters for the City's Clean Up Day at Wedhadkee and representatives from the company would be present at the next meeting held in the Chambers. Council Member Spratlin commented that she had not stopped receiving calls complaining about the trash pickup and requested a remedy. City Manager Cheeks requested that specific addresses be submitted to her of those who had complaints and also commented that there were containers the previous trash company still needed to pick up.

Council Member Spratlin commented that the hiring freeze is still in effect and would be looked into at the next meeting as to the possibility of lifting it.

Mayor Ragland stated that a citizen had contacted him concerning trash pickup and would be submitting the address to the City Manager to look into. He also inquired if it would be possible to instruct local business owners how to apply for bids with the City. City Manager Cheeks stated that if the business owner would contact them, the City would direct them on the process. Mayor Ragland also mentioned that on October 17 he would be joining the Primary Care Center of Southeast Alabama in hosting Covid-19 testing located next to the Dept. of Health.

Councilman Power commented that the City Manager Performance Evaluation was up for review. It was decided that Councilman Power and Council Member Spratlin spearhead the review using the same form as previously used in June. It was requested that the evaluation forms be hand delivered to the Council.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council President Williams for adjournment. AYES: All.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Joanna Medlen, 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, October 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom in the City of Talladega, Alabama.