

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Talladega City Hall Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Betty Spratlin, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Joseph K. Power, Jr., Councilman Trae Williams, Mayor Timothy Ragland, and City Manager Seddrick Hill.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 9/28/2021-10/14/2021	\$703,819.87
General Fund	263,355.14
Corrections Fund	11,802.69
Library Fund	2,100.44
Municipal Airport	42,166.85
Capital Projects Trust Fund	15,769.51
2.5 Mil Property Tax Fund	368,625.24

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2021 with a correction to note Mayor Ragland's attendance of the meeting. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams to approve Becky Griffin's application for reappointment to the Heritage Hall Commission. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Spratlin wished to introduce Jason DeSalvo, the new Park Director of TOP Trails. Mr. DeSalvo commented that he wished to use his 20 years of motor sport knowledge to continue the growth of TOP Trails as well as working to make TOP Trails the top off-road destination in America. Councilman Power commented that at a recent meeting the topic of tourism was brought up and stated that TOP Trails would be a big player in what is being looked into with East Alabama Tourism Council.

Ordinance #1894 amending Ordinance #1780 Noise Ordinance

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1894. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1780 SECTION 3(E), EXCLUSIONS
RELATING TO EXCESSIVE NOISE IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the waiver of the first reading and Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1894. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the Adoption of Ordinance #1894. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5332 authorizing the condemnation and demolition of 110 Coffee St. *No action taken.*

Resolution #5333 approving purchase of a 2022 F550 Brush Truck from Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. at a cost of \$165,261.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of Resolution #5333. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Spratlin, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, and Councilman Power NAY: Councilman Williams

There was some discussion concerning the purchase of the F550. Councilman Williams inquired if the City could look into lease purchase options instead of paying out large sums. Councilman Power commented that perhaps the City could consider reserving the amount for each physical asset so there is money when the item comes due.

Resolution #5334 approving purchase of fire rescue tools from Central Alabama Training Solutions at a cost of \$31,650.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of Resolution #5334. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Spratlin, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, and Councilman Power NAY: Councilman Williams

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Council Member Hall to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 9/28/2021 to 10/14/2021	\$138,198.53
Water/Sewer Fund	138,198.53

Council President Spratlin announced that it was almost time for the City Manager's evaluation and that it was agreed upon to use the previous evaluation form as the previous Manager. It was also requested that the forms be turned in by next week to Councilman Power.

Councilman Power commented that he hopes that in the future there would be regular updates on the financial report. Also, noting that the accruals for September should be in by the next meeting.

City Manager Hill commented that the City is still in the budget process and stated that the City was in great shape financially. It was also stated that a reserve account had been opened with the possibility of opening departmental reserves for large purchases. City Manager Hill also mentioned attending a Main Street Alabama Training meeting with Councilman Power and Mr. Jimmy Williams and reported that it was going well in preparation for that application. He also met with the Revenue Officer, with the intention of meeting with all business in the City to see how they could be better served and what would make them happy. It was also mentioned that anniversary cards and thank you cards were sent out, the nuisance abatement contract with the current vendor had been cancelled due to violation of terms, it was also mentioned that if the nuisance abatement had to be done internally it shall and that City staff have been working overtime in that regards. Also mentioned was a successful meeting with the Ministry of Affairs in the Governor's Office, where there would be 10 internships for freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior students.

Councilman Patterson commented that he was pleased with the appearance of the City. He also stated that he loved the fact that there is a spirit of unity within the different department heads working together. He wished to thank Public Works for their work.

Council President Spratlin wished to thank those who came out and helped with the clean up at Jemison Park. She also inquired as to when the City would observe Halloween. City Manager Hill commented that the Parks and Recreation Department's event was scheduled for October 29, 2021 from 5:30pm to 7pm and Saturday is Trick or Treat. Council President Spratlin also wished to thank Mayor Ragland for his hard work.

Councilman Williams wished to echo his appreciation to the City departments, stating that every community truly looks better. He also wished to thank Water Director Fuller for her help in regards to an issue in his ward. Also mentioned was his voting on the fire truck and equipment, he wished to state that it was not a department issue, he would have liked to look into reserves and coming up with ways to finance these types of items differently. He also requested that the leash ordinance be looked into concerning dogs leaving behind refuse on private property.

Councilman Power commented that the appropriations were conducted better than last year due to the fact of asking for more information, background and financial information. He also requested to be on the committee for next year's appropriation requests. It was also informed to Councilman Patterson that there was a third member of the tourism triage as the Mayor also attended the Main Street Program training and has agreed to aid in this matter. He also wished to reach out to the citizens stating that it is not only the City buying in, everybody has to buy in.

Mayor Ragland commented that City Manager Hill and he had the opportunity to walk from Gentry to the Square as Councilman Williams and Power did two years ago. He also noted that it was good to see some areas improved and some areas needing attention. Mayor Ragland also stated that he had the opportunity to attend a strategic planning meeting for the City Board of Education. He also noted that this weekend there would be a Dega Dreams tournament at Talladega College, Women's team play on the 23rd. He also noted that there was a free legal clinic with legal service of Alabama for folks who qualify dealing with civil issues at Spring Street Recreation Center from 10am to 2pm on November 12, 2021.

Council President Spratlin reminded everyone to turn in their evaluation forms next week to Councilman Power and maybe it would be in time for the first November meeting.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman 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 21, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.