

CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA

December 19, 2016- 5:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 19, 2016 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman David Street, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, and Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr., and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Councilman Horace Patterson.

Council President Simpson recognized the presence of City Attorney Michael O'Brien.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/2/2016 to 12/16/16 **\$3,250.00**
FY 2015-16

Capital Improvement Fund	3,250.00
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Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/2/16-12/16/16 **\$2,195,829.16**
FY 2016-17

General Operating Account	2,135,375.20
Senior Nutrition	16,137.78
Municipal Court	6,933.59
Corrections	35,423.38
Capital Improvement Fund	1,959.21

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2016. AYES: All.

Citizen Gene DeVandry came before the Council requesting an update on the Spring Street Recreation Center's HVAC system. City Manager Bryant commented that Trane will be conducting a series of tests to see if there are any changes that can be made to the current system and if there isn't anything to be done, the next step is to draw up specifications for a replacement unit and place it out to bid. He reassured Mr. DeVandry that the facility will be ready for the summer season.

Mr. DeVandry also commented on concerns in the Bemiston area. He noted there was a section where the railroad tracks were left in the roadway even though the tracks had been removed on both sides of the road. This section of road was in very bad shape and was dangerous for bike riders. Mr. DeVandry also stated that due to speeding vehicles Parkway Avenue in Bemiston also made it dangerous for bikers. City Manager Bryant deferred to Public Works Director Phillips, who stated that the condition of the roadway with the railroad tracks will be looked at and a cost estimate will be provided at an upcoming Council meeting. City Manager Bryant commented that there have been numerous steps to reduce speed such as police patrolling the area, pushing to increase traffic enforcement by issuing warnings and tickets. He also stated that they will continue monitoring that area at certain times. Mr. DeVandry also requested that the City look into Police support signs. Council President Simpson commented that they will have to get with Police Chief Busby to come up with a fundraiser for the signs.

Council President Simpson at this time, introduced the new hospital CEO, Doug Brewer. Mr. Brewer stated how happy he and his family were to be here in Talladega.

Jason Daves from the Chamber of Commerce informed the Council that the Christmas events were a success and has heard many positives things regarding them. He also thanked the City and the sponsors who helped to make the Christmas on the Square possible.

Sponsors Mr. Grant Lynch from the Talladega Super Speedway, Chad Thomas, CFO of First Bank of Alabama, and Dr. Mascia from AIDB came before the Council stating that they were pleased with the turnout of the Christmas on the Square and would be interested in sponsoring it again next year.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street to make the Christmas on the Square an annual event and direct City Manager Bryant to provide a financial proposal and overview for this event. Roll Call. AYES: All.

It was also requested that the City Manager send letters of commendation to all the staff who worked the Christmas on the Square.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of an alcohol license 050 Retail Beer (Off premises) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises) for Fred's Store 3075 located at 65364 AL Highway 77. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of an alcohol license 050 Retail Beer (Off premises) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off premises) for FIN Food Mart located at 823 E. Battle St. Roll Call. AYES: All.

The Historic Preservation Commission's Annual report was presented by Chairperson Nancy Lutchendorf.

Council President Simpson deferred to City Manager Bryant concerning Resolution #1492 and its impact on City Board and Commission appointments. City Manager Bryant stated that advertisements were made for vacant City boards and some of the applications received were ineligible based on Resolution 1492 which limits those who serve to no more than 3 consecutive terms. If it is decided to uphold the Resolution, those applicants would remain ineligible. The only way to become eligible would be to rescind Resolution 1492. There was some discussion upon this matter and it was decided that this matter would be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney and be presented at the next Council meeting.

Director Cathy Fuller presented to the Council the Water and Sewer Department Capital Improvement Projects. It was stated that there was a total of 23 projects divided into three sections. Seventeen projects will be funded by monies in the Capital Improvement Fund with two of them nearly completed and the other 15 will begin in January. The next five projects will be funded by the Bond proceeds and the final project will be funded by the money received by the Talladega County 2 Cent Sales Tax.

Ordinance No. 1822 approving an amendment to the budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street for the immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 1822. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston for the reading of the heading only. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, (ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 12, 2016, ORDINANCE NO. 1816) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2016 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1822. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4057 approving the acceptance of a donation from Allen Oil Company to construct an asphalted traffic calming device along Cherry Street.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4057. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Simpson, Councilman Patterson, Councilman Street, Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

Resolution #4058 approving an agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for two bridges replacements on Coosa Street and West Street over Isbell Branch.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4058. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4059 approving an agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for a bridge replacement on Isbell Circle over Town Creek.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4059. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 12/8/16 to 12/15/16	\$ 890,002.85
FY 2016-17	
Operations & Maintenance	193,311.56
Revenue	671,806.29
Construction & Improvement	24,885.00

City Manager Bryant wished to extend his gratitude to the City employees who helped out at the Christmas on the Square event and also thanked the sponsors present who expressed their desire to continue supporting this annual event. He also wished to inform the community that there are big plans in the works, with the City developing a comprehensive economic strategy to be able to diversify the City's economy and start to grow.

Mayor Cooper wished to commend City Manager Bryant for the Christmas on the Square and thanked all the City employees for their hard work.

Councilman Cooper thanked the board and commission members for their willingness to serve on a City board and expressed his appreciation to the City staff for their hard work.

Councilman Patterson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Elston wished to thank all the City employees for their work throughout the year.

Councilman Street wished to thank City employees for their work. He also commented that the RV park at TOP Trails is complete and will be open January 6th and invited everyone out to look at it.

Council President Simpson wished City employees a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion by Councilman Patterson to adjourn.

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, December 19, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.