

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
December 20, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 20, 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., and City Manager Seddrick Hill.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power to excuse the absence of Councilman Williams. AYES: All.

Public hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens for 21 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures from 11/12/2021-12/9/2021</b>	<b>\$818,884.35</b>
General Fund	505,448.83
Corrections Fund	9,006.15
Cemetery	18,500.00
Library Fund	2,431.36
Municipal Airport	72,794.35
Capital Projects Trust Fund	27,611.70
Water/Sewer Fund	183,091.96

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2021. AYES: All.

City Clerk Medlen swears in Helen Sims to the Heritage Hall Commission.

City Clerk Medlen swears in Clarence Haynes, Jeff Roberts, and Ray Miller to the Airport Board.

David Aymett came before the Council concerning Special Permits for Telecommunication towers located at 390 Carter Hill Road, 360 Woodland Heights, Trail, Shocco Station, and 1 Court Square. It was mentioned that these permits were for 5G technology upgrades for Verizon.

David Strickland came before the Council concerning ideas for the City's parks, Courthouse Square and mural art. Mr. Strickland commented that he would like to see murals painted around the City and creating a park utilizing one of the buildings on the Square to include a pavilion that could double as a performance stage and judge's stage for parades. He also stated that these attractions would be great to increase tourism.

Council President Spratlin deferred to Councilman Power concerning the discussion of the City Manager's contract. Councilman Power wished for further discussion upon the matter as he had only received feedback from a few of the Council. Councilman Patterson stated that he was in support of the proposed contract submitted by City Manager Hill which would reflect what City Managers in surrounding municipalities have received. It was mentioned that the proposed contract include a raise from \$126,000 to \$141,000, a City vehicle worth up to \$50,000, the contract be extended to three or four years with a provision of a 12 month notice after the third year if Council plans to let the contract expire, and six months' severance. It was requested that City Attorney O'Brien draft a contract to reflect these points and be placed at the next Council meeting in January 2022.

**Weed Abatement**

**Resolution #5403** to assess a weed abatement lien on 600 Leahy Circle  
**Resolution #5404** to assess a weed abatement lien on 205 Alexander St.  
**Resolution #5405** to assess a weed abatement lien on 50 Burk Lane  
**Resolution #5406** to assess a weed abatement lien on 520 North Court St.  
**Resolution #5407** to assess a weed abatement lien on 114 Sloan Ave.  
**Resolution #5408** to assess a weed abatement lien on 11 Sloan Ave.  
**Resolution #5409** to assess a weed abatement lien on 702 Elm St.  
**Resolution #5410** to assess a weed abatement lien on 207 Alexander St.  
**Resolution #5411** to assess a weed abatement lien on 914 Washington Ave.  
**Resolution #5412** to assess a weed abatement lien on 702 Elm St.  
**Resolution #5413** to assess a weed abatement lien on 412 West St.  
**Resolution #5414** to assess a weed abatement lien on 213 Coffee St.  
**Resolution #5415** to assess a weed abatement lien on 822 Coffee St.  
**Resolution #5416** to assess a weed abatement lien on 409 Howard St.  
**Resolution #5417** to assess a weed abatement lien on 1202 Ola Ave.  
**Resolution #5418** to assess a weed abatement lien on 412 Brignoli St.  
**Resolution #5419** to assess a weed abatement lien on Burr at 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
**Resolution #5420** to assess a weed abatement lien on 410 Broome St.  
**Resolution #5421** to assess a weed abatement lien on 202 Coffee St.  
**Resolution #5422** to assess a weed abatement lien on 615 Ave F  
**Resolution #5423** to assess a weed abatement lien on 206 Coffee St.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5403 to Resolution #5423. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5424** approving a special use permit for Verizon telecommunication tower located at 390 Carter Hill Road  
**Resolution #5425** approving a special use permit for Verizon telecommunication tower located at 360 Woodland Heights Trail  
**Resolution #5426** approving a special use permit for Verizon telecommunication tower located at Hwy. 21 Shocco Station  
**Resolution #5427** approving a special use permit for Verizon telecommunication tower located at 1 Court Square

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5424 to Resolution #5427. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5429** authorizing the City Manager to execute the Endo Settlement Sign On Agreement and implement plan for allocation and use of settlement funds

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5429. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 11/25/2021 to 12/9/2021</b>	<b>\$47,957.76</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	47,957.76

**Resolution #5428** approving a contract with Dexter-Fortson Associates, Inc. for installation of a SCADA system in the amount of \$1,319,373.00 (\$439,791.00 for 3 years)

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5428. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Power commented that there may be an arithmetic error on the Finance report as the figures do not seem to add up correctly. City Manager Hill stated that he would look into the matter. There was some discussion as to the procedure for outgoing Council Packets. It was agreed upon that the Council Packet would be reviewed by the City Manager before being distributed.

City Manager Hill deferred to Interim Police Chief McCoy concerning Code Enforcement Officer Kirk. It was stated that Officer Kirk had received commendation due to his kindness and compassion for a citizen who was cited for debris and trash in her yard.

City Manager Hill wished to thank City staff, the community, and sponsors for their tremendous help with Christmas on the Square. It was mentioned that \$43,162 not including the Christmas tree, was approved for the event and out of the \$43,162 the amount of \$51,000 was raised from sponsors. City Manager Hill also commented that the City was in the development stage with Main Street Alabama, attended the Parks and Recreation luncheon which was amazing, CGA submission as part of the Main St. application process for assistance in community development due Wednesday, attended a meeting with Representative Hurst, Barbara Boyd, and School Superintendent Lee, great meeting with Jason DeSalvo from TOP Trails, connected with Brian Creighton from NASCAR concerning tourism, and a not yet confirmed parade from Oxford to Talladega for race weekend.

Councilman Patterson wished to extend deep appreciation to City Manager Hill and requested the number of attendees for Christmas on the Square. Executive Assistant Baker commented that there were 400 people per hour on Sunday, at the workshop 200 people per hour from 12pm to around 4:30pm.

Councilman Power commented that he had attended the Aviation Council of Alabama Board meeting with Airport Board Chairperson Ray Miller.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and the matter of real estate contract with no action taken at 6:09pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council returned to the Chambers at 6:32pm with no action taken.

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Councilman Patterson 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, December 20, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.