

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
December 6, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 6, 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.

Public hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens to 10 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Public hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the request for rezone of five parcels from R-3 Single Family Residential to R-6 High Density Multi Family located at 112 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Morgan came before the Council to object to the rezoning request citing safety concerns, traffic issues, lowering of property values, and impeding the progress of upgrading the community. The property owner of the parcels being considered for rezoning, Deidra Butler came before the Council stating that the intent was to make the property better than it currently is. She also mentioned that she plans on creating affordable residential housing for senior citizens and small families. Ms. Butler also mentioned working with the professional small business administration from Jacksonville State University as well as an architect in Birmingham. It was mentioned that there would be 20 units. No other comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures from 11/13/2021-11/30/2021</b>	<b>\$63,543.22</b>
General Fund	36,236.78
Corrections Fund	77.75
Library Fund	165.46
Municipal Airport	27,063.23

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of the Regular Meeting of November 29, 2021. AYES: All.

Council President Spratlin deferred to City Manager Hill concerning a one-time single raise for the month of December 2021. It was mentioned that there were three options submitted to the Council for approval. Scenario 1 was stated as having been for full time employees – 0-5 years of service \$100, 6-10 years of service \$200, and 11-20 years \$300; Scenario 2 as 0-5 years \$200, 6-10 years \$300, and 11-20 \$400; and Scenario 3 as 0-5 years \$300, 6-10 years \$400, and 11-20 \$500. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Scenario 3. Roll Call. AYES: Council Member Hall and Councilman Patterson NAYS: Council President Spratlin, Councilman Williams, and Councilman Power

Motion by Council President Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Scenario 1. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Spratlin, Councilman Patterson, and Council Member Hall NAYS: Councilman Power and Councilman Williams

Councilman Patterson inquired about the percentage of the step raises for City employees stating that he understood it to be 3.14% and asked for an explanation. City Manager Hill commented that the step raises go from 3.125% however the step raise approved in the budget was 3% due in part to a current rate study being.

**Resolution #5391** approving the employee step raise for 2021

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5391. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5392** approving the one-time single raise for the month of December 2021

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5392. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Spratlin, Council Member Hall, and Councilman Patterson NAYS: Councilman Power and Councilman Williams

**Weed Abatement**

**Resolution #5393** to assess a weed abatement lien on 603 Broadway Ave.

**Resolution #5394** to assess a weed abatement lien on Lot on Knox St. and Ave H

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**Resolution #5396** to assess a weed abatement lien on Bingham St.

**Resolution #5397** to assess a weed abatement lien on 414 East Street North

**Resolution #5398** to assess a weed abatement lien on 629 Knox St.

**Resolution #5399** to assess a weed abatement lien on 628 Knox St.

**Resolution #5400** to assess a weed abatement lien on 621 Knox St.

**Resolution #5401** to assess a weed abatement lien on 223 West St.

**Resolution #5402** to assess a weed abatement lien on Lots on Ft. Lashley 9-15

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5393 to #5402. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 11/13/2021 to 11/30/2021</b>	<b>\$284,668.83</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	284,668.83

City Manager Hill commented that he had a great meeting with the Library Board, had an interview with ABC 33/40 to promote Christmas on the Square, met with David Baker Architects concerning the preliminary redesign of the City’s 12 parks and 4 recreation centers, wished to thank Dr. Mascia from AIDB, DynaSafe, TOP Trails, Coosa Valley Electric, and Citizens Baptist Hospital for their donation to Christmas on the Square, mentioned beginning the Main Street Alabama proposal, and at the next Council will bring forth a plan for tourism to include lodging tax and the redesign of the Chamber.

Councilman Power wished to remind everyone that tomorrow is Pearl Harbor Day.

Mayor Ragland wished to congratulate Fire Chief Warwick on the birth of his grandchild.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall 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 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.