

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., in the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers. 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. and Interim City Manager Gallahar.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for approval of an amended agenda. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Invoices and Expenditures. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/16/2020 to 11/30/2020	\$308,957.48
General Fund	253,037.84
Corrections Fund	19,305.14
Cemetery	3,900.00
Library Fund	2,021.68
Municipal Airport	5,792.82
Capital Projects Trust Fund	24,900.00

Motion by Council President Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of minutes of the Called Meeting of October 1, 2020, November 10, 2020 and November 18, 2020, November 23, 2020 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2020. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Alcohol License Transfer (050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for 67455 Alabama Hwy. 77. AYES: All.

Motion Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Alcohol License (050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Talladega Food Mart located at 1495 Stemley Bridge Rd. AYES: All.

Council President Williams deferred to Interim City Manager Gallahar concerning the awarding of the CDBG blight grant. It was mentioned that the City would not have to condemn any buildings in order to use this grant. This grant would give assistance to the public to take down blighted structures in a certain geographic area. It was stated the grant was \$250,000 with a 20% match.

Resolution #5178 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St.

Resolution #5179 to assess a weed abatement lien on 629 Knox St.

Resolution #5180 to assess a weed abatement lien on 716 Coleman Drive

Resolution #5181 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Knox St.

Resolution #5182 to assess a weed abatement lien on 114 Sloan Ave.

Resolution #5183 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Court St.

Resolution #5184 to assess a weed abatement lien on 101 Silverwood Drive

Resolution #5185 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot corner of Jackson St. and College St.

Resolution #5186 to assess a weed abatement lien on House on Jemison St.

Resolution #5187 to assess a weed abatement lien on 122 Lane St.

Resolution #5188 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Sloan Ave.

Resolution #5189 to assess a weed abatement lien on 628 Knox St.

Resolution #5190 to assess a weed abatement lien on Vacant lot on Highway 21 North

Resolution #5191 to assess a weed abatement lien on 406 Davis St.

Resolution #5192 to assess a weed abatement lien on 600 Leahy Circle

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5178 to Resolution #5192. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5193 to enter into a grant agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for funds and services for the Senior Nutrition Program for fiscal year 2021

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5193. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5194 approving list of poll workers and election officials for the Special Board of Education Election

Motion by Councilman Paterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5194. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5195 to accept the CDBG Community Enhancement Fund Demolition and Clearance Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5195. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5196 to approve Kelsey Gallahar as Temporary Acting City Manager

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5196. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 11/16/2020 to 11/27/2020	\$ 423,841.10
Water/Sewer Fund	423,841.10

Brought before the Council was the scheduling of a Called Meeting and a Work Session. It was decided that the Called Meeting to discuss the Water Rate Study and Municipal Judge would be scheduled for December 22, 2020 at 5pm and a Work Session on December 28, 2020 at 5pm to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan.

Interim City Manager Gallahar informed the Council that the City applied for the Rebuild Alabama Act which will be used to rehabilitate Willman Rd. It was also mentioned that the grant if approved is \$250,000 and notification should be had in 6-8 weeks. Interim City Manager Gallahar also mentioned that there were several events in the community this weekend; starting with a Christmas Market in the old Brannon's building on Saturday and Sunday and an event behind the Talladega Bottling Works from the 2nd Saturday Committee. It was stated that there would be vendors and food truck and the event would begin at 10am.

Council Member Spratlin wished to thank the City employees who removed the debris from Wedhadkee Mill and cleaned up the area. She also mentioned that the Christmas tree lighting ceremony was well attended.

Councilman Power inquired if there had been any intended future action for the Historic Preservation Commission as the previous City Manager had mentioned a plan would be ready by October. City Attorney O'Brien commented that he was asked to move ahead with taking the enforcement and provisions that was in the HPC Ordinance and bringing those into the Zoning Ordinance as a separate enforcement provision in the Zoning Ordinance. Once it is drafted it would have to go to the Planning Commission for approval before coming to the Council for consideration. It was mentioned that it was doubtful this would be done in December. City Attorney O'Brien also stated that as soon as the Ordinance is drafted, it can be sent to the Council for review and comments.

Councilman Power also inquired about the Letter of Intent received by Southwest Water last month; asking if there was going to be any deliberations concerning this issue. City Attorney O'Brien stated that he has received the Letter of Intent back from the attorney representing Southwest Water and that it is currently being reviewed for the response made by his comments and then will be submitted to the Council at the next meeting.

Council President Williams wished to thank everyone who is going to be helping with the Christmas Parade tonight.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin 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 called session on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.