

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 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 Pro Tem Betty C. Spratlin, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Trae Williams, Councilman Joseph K. Power, Jr., Mayor Ragland and Interim City Manager Kelsey Gallahar.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

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 Council Member Hall to approve invoices and expenditures. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures as of 1/26/2021		\$766,541.44
General Fund	746,085.19	
Corrections Fund	13,292.52	
Library Fund	2,246.96	
Municipal Airport	4,808.15	
Water/Sewer Fund	108.62	

There was some discussion concerning a payment to Rivertree Service for an audit. Finance Director Stamps commented that the City has a contract with Rivertree for when businesses in the City have not been paying for a business license. Rivertree contracts with several other municipalities and whenever there is an audit done on one business in the municipality, Rivertree checks to see if any other clients have business from that company as well. Council President Pro Tem Spratlin inquired if the invoices that was reviewed have been mailed out. Finance Director Stamps stated that those have been mailed out and that typically checks are printed Thursday or Friday and mailed out the same day.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2020 and January 21, 2021, the Work Session of December 28, 2020 and the Called Meeting of January 19, 2021. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland presents a retirement proclamation to Captain Patrick Thornton.

Mayor Ragland presents a proclamation to Parks and Recreation Director Ammons.

Council President Pro Tem Spratlin deferred to Interim City Manager Gallahar concerning the upcoming Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday which would give shoppers the opportunity to purchase certain severe weather preparedness items free of state sales tax.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Richard Maurice Vincent's application to the Industrial Development Board. Roll Call. AYES: All.

It was requested that Chairperson recommendation be submitted to the Council in regards to future Board application approvals.

Resolution #5227 to approve the agreement with Alabama Power to change to new LED lighting system at a monthly cost of \$30,304.19 (*a monthly increase of \$2,914.64 or \$1.38 per light from the current monthly charge*)

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5227. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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 1/14/2021 to 1/25/2021	\$ 44,355.09
Water/Sewer Fund	44,355.09

Resolution #5228 to approve a change order on the contract with Jet-Pep, Inc. for the Can replacement for Stone Hill Booster Station Project in the amount of \$14,673.40

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5228. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Interim City Manager Gallahar wished to remind everyone that the E-Recycle event is scheduled for March 26 and also announced that the City received the 2020 Special Event of the year award for Christmas on the Square 2019 at the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's annual conference.

Councilman Power commented that he had received several comments concerning the speeding on different City streets. Council President Pro Tem Spratlin also commented that she had noticed there were several different speed limit signs near Zora Ellis and requested Public Works look into this matter. Public Works Director Phillips commented that the different speeds were due to this being a school zone and it is only in effect during specific hours.

Councilman Power also requested that the City have a plan of action in advance of the growing grass season to thwart complaints of too high grass.

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, February 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.