

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 23, 2017-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017 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 Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Sr., Councilman David Street, Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr., and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Jeff Weathers of Munford Baptist Church.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 2/6/2017 to 2/17/2017** **\$484,972.61**

General Operating Account	392,488.63
Senior Nutrition	48,163.44
Municipal Court	7,457.22
Cash Bonds	1,000.00
Corrections	31,613.32
Capital Improvement Fund	4,250.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2017. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of proclamation for Clint Johnson. AYES: All.

There was some discussion concerning the appointment of a candidate to the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson to nominate Becky Davis to the Historic Preservation Commission. Roll Call. AYES; Councilman Street, Councilman Patterson, NAYS: Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Cooper

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Elston to appoint Jerry Ottomanelli to the Historic Preservation Commission. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper, NAYS: Councilman Street and Councilman Patterson

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Elston to terminate the contract with City Manager Patrick Bryant.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the reasons and procedure for performing such a termination. Council President Simpson stated that he had been approached by Councilman Cooper to bring this item up during the Council meeting. Councilman Street asked Councilman Cooper for his reasons for such a motion. Councilman Cooper stated that it was because pursuit of industrial development was not a priority to the City Manager.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson to table the motion for termination. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Street, Councilman Patterson, NAYS: Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson and Councilman Cooper.

After further discussion Council President Simpson asked for a 10-minute recess. Upon returning from the recess, Councilman Cooper stated that he was looking out for all citizens, especially those who are having a hard time financially and suggested a deadline for when the City Manager provide an economic development plan in writing. Councilman Cooper then rescinded his motion for termination of the City Manager. Councilman Elston rescinded his second of the motion.

**Resolution #4096** approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at 709 West Coosa St.

**Resolution #4097** approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at Pulliam St.

**Resolution #4098** approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at 915 Butler St.

**Resolution #4099** approval of bonds under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) for renovation of City Court II Apartments on Broadway Avenue.

**Resolution #4100** approval of a contract with Lundmark for a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy at a cost of \$29,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4096 to Resolution #4100. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 2/8/17 to 2/16/17</b>	<b>\$ 365,730.12</b>
Operations & Maintenance	174,445.60
Revenue	191,284.52

**Resolution #4101** approval of a contract with InSite Engineering for design and CEI services for upgrades of the process equipment at the Brecon Wastewater Treatment Plant for a cost not to exceed \$49,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4101. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4102** approval of a contract with InSite Engineering for design and CEI services for upgrades of the process equipment at the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant for a cost not to exceed \$99,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4102. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper swore Layne Lee in as a member of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitson were recognized by the Alabama Forestry Commission for a State Champion Tree on their property. The Alabama Forestry Commission had presented the Whitsons with a plaque prior to the City Council meeting.

City Manager Bryant stated that the City had won an Alabama Advertisement Award for the Christmas in Talladega event. There would be an Arbor Day ceremony at Duncan Pinkston Park on Friday, February 24 at 10:00 am for the planting of an October Glory Maple tree. City Manager Bryant also stated that an ordinance for the façade grant program would be presented in the near future.

Motion by Councilman Patterson to adjourn the meeting.

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 Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.