

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
WORK SESSION  
February 3, 2020 – 4:00 pm**

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Park Manager Joey Hardy came before the Council detailing to the Council on the number of visitors who come to CMP and to highlight the fact that the park creates a destination spot for the City.

Jimmy Williams came before the Council to present an initiative to bolster tourism which would include not only a proposal to partner with businesses, but to strengthen litter laws and keeping the City attractive by cleaning and maintaining. It was also mentioned that logos and/or murals could be placed on blank walls along with window fillers, the use of setting up a visitor's information center and museum.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
February 3, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020 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 Joseph K. Power, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Council Member Betty C. Spratlin, Councilman Trae Williams, Mayor Ragland and City Manager Beth Cheeks.

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 Williams to approve invoices and expenditures. Roll Call. AYES: All.

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 1/14/2020 to 1/27/2020</b>	<b>\$ 360,740.91</b>
General Fund	277,012.56
Corrections Fund	660.79
TPD Technology Award	7,645.00
Cemetery	58.90
Library Fund	73.76
Municipal Airport	1,055.90
Capital Projects Trust Fund	74,233.34
Water/Sewer Fund	.66

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2020. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland presents to Dock Russell a Black History Month Proclamation.

Brought before the Council was the discussion of the donation of Eastside School to the City from TCRC. It was mentioned that this was not an item up for vote at this time. Council President Power opened up the discussion to the audience.

Juanita Curry McClellan came before the Council concerning the Eastside building requesting that the City consider accepting the donation of the building stating that the building was in good shape and that it would make a much-needed community center for the children in the area.

Dr. Adia Winfrey came before the Council stating the importance that Eastside remain as a community center and that this building would not only serve the community's children but also the seniors. She also stated that Eastside could also house a program providing parenting skills that could be a valuable resource for parents.

Angela Estelle came before the Council on behalf of Maxine Beck. It was stated that Eastside was extremely valuable to the community and Eastside's future could be seen as a community center for

GED classes, reading classes, classes on nutrition, meal planning, couponing, and many other life skills classes.

Lawanda Key came before the Council requesting the Council consider keeping the Eastside School building.

Jimmy Stockdale came before the Council stating that the building needed to have something done to it before it deteriorates.

Council Member Hall wished to thank everyone for expressing their opinion on the matter.

Council President Power deferred to City Manager Cheeks on an overview of the Eastside School building. City Manager Cheeks stated that after going through the school; it was in better shape than expected and but suggested that they practically look into the cost involved in accepting the building. Council President Power requested that City Manager Cheeks look into the budget and report back.

Council President Power deferred to Mr. Michael Morrison from East Alabama Regional Planning and Development concerning the discussion of enlarging the transportation program. Mr. Morrison wished to reaffirm their commitment in the efforts related to transportation. Executive Director Lori Corley came before the Council to reiterate EARPDC's commitment to serve in anyway possible. Councilman Patterson stated that the concern was putting the donated van back in service to help those in need. He also commented that the sensible thing was to place a van driver in the program by East Alabama under the City to make sure everything is properly done. Councilman Williams commented that although Uber and Lyft were not an option for Talladega due to the City's population; there was another program that might be viable. It was stated that Birmingham started utilizing a program called Via which better mobilizes the City's transportation vehicles. It was also mentioned taking back ownership of the donated van from the now defunct Community Life Institute and getting it back in use. Mr. Morrison wished to clarify that the Community Life Institute's contract with East Alabama was not for transportation, but to provide home services and personal care services. There was much discussion upon this matter.

Council President Power deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning the discussion of Capital Improvement Projects. City Manager Cheeks stated that presented tonight is not a specific line item of the CIP budget, however a packet will be sent out Friday to each member with a request from every department concerning their CIP needs. Presented to the Council was a map outlining the proposed future of Talladega with making Battle St. starting at the Square and ending at the Talladega College entrance two lanes instead of four and restricting logging trucks, and making the area pedestrian friendly. It was also mentioned building a new City Hall on the Wedhadkee site and an installation of a roundabout for better traffic flow. Councilman Patterson commented that during the last meeting he had requested on behalf of Talladega College to include in the CIP the area on Martin Luther King to Ft. Lashley in the effort to help pedestrian traffic. City Manager Cheeks stated that the numbers are currently being researched and will be added to the information packet they will receive. There was some discussion concerning the proposed new City Hall. It was also stated that the current City Hall would house the Police Department, Fire Department, and Municipal Court. Council President Power asked if the borrowing of money for the new City Hall would be by a bond or loan. City Manager Cheeks commented that a bond would be an option.

City Manager Cheeks stated that she would like to see what the Council would like to see in the CIP and requested that each send them their list via email. She also mentioned that included in the CIP packet would be the last 2 years CIP budget for comparison.

**Resolution #4997** approving abatement of junk cars at Westgate Apartments

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #4997. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4998** approving a contract with Alpine Properties for grounds maintenance of Oak Hill Cemetery at a cost of \$3,254.00 per cut to be done twice per month during the months of March 2020 through October 2020

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4998. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4999** approving an easement to Alabama Power for an airport hangar at the Talladega Municipal Airport and authorizing the City Manager to facilitate easement.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #4999. 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.

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 1/20/2020 to 1/27/2020</b>	<b>\$ 75,696.03</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	75,696.03

Council President Power deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning a request to take over the Waldo Water System. City Manager Cheeks informed the Council that ADEM has requested the City take over the Waldo Water System; stating that this was something that has been discussed for many years and is finally to the point where a decision has to be made. The infrastructure would need improvements and the City would work with ADEM to finance those improvements. It was questioned if there would be additional personnel needed for this venture and it was stated that no additional personnel would be needed. There was some discussion concerning the risk and advantages of taking over the Waldo Water System. It was also stated that the citizens of Waldo do not have any other option in terms of water. It was also requested by the Council that ADEM be reached for questions; City Manager Cheeks stated that the City has reached out to ADEM but have not heard back as of yet.

Council President Power deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning the Certified Municipal Official Program by the Alabama League of Municipalities. She wished to encourage the Council and Mayor to take advantage of the program. She also requested that each Council member inform her and her office would take care of the necessary arrangements.

Council Member Hall requested that yellow lines be painted on her road. City Manager Cheeks commented that striping was the last part of the paving project. She also requested that a list of roads needing to be striped be emailed to her.

Councilman Patterson requested some ideas of what it would take to get up the budget to move in the direction of tourism.

Council President Power requested that Jimmy Williams be present at the next meeting to answer some of his remaining questions.

Councilman Patterson wished to express his appreciation to those voicing their opinion on the Eastside School building and wished to thank Martha Jordan for her leadership.

Mayor Ragland commented that he had the pleasure of attending the Heritage Hall Museum's Quilting Museum and stated that this exhibit would be there until February 28<sup>th</sup> for all those interested.

City Manager Cheeks wished to inform the Council that the last day to register to vote in the Primaries is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property (real estate) at 7:01pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council return to Chambers at 7:21pm with no action taken.

Motion by Councilman Patterson 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, February 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.