

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019 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 Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hardy Reynolds of Evening Star Baptist Church.

Council President Patterson wished to recognize the presence of City Attorney O'Brien.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone wishing to comment about making Era Scott Circle one-way. Resident Brenda Coleman stated that Era Scott Circle and surrounding streets were too narrow. Echoing her concerns was Rosie Curry and Ms. Tibbs also residing on Era Scott Circle. Resident Patricia Hardy also wished to state her support for making Era Scott Circle a one-way street. Dock Russell commented that he took the liberty of driving down Era Scott Circle and could see that it is a problem and stated that it should be made a one-way street. City Manager Cheeks stated that the City will begin the process for making Era Scott Circle one-way and plans on reducing the speed limit on that side to 15 mph. With no more comments or objections, the public hearing was closed.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 2/15/2019 to 3/1/2019 **\$342,346.43**

General Fund	268,867.32
Corrections Fund	953.23
Cemetery	9,800.74
Capital Projects Trust Fund	62,725.14

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2019. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper swears in Jennifer White to the Industrial Development Board.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the amended agenda. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the application of Kadecha Shephard to the Industrial Development Board. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the contribution request of \$1000 to the American Council for the Blind – Platinum Sponsor for Dancing with Dega Stars. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson deferred to Councilman Street concerning a pot hole insurance claim which was denied by the City's insurance provider. He questioned the timeline that the City had in making repairs. It was stated that the Public Works department has a self-reporting procedure in place and has a patching program for each street. They report on a monthly basis for all streets gone through. There was a lengthy discussion upon this matter. Motion by Councilman Street to pay the denied claim. *No second motion dies.*

A reminder for the Statement of Economic Interest was brought to the Council. The deadline to have this turned in was stated as April 30th. A reminder for the E-Recycle event was also brought before the Council. The event will be held March 15th from 10am-2pm in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. City Manager Cheeks also informed the Council that the City would be hosting Spring Cleaning Days on March 29-30 at Wehadkee; also stating that there would be fees associated with this event.

Ordinance #1845 approving the revised Classification and Compensation Plan.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1845. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper NAYS: Councilman Street

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE CITY OF TALLADEGA'S CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENATION PLANS BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2019

Councilman Street requested that a letter from GEDI agreeing with these changes are recommended by them be furnished to him. There was some discussion concerning this matter.

Motion by Cooper with a second from Councilman Elston for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1845. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper NAYS: Councilman Street

Ordinance #1846 approving the Employee Safety Manual.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the Reading of Heading Only of Ordinance #1846. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1614 TO PROVIDE A SAFETY POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERS OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1846. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the Adoption of Ordinance #1846. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4727 approving the application for a \$30,000 grant with no matching funds from the NRPA.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4727. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4728 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 419 16th St.

Resolution #4729 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 860 Short Scott S

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4728 and #4729. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 2/21/19-3/1/19	\$207,212.74
Water/Sewer Fund	207,212.74

Resolution #4730 approving a mutual agreement with Georgia Pacific for conveyance of waste water from holding ponds to City's Waste Water Treatment Facilities.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4730. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Cheeks wished to congratulate the THS Tigers for their win in becoming the 2019 State 4A Champions.

Council President Patterson wished to see about sending aid and supplies to the victims of the tornado in Lee County. City Manager Cheeks stated that she would call the Red Cross and see what needs they have and would relay the information as soon as possible. She also stated that last week, 7 City employees attended the inaugural conference for Women Leading

Government which is a national organization founded in 2006 helping women to succeed in public service, development of leadership skills and networking. City Manager Cheeks also informed the Council that she attended the graduation of 3 police officers from the police academy. She also wished to thank the Community Appearance department for their work in the celebration of Arbor Day.

Councilman Elston commented that he was proud of what Dr. Hawkins as done at Talladega College and also wished to commend an apartment complex in his Ward that has undergone extensive renovations.

Councilman Street asked if the extension granted to the gentleman on nuisance abatement of a junk car was honored. Code Enforcement Rowls answered in the affirmative. Councilman Street also questioned if the Red Cross opened up a shelter in the City during the flood in Lincoln. Director Ammons stated that the Red Cross did open an active shelter on Saturday for the residents of Lincoln, however nobody utilized the shelter. He also inquired about flooding across a road in the Brecon area. Director Philips stated that it is currently being looked at. Councilman Street requested that he be kept abreast of the issue. He also asked about a previously requested guardrail in that area. City Manager Cheeks commented that they are pulling the information and will submit an update to him. Councilman Street also questioned the sidewalk repair near Artisan Alley; City Manager Cheeks stated that there were other circumstances regarding that issue but is definitely being taken care of. He also asked about a Mardi Gras celebration on the Square giving out alcohol and asked if that would require a permit or license. City Manager Cheeks stated that she would look into it. Next, Councilman Street asked if the Council had purchased a table at an award luncheon; and it was stated that one was reserved but was not paid for because it was cancelled. He also asked if the Council had purchased a table for the Mardi Gras Gala. City Manager Cheeks commented that those were individual tickets purchased. He also requested an update on his previous request and it was stated that it was currently being collected. He also requested a tour of facilities that have been worked on. City Manager Cheeks commented that after the list was compiled, a tour could be set up.

Council President Patterson wished to introduce a guest in the audience, Mr. Walter Lewis.

Councilman Cooper requested that the people of Beauregard be kept in your prayers.

Mayor Cooper wished to congratulate the THS Tigers on their win and suggested that a parade be held in their honor. Councilman Street stated that he has reached out to Jason Daves from the Chamber of Commerce concerning a parade. Council President Patterson requested that he quarterback this idea and let the Council know.

Council President Patterson commented that he hoped the THS Basketball would be able to make it to the next Council meeting and stated at that meeting they would be honoring Dr. Hawkins for his contributions to Talladega College.

Motion by Councilman Elston to adjourn.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Joanna Medlen, Acting 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, March 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.