

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 19, 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 Trae Williams, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Betty Spratlin, Councilman Joseph K. Power, Jr., Mayor Ragland and Interim City Manager Kelsey Gallahar.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams to approve invoices and expenditures. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 3/30/2021-4/12/2021	\$335,767.92
General Fund	274,979.20
Corrections Fund	27,059.41
Library Fund	75.76
Municipal Airport	19,004.60
Capital Projects Trust Fund	14,648.95

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the Regular Meeting of March 29, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2021. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland presents a proclamation for the 53rd anniversary of the passage of the United States Fair Housing Law.

Chuck Keith came before the Council to present an update on the Hall of Heroes. It was mentioned there were 365 uniforms displayed at the museum and the exhibit at the Civilian Marksmanship Park and over 2,000 ribbons, medals, and badges. It was also stated that there would be a second exhibit forthcoming to be displayed at the Oxford Performing Arts. Mr. Keith further informed the Council that there would be a benefit concert featuring Tony and Donna Haynes and Southern Mama at the Talladega Bottling Works. Also mentioned was a series of events at the CMP on June 8, 2021 and a Veteran's Day Parade on November 13.

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Hilda Fannin to the Talladega Public Library Board. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin to designate Council President Williams as the voting delegate at the ALM's Annual Business meeting in Huntsville. AYES: All.

Council President Williams stated that after speaking with Mr. Skene; there was no discussion from the Sensory Advisory Board and wished to thank Public Works Phillips for the open communication between the Board and herself concerning projects.

At this time, Council President Williams wished to invite Revenue Officer Sanders to speak. Revenue Officer Sanders informed the Council that on March 11, 2021 President Biden had signed the American Rescue Plan which will allocate money to each state and in turn the state will allocate cities some of the funds. According to Revenue Officer Sanders the City will be allocated around \$2.8 million dollars. Also mentioned was that the Alabama League of Municipalities will be setting up an advocacy team for any City to reach out for questions. Councilman Patterson requested that a list be put together on items the funds could be used for. Interim City Manager Gallahar stated that information concerning these funds has already been prepared for the incoming City Manager but will also be distributed to Council.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Council President Williams to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 3/30/2021 to 4/12/2021	\$ 296,866.60
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Water/Sewer Fund

296,866.60

Resolution #5240 for the approval of a contract with Peregrine Services Inc. for the printing and mailing of water/utility bills not including postage at an annual rate of \$7,396.80

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5240. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Public Works Director Phillips wished to address the Council and residents about the cutting of ditches in the City. Director Phillips mentioned that the inmates at the Childersburg Work Camp will hopefully be receiving the Covid-19 vaccine and will be back to work in June or July.

Interim City Manager Gallahar informed the Council that she has accepted a position in Auburn and wished to thank the Council, community, and employees for all their support.

Mayor Ragland announced that he had the honor to nominate Councilman Patterson for the Alabama League of Municipalities' Distinguished Service Award. It was commented that the award will be presented to Councilman Patterson at the ALM's Annual Convention in Huntsville. He also wished to congratulate the High School 4x4 relay team for winning the County championship and Assistant Fire Chief Goodenough for attaining the Chief Fire Officer credential.

Councilman Patterson wished to thank the Mayor and the League of Municipalities for the honor of being presented the Distinguished Service Award.

Council Member Spratlin wished to thank everyone for their hard work during the April in Talladega event.

Councilman Power commented that he looked forward to the upcoming activities at the Hall of Heroes.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President 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, April 19, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.