

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

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 5, 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 Member Spratlin for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 3/9/2021-3/29/2021	\$406,840.73
General Fund	393,745.75
Corrections Fund	2,567.09
Cemetery	3,316.57
Library Fund	2,338.66
Municipal Airport	4,872.66

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2021. AYES: All.

The Civil Service Board vacancy was brought before the Council and it was also mentioned that there were several other City boards with vacancies.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the 2nd Saturday Committee's request for the second Saturday of each month in 2021 and the temporary closure of streets that surround the event. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5235 to enter into a contract with Davis Builders for Fire Station 2 drain line upgrades at a cost of \$26,435.00 pending compliance with insurance and licensing requirements

Motion by Council President Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5235. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5236 to enter into a contract with East Alabama Umpire Association for officiating services for baseball/softball games at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.00

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5236. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5237 to enter into an agreement with Alabama Power for LED change over for Veterans Park at a monthly cost of \$555.35

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5237. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5238 to approve a lease with Tara Logel owner of Cookies with a Twist for 119 North Court Square at a cost of \$400/month

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5238. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5239 to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford F150 from Stivers Ford Lincoln in Montgomery, AL for the Talladega Municipal Airport at a cost of \$26,794.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5239. 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 3/9/2021 to 3/29/2021	\$ 340,270.87
Water/Sewer Fund	340,270.87

Interim City Manager Gallahar conveyed sad news concerning the passing of a City employee and a former employee and wished to offer condolences to both their families and requested a moment of silence. She also reminded the Council that the coming up weekend was the April in Talladega event.

Mayor Ragland also wished to offer his condolences to both families. He next wished to congratulate the members of the Talladega High School basketball team. Also mentioned were requests heard from citizens concerning painting lines on the road for the turning lane by Fincher's. He also informed the Council that two organizations have reached out to him for donations.

Public Works Director Phillips commented that because of the unusual geometry many people believe they have the right to turn during a green ball however it is a protected turn. Also stated was that the intersection signal was working properly.

Councilman Patterson wished to welcome City Manager Hill to the meeting. He also inquired from Community Appearance Director Bast the additional work on the Chamber project. Director Bast stated that their part of the project was complete as all trees, bushes, and sod had been laid; all that is left is the caboose which Interim City Manager Gallahar stated is in the CIP for 2021 and is currently awaiting Council approval. Councilman Patterson next stated that the organizations requesting financial support by the Mayor would need to submit a written request. He next asked about the research for litter laws. Interim City Manager Gallahar stated that all the research files were available and that conversations continue.

Council Member Spratlin commented that she had gotten quite a few calls concerning a grant for Willman Road. Public Works Director Phillips stated that because the CIP for paving hasn't been passed there is not a budget at this point and that they are waiting for word from the State concerning the grant.

Council President Williams also wished to welcome Mr. Hill and informed the audience that the start date for the City Manager was set for May 4, 2021. He also mentioned that there would be some meetings between Mr. Hill and the supervisors to aid in his transition.

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