

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 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 City Manager Hill.

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 4/13/2021-5/4/2021	\$393,863.51
General Fund	379,979.85
Corrections Fund	1,202.45
Cemetery	64.44
Library Fund	2,411.42
Municipal Airport	5,858.77
Capital Projects Trust Fund	4,346.58

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2021. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland swears in Hilda Fannin to the Talladega Public Library Board.

Councilman Power inquired about the possibility of offering fuel discounts for pilots flying into the Talladega Airport. City Attorney O'Brien commented that discounts on fuel could be done as part of the rental agreement for hangar rent. Council President Williams stated that a meeting with the City Manager should be set up to address this issue.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval to petition for bids for aviation fuel. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Williams informed the Council that according to the Governor's Office Alabama will retain its current number of seven seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next 10 years and that the detailed county and city data will be released later in August and September.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall to approve Howard N. Williams Jr's application to the Civil Service Board. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, Councilman Power, and Council Member Spratlin ABSTAIN: Council President Williams.

Resolution #5241 approving the City's participation in the Alabama Department of Education's Summer Food Program for the summer of 2021. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 4/19/2021 to 5/4/2021	\$ 26,359.00
Water/Sewer Fund	26,359.00

Resolution #5242 review and accept the MWPP Annual Report for the Talladega Main Wastewater Treatment Plant

Resolution #5243 review and accept the MWPP Annual Report for the Talladega Brecon Wastewater Treatment Plant

Resolution #5244 review and accept the MWPP Annual Report for the Talladega Airport Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #5242 to Resolution #5244. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5245 to approve a contract with Schmidt Environmental Construction Inc. for Wastewater Plant Upgrades (WWTP) at the Main, Brecon, and Airport Facilities for a cost of \$593,500.00 pending insurance, licensing, and bonding requirements

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5245. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5246 to approve a contract with Denali Water Solutions formerly Recyc Southeast LLC for sludge removal services from the Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities per bid specifications

Motion by Council President Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5246. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5247 to approve a contract with GFL Environmental Incorporated formerly WCA of Alabama for residential waste collection and disposal at a cost of \$19.00 per customer, per month

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of Resolution #5247. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5248 to approve a contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for a water and sewer rate study at a cost of \$43,168.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5248. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Hill commented that he his first day on the job was Tuesday and have had the opportunity to speak with the department heads and employees concerning their needs and wants. He also stated that visibility in the community was at the fore front of those discussions. Also mentioned were his visits to various departments of the City. City Manager Hill also mentioned that the Fire Department's ISO is hoped to move from a level 3 to a level 2 which would result in lower insurance rates for residents.

City Manager Hill deferred to Interim Police Chief McCoy and Lieutenant Thompson about a meeting scheduled the next day with representatives from Crime Stoppers to go over rules and a MOU. He next stated that there was talk about programs for litter and cleaning up the City and bringing back birthday and anniversary cards and reviving the employee of the month program. He also mentioned that Birmingham was willing to partner with Talladega as a sister city; which would allow for students at the high school to travel to different countries over the summer. He also stated that a foundation was interested in the City. Lastly, a letter to all businesses and citizens would be sent asking for feedback, goals, and ideas to make the City conducive to growth and also mentioned plans to launch a I Love my City t-shirt.

Mayor Ragland wished to welcome the City Manager and offered his congratulations to the Firefighters for completion of courses. He also wished to congratulate the graduates of Talladega College.

Council Member Hall offered her congratulations to Mayor Ragland for attaining his doctorate degree.

Councilman Patterson wished to congratulate Mr. Rip Williams and welcome City Manager Hill.

Council Member Spratlin requested that the Council recognize Mayor Ragland for his achievement and stated that his keynote speech was well received.

Councilman Power stated that he had received a copy of a presentation on the airport board's achievements, current and future projects; and commented that a format such as this would be beneficial for the City to use.

Council President Williams wished to encourage citizens to bring issues forth to the Council and the City Manager. He also stated that Councilman Patterson, City Manager Hill, and himself would be attending the ALM convention in Huntsville where Councilman Patterson would be recognized.

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, May 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.