

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 17, 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 Gerald Cooper, Councilman David Street, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 6/3/2019 to 6/14/2019 **\$232,979.27**

General Fund	149,747.79
Corrections Fund	17,627.66
Cemetery	4,800.00
Capital Projects Trust Fund	60,803.82

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of the regular minutes of June 3, 2019. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson acknowledged the presence of City Attorney O'Brien.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the re-appointment of Merri Jane Miller to the Library Board. AYES: All.

Angela Estelle came before the Council to request that the lights on the field be repaired in time for the Knoxville Reunion Committee as the event usually runs late into the night. City Manager Cheeks stated that the pole that had went down caused all the other lights to malfunction and the cost to repair would be over \$10,000. The electrician also is not available to do the repair at this time. There was some discussion upon this matter. Ms. Estelle then requested the use of a generator. It was then stated that the City would look into the matter. It was also requested that the City clear out any debris in the trench or ditch near the park so as to prevent flooding. Councilman Elston commented that he wished to abstain from the vote for waiver of the noise ordinance and to keep the park open until 12am as he will be in attendance for this event. Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street to waive the noise ordinance and to keep the park open until 12am for this event. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Cheeks to present a slide show of the preliminary plan for the splash pad. The presentation included several ideas for the layout and equipment that could be installed. There was much appreciation from the audience and Council concerning the ideas for the splash pad.

Resolution #4769 through #4780 to assess weed abatement liens.

Resolution #4781 to approve a contract with Pyro Productions of Alabama Inc. for July 4th fireworks display at a cost of \$12,000.00.

Resolution #4782 approving a contract with McCartney Construction for paving at a cost of \$1,598,637.78.

Resolution #4783 approving a donation to the Munford Police Department of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala (VIN 2G1WS55R279365541).

Resolution #4784 approving a contract with Charles D. Roberts for acquiring a strip of land adjacent to the City's property necessary for the construction of the East Street Parking Lot.

Resolution #4785 approving the 4th amendment structure lease agreement at the Talladega Municipal Airport for New Cingular Wireless.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4769 to Resolution #4785. 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 6/3/19-6/13/19

\$614,264.79

Water/Sewer Fund

614,264.79

City Manager Cheeks reminded all in attendance that the State of the City address is scheduled for June 18, 2019 at 5:30pm. She also informed the Council that the City has a new building inspector as Jerry Taylor will soon be retiring as of July 1st. City Manager Cheeks wished to thank the Council for approving the resolution for paving and asked everyone to be patient with the inconveniences that may come with this work. She also stated that the City's 4th of July celebration would start at 6pm on the 4th and fireworks at 9pm.

Mayor Cooper asked how much the splash pad would cost and if the Council had gotten feed back from the citizens. Councilman Elston commented that in his opinion that it is what the people want. An audience member spoke up to agree that the splash pad was much needed in the community.

Councilman Street wished to apologize for his tardiness. He also wished to thank the Council for their support of the Knoxville Reunion. He also commented that the splash pad would help retain families and that he hoped that they would do it nicely and sensibly. He also had a couple of requests for the City Manager. He asked about a stop sign on Brignoli going toward East St. and Stephen J. White. He also inquired about some brush hanging down from Howard St. off of East St. brought to his attention from a truck driver. Next, he requested a tour of the Public Works Building, stating that if everyone could not get scheduled to tour it, he would go on his own. He also requested information on the annual cost of the last round of raises given a couple of Council meetings back. City Manager Cheeks stated that because of having employees resigning or retiring, the payroll has not changed and everything has stayed level. Councilman Street commented that that was good for the immediate time but long term, he would still like a total of what that change would bring and the impact for the City.

Councilman Elston wished to extend his appreciation for those in his ward who came forth to voice their concern regarding the lights for the Knoxville Reunion.

Motion by Councilman Simpson 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, June 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.