

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
June 4, 2018-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 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 Gerald Cooper, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

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

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 5/18/2018 to 6/1/2018 **\$51,224.83**

General Operating Account	51,224.83
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Councilman Street made a motion to amend the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2018. *Motion died for lack of second.*

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2018 with no changes. AYES: Council President Cooper and Councilman Patterson, NAY: Councilman Street, ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

Public Hearing on seven (7) properties that are set for placement of weed abatement liens. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment or complain.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street to approve the wording of the Certificate of Recognition for the Talladega Superspeedway. AYES: All.

Resolutions #4425 through #4436 to assess weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #4425. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolutions #4426 through #4436. RC Ayes: All.

Resolution #4437 approving the local match of \$36,802 for the operations and administration of the City's Public Transportation Program through participation in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5311 Grant Program.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4437. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4438 approving the lease with The Square Cup at 119 Court Square North.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4438. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 5/21/18-5/30/18	\$162,882.53
Operations & Maintenance	114,040.78
North Talladega Water	3,875.00
Capital Improvements	44,966.75

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson to excuse the absence of Councilman Elston. AYES: All.

Mayor Cooper requested that citizen Wilby Wallace Jr. be allowed to address the Council concerning complaints of a ditch on Baker to Rosa Street. Mr. Wallace stated that the ditch was over

grown with vegetation and also wished to inform the Council that there were approximately 18 cars parked on the sidewalk on Ft. Lashley and on the alley; stating that this is a danger for citizens. He requested that the Council do something concerning these nuisances. City Manager Bryant commented that one of the things that can be done legally on a weekly basis is to ensure that the sidewalk is not blocked. However, it would be beneficial if the community, especially on the weekends, notify City Hall concerning the blockage. City Manager Bryant deferred to City Attorney O'Brien concerning what the City can and cannot do. City Attorney O'Brien stated that there are rules for not blocking a public alleyway. It was stated that Municipal Services Director Hanner would get in contact with Mr. Wallace concerning this matter.

Councilman Simpson commented that the ditch located at Cherry St. and McMillan needs to have a permanent solution for cleaning up. Public Works Director stated that a clean up has been done once as a courtesy for the property owner. However, since this is private property, City funds cannot be used to remedy it. Councilman Simpson also questioned a house on Hillandale that looks like it needs to be condemned. City Manager Bryant commented that several months ago it was relayed to the Council that there are several properties selected for the condemnation process and that this property was on that list.

Councilman Street requested that each Councilmember receive a copy of the lawsuit concerning the Historic Preservation Commission. A board member of the Historic Preservation Commission also requested a copy of this lawsuit.

Councilman Street wished to thank Carol Ann and Troy of the Square Cup for their efforts in helping the City and stated he looked forward to Hughlena taking over that business on the Courthouse Square.

Council President Cooper commented that there were many improvements made in the City everywhere.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation. Roll Call. AYES: All. Council went into Executive Session at 6:00 pm and returned at 6:25 pm.

Councilman Patterson made a motion to terminate Patrick Bryant as City Manager and to honor the contract with Mr. Bryant for severance pay. Second was made by Councilman Simpson. There was a call for discussion and Councilman Street stated that last Thursday evening he spoke with Council President Cooper on the subject of termination. City Attorney Michael O'Brien was consulted as to whether the Council could entertain the motion at the current meeting. Mr. O'Brien stated that the council would now have to wait seven days before voting on the topic.

Councilman Patterson withdrew his motion and Councilman Simpson withdrew his second.

Councilman Patterson made a motion to hold a Special Council Meeting on Friday, June 8, 2018. Councilman Simpson made a second. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Cooper; NAY: Councilman Street.

Motion from Councilman Patterson to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Recorded by: Joanna Medlen

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, 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 4, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.