

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 5, 2017-5:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Gerald Cooper Sr., Councilman David Street, Councilman Jarvis Elston, City Manager Patrick Bryant, and Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

Council President Simpson introduced the new CFO for Citizens Baptist Medical Center, Mr. Greg Brickner. Mr. Brickner was formerly the director of business development at the Atlanta Medical Center.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 5/15/2017 to 5/31/2017 **\$458,357.71**

General Operating Account	388,211.06
Senior Nutrition	48,272.38
Municipal Court	4,862.82
Corrections	50.00
Capital Improvement Fund	16,961.45

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2017. AYES: All.

Citizen David Turner came before the Council requesting that the City install speed tables on Eastwood and Lancaster due to the rampant speeders in the area and also requested that the City look into improving McMillan Park as it is in disrepair. It was stated that the City will research the possibility of installing speed tables in the requested area and the improvements of McMillan Park will be taken into consideration in the Capital Improvement Project.

Brought before the Council was the consideration of three nominees to the Educational Building Authority. Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Elston to appoint Dr. Dolia Patterson to the Educational Building Authority Board. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Simpson, Councilman Street, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Patterson

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street to appoint Betty Pugh and Mary Russell to the Educational Building Authority Board. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council was a request for a \$1000 contribution to the Talladega FCCLA for their Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve the \$1000 contribution to the Talladega FCCLA. AYES: All.

Resolution #4146 approving contract with Neel Schaffer for design and construction engineering and inspection (CE&I) services for the Court Street Retaining Wall Stabilization for a cost not to exceed \$14,220.00.

Resolution #4147 approving a contract with Pyro Productions of Alabama, Inc. for fireworks display at a cost of \$10,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4146 and #4147. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 5/17/17 to 6/2/17	\$654,974.75
Operations & Maintenance	202,241.59
Revenue	412,239.99

Resolution #4148 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for the Airport Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and CE&I services for the construction period at a cost not to exceed \$58,500.00.

Resolution #4149 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for design services for improvements to the Water Distribution System and for CE&I services during the test drilling period for a cost not to exceed \$58,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #4148 and #4149. Roll Call. AYES.

At this point, the election of a new Council President and Council President Pro-Tem was brought before the Council. There was some discussion about this matter. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Street to appoint Councilman Street as Council President. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Simpson, Councilman Patterson, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Street ABSTAIN: Councilman Cooper

Motion by Councilman Simpson and a second from Councilman Street to appoint Councilman Cooper as Council President Pro-Tem. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council was the matter of the next Council meeting date. Councilman Patterson stated that he would not be able to attend the June 19th meeting and requested that the meeting be moved to Thursday, June 22. However, Councilman Elston also stated that he would not be able to meet Thursday, but would be able to attend June 19th. There was a lengthy discussion about this matter, with the date of the next Council meeting remaining on Monday, June 19, 2017.

Mayor Cooper expressed his concern about the upcoming bids for construction going to non-local companies. City Manager Bryant stated that all projects are put out to bid and the entity that bids the lowest and meets all specifications are awarded the contract, however there is an exemption and the City applies this every time where if a local company comes within 5% of the lowest bid, then the local company is awarded the bid.

Councilman Cooper wished to laud the accomplishments of Art Bacon, who was the only painter who received the Governor's Arts Award from the Alabama State Council; the award ceremony was held in Montgomery on May 24. He also welcomed Papa John's Pizza to the City of Talladega.

Councilman Patterson thanked Council President Simpson for his service. He also welcomed the new Council President Street and pledged his support to him.

Councilman Street stated that he looks forward to working with the Council in the next couple months and thanked Councilman Simpson for his service. He also liked to commend the Historic Preservation Commission for their work recently concerning the Braswell Building, an evolving large project and caused some commitments for the Commission for special called meetings and they have responded very well and looks forward to seeing the project coming to a completion soon.

Council President Simpson stated that it was an honor to serve as Council President and welcomed the incoming President and the Pro-Tem. He also wished to recognize Lee Sims, who is representing the absent City Attorney O'Brien.

Councilman Elston wished to thank Reverend and Mrs. Caldwell and the congregation at Belview Baptist Church for the event they had last week.

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 5, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.