

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 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 Gerald Cooper, Councilman David Street, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Council President Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of the regular meeting of July 15, 2019. AYES: Council President Patterson and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Street

Council President Patterson wished to recognize the presence of City Attorney O'Brien.

Cornelius Pickens came before the Council to request a \$800 donation to continue Mr. Duncan's school supply giveaway. City Manager Cheeks stated that all the necessary paperwork was in order and received. Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Mr. Pickens' donation request of \$800 for Mr. Duncan's school supply giveaway. AYES: All.

City Manager Cheeks commented that the first day of school would begin August 7th and that the City was invited in participating in the School's Walk of Champions, welcoming back the students. She encouraged all who could attend to do so.

Council President Patterson deferred to Court Clerk Sparks concerning an invitation to Community Discussion on September 5th at Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church. This would be an open discussion about the violence in the community and all were invited to discuss any answers or solutions to this problem.

Council President Patterson deferred to citizens Rhonda Nix and Phyllis Patterson concerning speeding problems on Long Street and the issue of the ditch coming from Battle St. and Long St. It was stated that the road was dangerous due to the ditch being in an inconvenient location and the lack of speed breakers, which were present in the late 1990s. City Manager Cheeks commented that a petition from the neighbors on Long St. and any connecting streets would be needed for the speed breakers.

Resolution #4817 Certificate of Election for Chuck Roberts to the Board of Education Ward 4

Resolution #4818 Certificate of Election for Mary S. McGhee to the Board of Education Ward 2

Resolution #4819 approving Poll Workers for the August 27th Municipal Election

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4817 to #4819. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4820 re-adopt the City's Comprehensive Plan for 2019.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4820. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4821 approving abatement of junk cars at Roosevelt Ave.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4821. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4822 approval of contract with Byrd Contractors, Inc. to repair a sewer line under East Battle Street for a cost of \$148,642.00.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4822. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Cheeks wished to thank the Council for approving the Byrd Contractor contract so work could commence. She also stated that it was brought to her attention by Acting City Clerk Medlen that as of August 1, the Governor signed into #2019-507, which affects the method of absentee ballot applications; any applications received in the City Clerk's Office must have the application including a copy of a photo identification. She also mentioned that the next meeting would be August 12th and that there will not be a meeting on August 26th.

Councilman Street wished to thank everyone for allowing him to serve. He also asked if City Manager Cheeks would be responding to an email sent on July 13th and of the issue of investigation requested by Council

President Patterson. City Manager Cheeks commented that the investigation was not complete and will respond at a later date during a Council Meeting. Councilman Street also inquired about the spraying of mosquitos and a street light request. City Manager Cheeks stated that the City is divided into four quadrants and every quadrant is sprayed. She also commented that the street lights are analyzed by Public Works Director Phillips and that will be presented to the Council once everything is received. Councilman Street also addressed the issue of political signs in reference to the sign ordinance; inquiring as to how they are monitored and enforced. City Manager Cheeks stated that if the signs were on City right of ways, the signs would be picked up and stored at the Public Works barn where the candidate can pick them up. There was some discussion upon this matter. Councilman Street then inquired about a request concerning the impact the previous raises had on the budget. It was commented that this was still being researched. Councilman Street also proposed to appoint an ad hoc committee for the splash pad. It was stated that this had already been done through a public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Cooper to adjourn.

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, August 1, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.