

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
August 2, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 2, 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 Betty Spratlin, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Trae Williams, Councilman Joseph K. Power, Jr., Mayor Timothy Ragland, and City Manager Seddrick Hill.

Invocation by Reverend Phoebe Presson.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures from 7/13/2021-7/23/2021</b>	<b>\$279,447.50</b>
General Fund	246,218.92
Corrections Fund	10,354.06
Library Fund	2,100.44
Municipal Airport	20,461.47
Water/Sewer Fund	312.61

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2021. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Spratlin deferred to City Manager Hill concerning the Municipal Court Judge's salary. City Manager Hill stated that due to an Alabama Supreme Court decision the duties of the Municipal Court Judge have drastically increased and therefore his compensation would need to be addressed. It was mentioned that the Judge's salary had not been increased in a number of years and that the proposed increase would raise the current salary by \$750.00. Council President Spratlin commented that this resolution would be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Brought before the Council was a discussion concerning issues with the Best Inn, stating that management is always willing to help with any investigations concerning the motel. There was some discussion about check in protocols and other security measures that could be taken to thwart any illegal activities. It was recommended that the owner of the motel get in contact with City Manager Hill to continue the discussion.

Council President Spratlin announced that there was a Welcome the City Manager event to be held this Friday at the Talladega Bottling Works and wished to invite all to attend.

**Resolution #5266** amending the City Manager's Contract

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5266. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5267** approving an agreement with Auburn University for Classification Study for a total cost of \$18,218.75

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of Resolution #5267. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5268** approving a letter of support for Main Street Program and sample letter to businesses and citizens

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5268. Roll Call. AYES: All.

There was some discussion concerning the Main Street Program, it was mentioned that the application process is extensive however after approval it would qualify the City to apply for grants to private foundations for economic development. It was also mentioned that it could take 2-3 years to receive approval. Councilman Power commented that although it was pricy, several cities were successful and some not so successful with the program.

**Resolution #5269** approving support for Alabama Committees of Excellence

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5269. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 7/13/2021 to 7/23/2021</b>	<b>\$ 316,070.54</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	316,070.54

**Resolution #5265** authorizing the City Manager to execute a Warrant Purchase Agreement with Piper Sandler & Co. for the Series 2021 Water and Sewer Revenue Warrants

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5265. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Hill wished to thank the Council for approving the resolutions for the Mainstreet Program and the Alabama Committees of Excellence program. It was also mentioned that the ACE program would allow the association to come in for free to develop a plan for vision, statement, and goals. It was also said that the program would come back to help implement those plans. He also wished to thank the Council for approving the resolution for GEDI to look at the classification of the City. City Manager Hill also stated in partnership with East Central Alabama Area Health Education Center, there would be a Covid-19 testing and vaccine site set up at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot for 2 years. Also mentioned was a meeting with Career Life to finalize an internship program for high school students, as well as a certain technical college interested in moving to the City, the hire of a new Building Inspector, mention of several local grass maintenance companies willing to help the City catch up on grass growth, did a tour of all City Parks with Director Ammons and the possibility of revitalizing some of the parks through park bonds, had a productive meeting with Alabama Power concerning the LED transition, and met with the family involved in the incident at Best Inn.

Council Member Hall commented that there was another shooting resulting in the death of a 17-year-old on Tinney St.

Councilman Patterson inquired about the status of the proposal submitted by Jimmy Williams. It was mentioned that the Hall of Heroes had been sent an appropriation request application. Councilman Patterson next requested a report from agencies who had received appropriations from the City to present their accomplishments, also stating that there needs to be guidelines agencies would need to adhere to. It was mentioned that this year's application has additional requirements added to the application. City Manager Hill commented that Reverend Phoebe Presson was present to speak about her funding. Reverend Presson stated that she would give a presentation at the next meeting.

Council President Spratlin wished to thank everyone who volunteered to work the United Way's food give away. She also mentioned that there was a back-to-school event on July 7 and wished to thank the City Manager. Council President Spratlin also welcomed the Mayor back and wished to thank him for putting together the clean up day done by the football players around the Square.

Mayor Ragland wished to recognize the football team for their hard work around the Square on Friday. He also wished to thank Dr. Lee and Principal Williams, football team, coaches, Alethia House, 100 Men, Men of Valor, Dr. Presson, and Teri Alexander for hosting an event Saturday for the community's children. Mayor Ragland commented that the Council was sent a contribution request to reimburse a portion of that event. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams to approve a \$300 reimbursement for Talladega Downs for some of the expenses of the event for the community's children. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland also informed the Council that the Alabama League of Municipalities has created an Economic Development Academy and if the City wishes to participate the cost is \$2,500. He also mentioned an issue concerning the train blocking a community's only entrance and requested that a meeting with CSX be arranged to remedy the issue. He also wished to welcome the new Building Inspector. He also informed the Council that he had received correspondence from ALM about the reporting requirements for the American Rescue Plan which is due October 31.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council President Spratlin 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, August 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.