

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 23, 2019-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 23, 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Elizabeth Cheeks.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the placement of weed abatement liens for 5 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

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

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 9/9/19 to 9/20/19</b>	<b>\$364,218.71</b>
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General Fund	271,312.46
Corrections Fund	27,793.33
Library Fund	146.52
Capital Projects Trust Fund	64,966.40

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of the regular minutes of September 9, 2019 and the Budget Work Session of September 16, 2019. AYES: All.

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

Mayor Cooper swears in Jimmy Williams to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning Jemison Park. It was stated that the park reopened on Saturday, September 21, 2019 after being closed down for several weeks due damage to the pavilion support poles. For public safety, the entire playground and pavilion area was also closed. However, some of the materials needed for the repair was still under warranty so the cost for repairing the pavilion was \$2,270.90 for paint and labor.

City Manager Cheeks informed the Council that the Talladega Superspeedway who has been the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for the Talladega Municipal Airport will be surrendering operations over to the City as of November 1, 2019. It was also mentioned that a separate budget will be set up for the Airport and through preliminary analysis of the income and expenses, the airport should be able to support itself through its own revenue.

Brought before the Council was the schedule for the October 2019 meetings. Due to several conflicts, it was proposed that the second City Council meeting in October be moved from October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed upon that this date would be acceptable.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of alcohol licenses for Boswell's Wings and Talladega Bottling Works. AYES: All.

The issue of speeding on City residential streets was brought before the Council. City Manager Cheeks commented that several citizens and the Council inquire about speeding on City streets. She stated that after some discussion with Police Chief Busby the request for an increase in radar units would be helpful. It was suggested that 4-6 more units be purchased and would come out of the CIP for FY2020. Another item discussed was the addition of speed signs on unmarked roads which would have to go through Council. It was also stated that the Police Department would continue to monitor problem areas and may increase police activity there. The statistics from this would be reviewed again in 3-6 months to see if those actions will help ease speeding.

Council President Patterson deferred to citizen Delores Hunley concerning street lights in her neighborhood. Ms. Hunley stated that street lights in her neighborhood on Sloan Ave. was needed due to the amount of speeding and crime. Also stated was the need for a speed light at the curve near the funeral home. City Manager Cheeks commented that Public Works has been out there and agreed that a light was needed on

the curve however they would need to look at the other requested lights. It was also mentioned that the City was in the process with working with Alabama Power in replacing the light with LEDs which are brighter.

Brought before the Council was a presentation on Paving, Patching, and Potholes by City Manager Cheeks. It was stated that the City currently has 170 miles of paved roadways and has signed a contract with McCartney Construction to pave \$1.5 million at Bankhead Blvd., Stephen J. White Memorial Blvd., Brignoli, Broome St., Johnson St., Pulliam St., Bowie St., Allen St., Cooley Lane, Cromwell Lane, and Mountain View Road. It was also mentioned that the cost of paving has increased significantly however with the new gas tax, initiated by Governor Ivey, more revenue may be generated. Also stated was with the additional \$125,000 set aside each year for paving from the gas tax, the City can do a large paving project every two years for about \$1,000,000.00 This will be suggested starting with the FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan budget to be done in November. The issue of potholes is not only limited to the City of Talladega, every town is plagued with them. The City has a two-man crew that for 3 weeks out of the month are doing road maintenance and filling in potholes. In the last four days the Public Works road crew have filled in 284 potholes on 22 streets. The plan for aiding in the fight against potholes is to supplement the 2 man crew with inmates to catch up on maintenance of roadways, setting aside an additional amount in the CIP to supplement the gas tax so that paving can be done every two years instead of four, and adding a budget line in the CIP for hot mix repairs to be done by a third party to repair larger potholes and to pay for stripping of roadways that are currently unstripped or faded.

**Ordinance #1852** – approving the amended FY2019 Budget

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1852. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2018 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2019.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1852. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Adoption of Ordinance #1852. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1853** – approving the official annual budget for FY2020

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1853. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2019 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1853. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Adoption of Ordinance #1853. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1854** – approving an updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (FDPO)

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1854. Roll Call. AYES: All.

THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1854. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the Adoption of Ordinance #1854. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Weed Abatement Liens**

**Resolution #4891**– to **Resolution #4895** to assess weed abatement liens for 5 properties

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4891 to Resolution #4895. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Election**

**Resolution #4896** approving poll workers for the 2019 Municipal Run-off Election

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4896. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #4897** approving a contract with East Central Alabama Football Officials Association for football officiating services at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #4897. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of the Invoices and Expenditures of the Water Department.

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 9/9/19-9/20/19</b>	<b>\$194,592.96</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	552,119.79

City Manager Cheeks informed the Council that there would be a E-Recycle event on October 25<sup>th</sup> in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot and announced that the Recycle Center was open and operating beautifully.

Mayor Cooper requested that all pray for the City Manager's secretary.

Councilman Simpson commented that there were many events in the City last weekend and stated that an investigation of what kind of revenue was picked up from it would be a good idea. He also wished to commend those who put those events in action and wished to thank all City employees for their work.

Motion by Councilman Simpson 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, September 23, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.