

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
November 18, 2019 – 5:00 pm**

Council President Power commented that there would be some housekeeping matters discussed during the Pre-Council. The assignment of liaisons to the City Boards and Departments was decided upon –

Ward 1 – Community Appearance, Chamber of Commerce, Water Department, Tourism Initiative, and Public Works

Ward 2 – Board of Education and Library Board

Ward 3 – Airport Board, HPC, Fire Department, Police Department

Ward 4 – Planning Commission, Ritz Theatre, and Parks and Recreation

Ward 5 – Civil Service Board, Heritage Hall, TOP Trails, Ritz Theatre, and Parks and Recreation

Mayor – Industrial Development Board and Planning Commission

Brought before the Council for discussion was the litter ordinance. City Manager Cheeks stated that current ordinance for litter is currently being researched and will be brought forth to Council in January with stronger language and stiffer penalties.

Council President Power mentioned that window fillers be put in the empty buildings around the Square; stating that he had seen some cities where decorated paper or board was put up in empty buildings and that it would change the look of the area. He also suggested that the City lead by example possibly with the Lee Laundry building.

The lease of the building for the Water Department’s office use was brought before the Council for discussion. City Manager Cheeks stated that the cost was for a 4 to 5-month period including utilities.

Council Member Spratlin requested a list of the bridges that would be inspected this year.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2019 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Joseph K. Power, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Council Member Betty C. Spratlin, Councilman Trae Williams, Mayor Ragland and City Manager Beth Cheeks.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the condemnation and demolition of six properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Invocation by Councilman Horace Patterson.

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

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/2/2019 to 11/8/2019	\$ 32,945.00
General Fund	18,010.00
Capital Projects Trust Fund	14,935.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for approval of minutes of the Organizational meeting and the regular meeting of November 4, 2019. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland presents to Affinity Hospice a proclamation for National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

Mayor Ragland swears Jean McMillan to the Heritage Hall Commission and Clark Patterson, Wilby Wallace, and Gray McMillan to the Municipal Airport Board.

Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Whitson formally submitted the HPC Annual Report to the Council.

Brought before the Council was the Alabama Historical Commission Grant. The grant will help fund the repair of the Heritage Hall basement which was seen some moisture damage. Councilman Williams expressed his concern that the amount for the project would not be sufficient in repairing the damages and requested specifications before voting. City Manager Cheeks stated that there are only so many recommended companies who can do this type of work, however she stated that she would pass on the specifications as requested.

Brought before the Council was the review of the litter ordinance. It was agreed upon that there was not any additional dialogue needed on this issue as the discussion during Pre-Council was satisfactory.

Ordinance #1857 regulating and restricting speed on Long St. (25mph)

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1857. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE SPEED AT WHICH ANY PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON LONG STREET, TO PROHIBIT ON STREET PARKING ON SAID STREET AND TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1857. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1857. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4909 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 732 Pulliam St.

Resolution #4914 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 1698 Battle St. W.

Resolution #4917 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 141 Elbert Davis St.

Resolution #4964 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 720 Pulliam St.

Resolution #4965 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 619 McAlpine St.
(2 structures)

Resolution #4966 approving condemnation and demolition of structure at 142 Elbert Davis St.

Resolution #4967 approving abatement of junk cars at Jackson St.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #4909, #4914, #4917, and #4964 through #4967. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 11/4/2019 to 11/8/2019	\$ 46,306.19
Water/Sewer Fund	46,306.19

Resolution #4968 approving lease agreement with America's First Federal Credit Union for a five-month lease of 801 North Street East to include utilities for a cost of \$16,750.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #4968. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Williams inquired about the start date of the paving project. City Manager Cheeks stated that since the same contractor is also doing the road work for ALDOT the start date was delayed however during a recent meeting it was indicated that next week signs would be put up on roads being

paved. Councilman Williams also asked about the dumping of contents near the Main Wastewater Treatment plant on the 275 By-Pass. Water Department Director Fuller stated that there is an employee at the man hole measuring and invoicing the emptying of septic tanks.

City Manager Cheeks appraised the Council of the work which will happen on South St. for fiber optics in the Right-of-Way and the construction going on for the sewer lines to City Hall. It was also mentioned that the Christmas decorations are currently being put up with the new lighted tree going up within the next week. She also reminded the Council that on December 2nd there will be a Christmas parade after the Council meeting.

Mayor Ragland requested support for the Lady Tigers Basketball Team to help fund raise for another state championship.

Council Member Hall requested that the City see about getting the East Side School back. City Manager Cheeks stated that the building is empty and is currently not owned by the City but deeded to TCR. However, if the Council wishes acquisition of the building can be moved forward. City Attorney O'Brien commented that the Board has communicated their desire to dispose of it.

Councilman Patterson wished to commend Council President Power on his earlier suggestion of putting up decorated paper or board on the vacant buildings in the City and would appreciate if the Council would work with the Council President on getting started with one or two buildings. The cost of this endeavor was requested for at the next Council meeting. It was also requested that the recreation centers be available for the children and families in the community. Also mentioned was the possibility of disposing of the excavator if it was not able to be repaired. City Manager Cheeks commented that she would look into the matter.

Council President Power inquired about opening up the Brecon and Bemiston Recreation Center for area youths to utilize. He also commented that he was looking forward to working with the Police Department and Fire Department.

Council Member Spratlin commented that the event in honor of Grant Lynch at the BJCC was enjoyable and stated she had met the Senator who represents Talladega. She also requested a proclamation to be presented in appreciation to Grant Lynch. It was also mentioned that many people would like to see the golf course re-opened and operated by the City instead of leasing it out.

Councilman Williams also stated that he would like to see the recreation center back open and available to children. He also commented that the Spring Street Recreation Center be opened in the spring for storm shelters and warming stations in the winter months. He also asked if the City owned a street sweeper. City Manager Cheeks commented that the street sweeper was not in working order and would have to be included in the Capital Improvement Projects.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams for adjournment.
AYES: All.

AUTHENTICATION

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, November 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.