

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
November 29, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 29, 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 Joseph K. Power, Jr., Councilman Trae Williams, Mayor Timothy Ragland, and City Manager Seddrick Hill.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures from 10/26/2021-11/12/2021</b>	<b>\$87,086.28</b>
General Fund	71,343.05
Corrections Fund	14,929.88
Municipal Airport	516.35
Capital Projects Trust Fund	297.00

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the Called Meeting of October 27, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2021. AYES: All.

Council President Spratlin deferred to Councilman Power to introduce a new resident to the City of Talladega. It was mentioned that Jackie Smith was interested in applying for a City Board and suggested that Mr. Smith connect with City Manager Hill concerning this interest.

Motion by Council President Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson to reappoint Stan Hartdegen and appoint Helen Sims to the Heritage Hall Commission. Roll Call. AYES: All. Councilman Patterson wished to convey his appreciation to Brenda Brooks for her willingness to serve on a City Board.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams to reappoint Clarence Haynes, Jeff Roberts, and Ray Miller to the Airport Board. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland swears in Dr. Dolia Patterson, Josephine McKinney, and Charles Digg to the Talladega Redevelopment Authority.

Mayor Ragland presents Certificate of Recognition to the Talladega College Men's Basketball Team and the Zora Ellis Middle School Football Team for their accomplishments.

**Ordinance #1895** amending Ordinance #1649 for Garbage Collection

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1895. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1649 IN PART TO AMEND DEFINITIONS IN SAID ORDINANCE; TO REQUIRE BAGGING OF ALL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE; TO REQUIRE PROPER LOCATION OF GARBAGE CONTAINER; TO LIMIT PLACEMENT OF GARBAGE OUTSIDE OF GARBAGE CONTAINER; AND TO REQUIRE PROPER PLACEMENT OF YARD WASTE, TRASH, REFUSE (LIMITED AND UNLIMITED); AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the Waiver of the first reading and Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1895. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1895. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1896** amending Ordinance #1799 for Animal Control

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1896. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1799 IN PART TO REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF ANIMAL FECES ON PUBLIC AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY BY THE OWNER OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF SAID ANIMAL AND TO PROVIDE FOR A GRADUATED FINE FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Waiver of the first reading and Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1896. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the Adoption of Ordinance #1896. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1897** amending Ordinance #963 to define junk, debris, rubbish, and scrap and to provide examples of areas where junk may not be stored

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1897. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 963 IN PART TO DEFINE JUNK, DEBRIS, RUBBISH, AND SCRAP; AND TO PROVIDE EXAMPLES OF AREAS WHERE JUNK MAY NOT BE STORED, PILED OR ACCUMULATED; AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Waiver of the first reading and Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1897. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1897. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1898** approving the amended FY2021 Budget

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1898. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2020 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the Waiver of the first reading and Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1898. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1898. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1899** amending Ordinance #1892 FY2022 Budget

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Power for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1899. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1892 APPROVING THE OFFICAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2021 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Waiver of the first reading and Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1899. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1899. Roll Call. AYES: All.

### **Appropriations**

**Resolution #5363** approving agreement with Alabama Cooperative System for a FY2022 appropriation of \$15,000

**Resolution #5364** approving agreement with Armstrong-Osborne Public Library for a FY2022 appropriation of \$50,000

**Resolution #5365** approving agreement with Boys & Girls Clubs of East Central Alabama for a FY2022 appropriation of \$16,500

**Resolution #5366** approving agreement with CareerLIFE Corporation for a FY2022 appropriation of \$58,400

**Resolution #5367** approving agreement with Central Alabama CrimeStoppers for a FY2022 appropriation of \$10,000

**Resolution #5368** approving agreement with Dancing Stars, Incorporated for a FY2022 appropriation of \$3,000

**Resolution #5369** approving agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission, Senior RX for a FY2022 appropriation of \$35,000

**Resolution #5370** approving agreement with FIRST Family Service Center for a FY2022 appropriation of \$6,700

**Resolution #5371** approving agreement with Hall of Heroes, Inc. for a FY2022 appropriation of \$60,000

**Resolution #5372** approving agreement with Needmore Youth Development Center for a FY2022 appropriation of \$10,000

**Resolution #5373** approving agreement with Presbyterian Home for Children for a FY2022 appropriation of \$50,000

**Resolution #5374** approving agreement with Ritz Theatre for a FY2022 appropriation of \$53,530

**Resolution #5375** approving agreement with Samaritan House for a FY2022 appropriation of \$12,000

**Resolution #5376** approving agreement with Talladega City Schools for a FY2022 appropriation of \$150,000

**Resolution #5377** approving agreement with Talladega County Child Advocacy Center – Palmer Place for a FY2022 appropriation of \$6,000

**Resolution #5378** approving agreement with Talladega County Drug Task Force for a FY2022 appropriation of \$96,000

**Resolution #5379** approving agreement with Talladega County Economic Development Authority for a FY2022 appropriation of \$26,000

**Resolution #5380** approving agreement with Talladega Heritage Commission for a FY2022 appropriation of \$55,000

**Resolution #5381** approving agreement with Talladega Pilgrimage Council for a FY2022 appropriation of \$7,500

**Resolution #5382** approving agreement with Talladega’s Red Door Kitchen for a FY2022 appropriation of \$15,500

**Resolution #5383** approving agreement with Talladega County NAACP for a FY2022 appropriation of \$3,000

**Resolution #5384** approving agreement with Talladega Bottling Works LLC for a FY2022 appropriation of \$25,000

**Resolution #5385** to expend public funds for sponsorship of two professional floats in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade for a cost of \$800.00

**Resolution #5386** to enter into a grant agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for funds and services for the Senior Nutrition Program for fiscal year 2022

**Resolution #5387** to enter into a purchase agreement with Kaufman Trailers for a heavy equipment flatbed trailer at a cost of \$26,590.00

**Resolution #5391** approving a contract with Neel-Schaffer Engineering Inc. for bridge inspection services in the amount up to \$18,805.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5363 to Resolution #5391. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Spratlin, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, and Councilman Williams ABSTAIN: Councilman Power

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 10/23/2021 to 11/12/2021</b>	<b>\$458,516.01</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	458,516.01

**Resolution #5388** approving a contract with InSite Engineering for design services for hydraulic repair to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at a cost not to exceed \$371,300.00

**Resolution #5389** approving a contract with InSite Engineering for design services for a new disk filter system at Brecon Wastewater Treatment Facility at a cost not to exceed \$144,300.00

**Resolution #5390** approving a change order for repair to the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant by Schmidt Environmental Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$72,000.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hill for the approval of Resolution #5388 to Resolution #5390. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Patterson inquired about the possibility of giving City employees Christmas bonuses as other municipalities have done so. There was some discussion upon this matter, with it being decided that City Manager Hill would bring back to the Council 3 options at the next meeting.

Councilman Power had some questions concerning the finance report and stated he would get with the Manager about it.

City Manager Hill wished to congratulate Assistant Fire Chief Goodenough for achieving the ACT Work Keys Assessment. He also mentioned that the budget process was a trying one however he appreciated the process, wished to thank the Council for allowing him the freedom to travel to vet new businesses to come to the City, wished to congratulate the basketball and football team, mentioned the continued effort to clean up the City by going after potholes, street paving, sidewalks, and other items to continue the improvement of the community, wished to thank several donors of the Christmas on the Square event such as Alabama Power, Armbrester Electric, Coosa Valley, Davis Builders, 1<sup>st</sup> Bank of Alabama, GP, Honda, The Talladega Superspeedway, and Daily Home, mentioned interest from a company out of Atlanta's interest in the Wehadkee Mill and Masterbrand as entertainment districts, attended a ribbon cutting for the new multipurpose building at Talladega College, had a great meeting concerning ARP funds, tour of Red Door Kitchen, participated in Zoom calls for the summer education programs for the internship programs for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, some students from AIDB, CACC, and Talladega College, and mentioned a meeting with AIBD concerning the relocation of their store.

Council President Spratlin wished to make the report of the evaluation done on the City Manager by the Council. It was revealed that City Manager Hill scored a 4.1 out of 5. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hill to increase the salary of the City Manager \$10,000 annually and to provide for a City vehicle not to exceed \$50,000. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council Member Hill inquired when the Police Chief position would be filled. City Manager Hill commented that background checks are currently being done on the top 5 candidates and as soon as those come back the interview process would begin. Council Member Hill wished to go on record that Ward 2 was concerned about the issue. She also asked about the paving of roads to which City Manager Hill responded that the Council would be receiving a listing of top roads in every ward for them to vote on which order to begin. Council Member Hill informed City Manager Hill that the road condition of Stephen J. White Blvd. was questionable. She also requested a list of all the City's bank accounts, current balance and what each account is designated for.

Councilman Patterson asked when the work on the Chamber parking lot would begin now that the budget is in place and if the caboose would be included in the renovation. It was mentioned that the caboose work would be in the Capital Improvement Project. Councilman Patterson next asked where the City stood on the GEDI study. City Manager Hill stated that the results would back at the end of February.

Council President Spratlin wished to thank the City Manager on the hard work done during the budget process.

City Manager Hill wished to congratulate Mayor Ragland on his recent engagement.

Mayor Ragland implored the citizens to utilize the anonymous tip hotline and CrimeStoppers to help put an end to the violence around the City. It was also mentioned that he and Councilman Williams participated in the Dancing with the Stars. He also stated that he would report back to the Council about exploring furthering transportation in the City. Also mentioned was an idea from Reverend Hugh Morris pertaining to constructing an electric vehicle charging station which would attract out of towners. He lastly invited everyone to the Christmas on the Square event.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall 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, November 29, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.