

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 2018-5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 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 Jarvis Elston, Councilman David Street, 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 to 6 properties. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone wishing to comment or ask questions concerning the ordinance to provide permitting process for sidewalk usage. There were questions as to what was the difference between Ordinance 1845-A and 1845-B. City Manager Cheeks stated that one included all fees and the other was only an annual fee. It was also mentioned that the Square could be have different permitting processes than other areas. It was questioned if the ordinance would affect the events held at Talladega College. Councilman Simpson made a suggestion that anything under 10 feet wide could not be permitted. It was commented by a property owner that certain areas would need to be addressed differently. So essentially it would restrict sidewalks in the commercial areas not in residential or at Talladega College. The majority of the business owners all support outdoor seating and the annual fee of \$35.00. Councilman Street proposed that the City purchase seating and place them on the Square which would allow for citizens to sit there without having to eat at an establishment. He also mentioned placing the City logo on the seating to advertise the City's new re-branding effort. He also stated that this would take the burden of repair and maintenance off the of business owner. Council President Patterson wished to thank everyone for their feedback and stated that the discussion would be continued at the next City Council meeting.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/3/2018 to12/14/2018 **\$393,480.96**

General Fund	182,221.29
Corrections Fund	24,043.31
Cemetery	237.94
Library Fund	4,123.14
Capital Projects Trust Fund	182,855.28

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2018. AYES: All.

Presented to the Council was a recap video of Christmas on the Square. Council President Patterson wished to thank everyone who helped make the event a success.

Brought before the Council was the winners of the Christmas Home and Business Decorating Contest sponsored by Professional Apothecary. It was announced that the residential third place prize goes to Bobby and Margaret Williamson for 212 East Street North, second place went to Irene Garrett located for 240 Davis St., and 1st prize goes to Cliff Hall at 100 Briarwood Drive. Next to be announced was the 3rd place prize in the business category going to Michael's Men's Wear, 2nd place for Talladega Ace Home Center, and 1st place winner is Ala Homes Realty. City Manager Cheeks wished to thank everyone who applied for and participated in this contest.

Mayor Cooper swears in James P. Whitson and Richard Maurice Vincent to the Industrial Development Board.

Brought before the Council was the Industrial Board Application of Chip Moore. Motion by Councilman Street to approve Chip Moore's application to the Industrial Board. *No second – motion dies.*

Clarence Haynes came before the Council to voice his objection concerning a condemnation fee. Mr. Haynes stated that he did not receive service about this matter and if he had he would have come before the Council to ask for an extension. Councilman Street proposes no action be taken on this matter at this time.

Councilman Elston wished to acknowledge the presence of Attorney Lee Sims.

Brought before the Council was the meeting date for the Council meetings in January and February. Due to upcoming holidays in January and February the recommended dates were January 7th and the 17th and February 4th and the 21st.

Resolution #4665-4670 approving weed abatement liens.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4665 to #4670. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #4671 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 710 Stephen J. White Blvd.

Resolution #4672 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on 706 Stephen J. White Blvd.

Resolution #4673 approving a tax abatement for Talladega Pattern and Aluminum Works Inc.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street for the approval of Resolution #4671 to #4673. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Street, Councilman Elston, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

City Manager Cheeks wished to personally thank Talladega Pattern and Aluminum for their willingness to make a large investment in Talladega.

Resolution #4674 approving the façade grant for 100 North Street East.

Councilman Street questioned if the grant was for work not done. City Manager Cheeks stated that the grant was for work not yet done. The Façade Grant committee goes by regulations that it is reimbursement for work that has not been done.

Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #4674. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 12/3/18-12/13/18	\$125,085.71
Water/Sewer Fund	125,085.71

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street to approve the proposed restructuring of returning the direct supervision of the City Planner and Building Inspector to the City Manager and an increase of one administrative assistant to the City Manager's Staff. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the proposed restructuring of returning the direction supervision of the Code Enforcement Officer to the City Manager. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Street, Council President Patterson, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

City Manager Cheeks wished to thank the staff who worked Christmas on the Square for their hard work in the inclement weather and thanked Mr. Peters for investing in Talladega. She also announced the Christmas Parade Float winners – 3rd place going to Susan Rae's Learning

Center, 2nd place going to Jovani Dance Factory, and the Float of the Year 2018 goes to Southside Baptist Church, who will lead the 2019 Christmas Parade.

Councilman Elston commented that great things are coming to Talladega in 2019.

Councilman Street wished to extend his appreciation to City employees that were out in the unfavorable conditions during Christmas on the Square. He also wished to recognize the sponsors who contributed this year.

Councilman Simpson thanked employees and all the volunteers who worked hard on the Christmas Parade.

Councilman Cooper commented that the Christmas event was very enjoyable and wished to thank the City Manager for her hard work and dedication.

Mayor Cooper stated that he was very proud of what was going on in Talladega during the holiday season.

Council President Patterson commented that the permitting of sidewalk usage is very important and that those who did not get a chance to speak tonight would be able to at the next Council meeting.

Motion from Councilman Simpson adjourn the meeting.

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, December 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.