

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 20, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020 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 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.

Invocation by Councilman Patterson.

Several members of the community were present to discuss transportation. Those present came before the Council requesting the Council consider the blind, deaf, and visually impaired when making decisions concerning transportation. It was stated that the taxi service in town was not always readily available when needed. Connie Humphrey, owner of BC Taxi, came before the Council stating that their operating hours were 7 days a week from 5am to 9pm, and that they had had later operating hours but it was not being utilized by the deaf and blind community. It was also mentioned that an advisory board for the deaf and blind community would be reporting to the Council concerning their needs on the second Council meeting of the month.

Dr. Mascia, president of AIDB and Dr. Billy Hawkins, president of Talladega College spoke out in support of those present and both commented that by working together progress would be continued in the community.

City Manager Cheeks deferred to Dr. Billy Hawkins of Talladega College in reference to a request to rename Gertrude St. Dr. Hawkins stated that the request to rename Gertrude St. was to honor a councilman who through his leadership and help has helped the College flourish. It was requested that the street be renamed after Dr. Horace Patterson. Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin to rename Gertrude St. to include in some form Dr. Horace Patterson's name. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Power, Council Member Hall, Council Member Spratlin, and Councilman Williams ABSTAIN: Councilman Patterson

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 1/28/20120 to 2/12/2020	\$ 347,798.54
General Fund	195,619.26
Corrections Fund	21,565.42
Library Fund	2,334.71
Municipal Airport	4,818.57
Capital Projects Trust Fund	123,460.58

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2020 and the amended minutes of May 9, 2019. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland swears in Laura Beavers to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals board.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the re-appointment of Henrietta Lawler to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. AYES: All.

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Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of an alcohol license transfer for 27860 Alabama Highway 21 South. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council was the donation of the Eastside School Building. Dr. Adia Winfrey came before the Council informing them that her organization Alethia House would be willing to help bring free programs to the building once it was ready for occupancy. These programs would include technology, arts, physical education, and humanitarian-based programs for area youths. Motion by

Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams to accept the donation of the Eastside School building from TCRC. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Power deferred to City Manager Cheeks concerning the Arbor Day Ceremony. City Manager Cheeks stated that this year's Arbor Day Ceremony would be held at Veterans Park on February 25th at 10am and encouraged all to attend.

Ordinance No. 1859 designating the starting and ending points of Battle Street East.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1859. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE BEGINNING AND ENDING POINTS OF BATTLE STREET EAST.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1859. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the Adoption of Ordinance #1859. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance No. 1860 designating the starting and ending points of Court Square South.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1860. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE BEGINNING AND ENDING POINTS OF COURT SQUARE SOUTH.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1860. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1860. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance No. 1861 designating the starting and ending points of Battle Street West.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1861. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE BEGINNING AND ENDING POINTS OF BATTLE STREET WEST.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1861. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1861. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance No. 1862 designating the starting and ending points of East Street North

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1862. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE BEGINNING AND ENDING POINTS OF EAST STREET NORTH.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1862. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1862. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance No. 1863 designating the starting and ending points of Court Square East

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1863. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE BEGINNING AND ENDING POINTS OF COURT SQUARE EAST.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1863. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1862. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5000 approving the application for the 2020 COPS Hiring Program Grant.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5000. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 1/28/2020 to 2/12/2020	\$ 460,057.40
Water/Sewer Fund	460,057.40

City Manager Cheeks wished to thank the Council for approving the five ordinances and wished to remind them of the Arbor Day Ceremony at Veterans Park. She also stated that unless told otherwise, plans for the 5th annual Christmas on the Square will be in the works.

Mayor Ragland wished to congratulate Councilman Patterson on the naming of a street in his honor.

Council Member Hall wished to thank the Council for supporting the Eastside School building issue.

Councilman Patterson wished to thank the Council for the great honor in accepting Dr. Hawkins's request to rename Gertrude St. in his honor and wished to comment on the leadership shown by Talladega College, AIDB, and the community concerning transportation. He also asked Councilman Williams to think of a name for a transportation project with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development.

Council President Power mentioned that he had had a meeting with Dr. Mascia and several other associates concerning a collaboration between the City and school dealing with transportation.

Council Member Spratlin stated that she was happy to be working with a group of people who are willing to work together and wished to congratulate Councilman Patterson for the naming of a street in his honor.

Councilman Williams wished to voice his support to the Talladega High School Basketball team for their upcoming state championship game and encourage all to attend. He also informed the Council that a clean-up project, in cooperation with First Bank, was tentatively set for April 11th at 8am; for those who wished to participate, garbage bags would be available at the bank and dumpsters would be set up in their parking lot.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams 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 Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

