

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2022 – 5:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Talladega City Hall Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Joe Power, Council Member Betty Spratlin, Councilman Trae Williams, Mayor Timothy Ragland, and City Manager Seddrick Hill.

Invocation by Mayor Ragland.

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

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 3/4/2022-3/18/2022	\$280,520.21
General Fund	177,201.66
Corrections Fund	4,513.59
Cemetery	1,950.00
Municipal Airport	55,451.88
Capital Projects Trust Fund	953.08
Water/Sewer Fund	40,450.00

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2022. AYES: All.

Brought to Council attention was the fact that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. It was stated that Palmer Place and First Family Services have put out blue pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn in commemoration of this important issue and the event was held April 1, 2022 at 9am.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall to re-appoint Travis Ford and Howard “Rip” Williams to the Civil Service Board. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Council Member Hall, Councilman Power, and Council Member Spratlin
ABSTAIN: Councilman Williams

Geornipha Milbin came before the Council requesting support for a social project at Talladega College. It was stated that Talladega College was gifted a donation of \$1000 towards a social project and a Black Lives Matter mural was selected to be painted and displayed in front of the Dr. Billy C. Hawkins Student Activity Center. Council President Patterson requested that City Manager Hill proceed with the next step such as a public hearing prior to a City Council Meeting to give the community an opportunity to speak to the matter.

The contribution request from Talladega College was tabled until a representative could be present.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Power to approve the contribution request from the Talladega Pilgrimage Council for April in Talladega in the amount of \$1,000. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall to approve the contribution request from United Way for the Bed Build event in the amount of \$2,500. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall to approve the request to waive open container and the blocking off of certain streets for the April in Talladega Block Party and Second Saturday. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1904 amending ordinance #1716 to increase the transient occupancy tax *-adoption only*.

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Councilman Williams for the adoption of Ordinance #1904. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1906 to provide a job/position description for the Office/Billing Supervisor in the Water Department of the City of Talladega; and to amend Ordinances 1835, 1845, and 1874 in part

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1906. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA TO PROVIDE A JOB/POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE OFFICE/BILLING SUPERVISOR IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA; AND TO AMEND ORDINANCES 1835, 1845, AND 1874 IN PART

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the Waiver of the First Reading and Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1906. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1906. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5451 approving the surplus of a 2012 Dodge Journey in the Parks and Recreation Department

Resolution #5452 approving a contract with East Alabama Umpire Association for officiating services for baseball games at a cost not to exceed \$8,000

Resolution #5453 approving a lease contract with Miller's BBQ for concession services at Ben Bruner Sports Complex

Resolution #5454 approving a contract with Davis Builders for the Heritage Hall Museum exterior drainage improvements in the amount of \$127,247.30

Resolution #5455 approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Alabama Power for the Golf Course

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5451 to Resolution #5455. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5456 approving the ARPA funds

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5456. Roll Call. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Power, Council Member Spratlin and Councilman Williams ABSTAIN: Council President Patterson and Council Member Hall

Resolution #5457 approving the expenditure of \$10,000 for the Induction Ceremony at Davy Allison Memorial Park

Resolution #5458 approving the surplus of various playground equipment from the Eastside Building

Resolution #5459 approving the surplus of items from the Community Appearance Dept.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5457 to Resolution #5459. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 3/4/2022 to 3/18/2022

\$54,246.77

Mayor Ragland commented that with the nationwide trend of deaths and robberies from sales of items from Facebook and other social media platforms, it would be a good idea to create a green space in the Police Department parking lot such as the one Fultondale has. Also, mentioned was the possibility of imposing a curfew from 10pm to 6am on individuals 18 and under, however those with jobs could be given permission by parents or the employer to be out past that time.

City Manager Hill wished to comment that the City has been accepted into Opportunity Zone Alabama which is intended to expand neighborhoods and attract investment and wished to thank Dr. Mascia from AIDB, Chad Jones, Councilman Power, Jimmy Williams, and the new president of Talladega College. He next deferred to Chad Jones from First Bank of Alabama.

Chad Jones commented that First Bank of Alabama wished to recognize the impact the Opportunity Zone would have an impact and what it can clean up on Battle Street. He also wished to thank City Manager Hill and Jimmy Williams and for allowing him to be a part of the process.

City Manager Hill commented that the project chosen was to help new business and the number of building permits, unemployment rate, school system rate, percentage of poverty rate and unemployment rate. The priority is the Main Street revitalization and restore sense of pride and looking at being pedestrian friendly. The second priority is housing and broadband, and the third project is the Purefoy Hotel, mentioning that it had already been purchased with the intention of bringing that back into a boutique hotel. The third priority would be another grocery store, clothing store, and entertainment. Another project would be an election for students in certain wards to hear what they want in their districts. It was also mentioned that the Capital Improvement Project budget would not be brought forth yet until an inspection from the insurance company of the City's roofs at several facilities had been done. He also wished to acknowledge the new HR Director, Tanna Falkner and informed the Council that there was a vacancy in the Finance Department for the CFO, interviews for the Revenue Officer position, and wished to recognize the 20 interns as well as the deferring to the new Police Chief.

Police Chief Thomas wished to thank everyone for the opportunity and stated she is looking forward to building relationships in the community.

City Manager Hill also stated that he had meetings with Red Cross concerning storm shelters, thanked the Council for passing the ARPA which would pump resources back into the community, and attended a Lions Club Meeting. Also mentioned was the fact the City has new fleet tracking system in City vehicles, mentioned that there was a mobile cell tower at the Speedway during race time, attended a Water Color exhibit, met with Steve Sanders to make sure the City was operating efficiently, mentioned the Induction Ceremony at Davy Allison Park, wished to thank Community Appearance, Hall of Heroes, Lauren Deal, and Public Works, mentioned that the pay scale study had been received back from Auburn, but is still a work in progress, and deferred to Chad Jones from First Bank of Alabama.

Chad Jones wished to inform the Council that First Bank of Alabama will no longer be offering trust fund services and that the City's trust fund accounts would be served by Raymond James.

City Manager Hill next wished to congratulate Talladega College for their second-place finish in the NAIA games, mentioned that the City held its annual Arbor Day observance at Westgate with a tree planted in honor of Alan Wicher, participated in a ride along in the City to look at overgrown properties, wished to thank the Council for attending the ground breaking at Presbyterian Homes, and briefly went over several department monthly reports.

Council Member Hall commented that she agreed with the Mayor concerning the imposing of the curfew.

Councilman Williams wished to address a citizen concern at Pinehurst Drive. It was requested that a hearing-impaired sign be installed.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and the matter of real property with possible action at 5:56pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council returned to the Chambers at 6:14pm with action to be taken.

Resolution #5460 approving the settlement agreement between Adrian L. Massingale and the City of Talladega

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of Resolution #5460. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5461 approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Omega Academy of Science and Fine Arts for the Golf Course

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5461. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin 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, April 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.