

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 24, 2021 – 5:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 24, 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 Trae Williams, Councilman Horace Patterson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Betty Spratlin, Councilman Joseph K. Power, Jr., and City Manager Hill.

Invocation by Councilman 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 Council President Williams to approve invoices and expenditures. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 4/13/2021-5/17/2021	\$216,964.40
General Fund	186,960.79
Corrections Fund	25,234.98
Cemetery	64.44
Library Fund	2412.42
Municipal Airport	2291.11
Water/Sewer Fund	.66

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021. AYES: All.

Council President Williams deferred to City Manager Hill concerning Crime Stoppers. City Manager Hill stated that due to the efforts of Interim Police Chief McCoy and Lieutenant Thompson, the City will move forward, pending Council approval, with a MOU with Crime Stoppers.

Dr. Adia Winfrey came before the Council with the Talladega Mothers Against Gun Violence to implore the Council to help them to come up with preventative measures to keep the community safe. Several mothers from the Talladega Mothers Against Gun Violence came before the Council also requested help in this matter and also mentioned that she had reached out to First 48 in Birmingham but was told that they would need the City's consent which they did not give. Councilman Patterson requested that this matter be followed up upon and suggested that all information be given to the City Manager in a meeting. Council President Williams also stated that a meeting between the group, City Manager, and two Council Members be set to discuss the matter further. Chief Court Clerk Sparks also commented that a meeting was scheduled for June 3 with community leaders to discuss a comprehensive plan to come together on this issue.

Jimmy Williams came before the Council inviting everyone to the Hall of Heroes Memorial Day ceremony next Monday.

Resolution #5249 approving the City's participation in the FTA Section 5311 Grant Application for the Public Transportation Program for 2022 through East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission with a local match of \$48,802

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5249. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5250 approving a contract with AIDB for preparing lunches for the Summer Food Program at a cost of \$2.80/meal

Motion by Council President Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5250. Roll Call. AYES: All.

There was discussion concerning Resolution #5251. Council Member Spratlin inquired about the number of laptops for the HR Department. Human Resources Director Drummond stated that they are requesting 6 laptops.

Resolution #5251 approving the CIP budget for FY2021

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President Williams for the approval of Resolution #5251. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5252 approving a Memorandum of Understanding with CrimeStoppers

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #5252. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #5253 approving the Christmas on the Square event annually

Motion by Council President Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #5253 with the understanding that the budget be approved by Council at a later date. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 5/5/2021 to 5/14/2021	\$ 22,522.15
Water/Sewer Fund	22,522.15

City Manager Hill stated that at the beginning of this month a program was started to let employees know that they are appreciated. It was mentioned that birthday cards, anniversary cards, and cards for those who have completed training were sent. He also stated that discussions for the Christmas on the Square event was held, talk concerning the Crime Stoppers MOU, and had a great first meeting with the Airport Board. City Manager Hill also mentioned the Distinguished Service Award from the ALM was received by Councilman Patterson. He also mentioned that several departments within the City attended an impromptu basketball game between himself and the youths at Westgate. Also mentioned was the selection of the Finance Director, meeting with a company concerning economic development, a small business retail report was also conducted, the idea of a Junior City Council, the launch of an internship with all departments for the children of the community, met with a fiber optics company, attended a Drug Task Force meeting, attended a Dynasafe meeting with Councilman Power, and a Trinity United Food Drive.

Council Member Hall inquired from City Attorney O'Brien the possibility of the City taking over Knoxville Cemetery. City Attorney O'Brien stated that it was something that could be looked into.

Councilman Patterson announced the exciting news that Talladega College would be bringing football to the City.

Council Member Spratlin inquired if there was an ordinance prohibiting the riding of horses through the City and it's streets. Public Works Director Phillips commented that they are currently trying to locate the people doing this. She also mentioned that there was an ordinance addressing cats and dogs, but was not sure if it specifically named horses but if the ordinance needed to be modified it could be.

Councilman Power mentioned that gross tax revenue, use tax, and lodging tax was up from the previous year. He also inquired if the rotation of the Council President was to be done at this time.

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Councilman Patterson to nominate Council Member Spratlin as Council President for the 9-month period. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Williams, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Hall, and Councilman Power ABSTAIN: Council Member Spratlin

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council President Williams to nominate Council Member Hall as Council President Pro-Tem for the 9-month period. Roll Call. AYES:

Council President Williams, Councilman Patterson, Council Member Spratlin, and Councilman Power
ABSTAIN: Council Member Hall.

Council President Williams wished to thank school board member Sandra Beavers for being present at this Council meeting.

Council Member Hall inquired if houses with grass needing to be cut was being tagged. Code Enforcement Officer Falkner stated that she has a list.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council President 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 Monday, May 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.