

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 7, 2022 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 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, and City Manager Seddrick Hill.

Invocation by Pastor Justin Milliken from Hepzibah Baptist Church.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin 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.

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures from 6/16/2022-6/29/2022</b>	<b>\$289,915.26</b>
General Fund	283,740.56
Corrections Fund	4,210.01
Cemetery	57.38
Municipal Airport	1,907.31

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2022. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson deferred to Reverend Hugh Morris to present to students from the City of Talladega and Talladega County the NAACP Scholarship recipients.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Jay Cooper's application to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council was an informational item concerning the Back-to-School Sales Tax holiday scheduled for 12:01am on Friday, July 15, 2022 and ends at 12:00 midnight on July 17, 2022. The information will also be posted to the City's website.

Mike Brewer from East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission came before the Council to present an initial draft of proposed ward boundaries. It was commented that the target population in each ward was 3,172 people. It was also noted that Ward 1 had the highest number of populations with Ward 4 receiving the smallest number. There was a question as to the loss of some voters for some wards. Mr. Brewer stated that it was necessary to have equal representation throughout the City and every ward should get close to that target so each vote carries the same weight. It was also mentioned that links to the draft would be made available.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Attorney O'Brien. Attorney O'Brien announced that the City was now the owner of the AJ's building.

**Ordinance #1909** amending Ordinance #1614 and adopting revised rules and regulations pertaining to Compensation incentives to classified service members for continuing education

There were some questions as to the cost of the program to the City and it was requested that time be allowed to review the ordinance as the revised ordinance would not receive the necessary time to look into. City Manager Hill commented that the program was much needed in order to recruit and retain qualified personnel.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Council Member Spratlin to table Ordinance #1909. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5497** adopting a Code of Conduct for the Summer Food Service Program

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5497. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5498** approving the purchase of 25 radar units from Kustom Signals, Inc. for a cost of \$43,175

Council Member Spratlin inquired if this purchase would have to be bided. Attorney O'Brien commented that any purchases over \$15,000 would have to go to bid.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall to table Resolution #5498. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5499** to extend the time frame for retention pay as approved in Resolution #5255 and to approve one-time sign on incentive for the Police and Fire Department

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5499. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5500** renewing an agreement with Axon for body camera system and additional in-car cameras

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #5500 under the guidelines not including the in-car cameras. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5501** approving purchase of certain real property at a cost of \$20,000

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of Resolution #5501. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5502** approving an agreement with Davis Builders for an addition to the City Clerk's Office in the amount of \$17,800

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of Resolution #5502. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 6/16/2022 to 6/29/2022</b>	<b>\$73,927.15</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	73,927.15

City Manager Hill informed the Council that the date for the national announcement of the golf course and the Eastside Head Start building would be at the Omega National meeting in Charlotte and invited the Council to attend, mentioned attending meetings on concrete and paving to get numbers, and began preliminary planning for Christmas on the Square. Also mentioned attending a meeting with Chief Warwick and Tyson in Anniston concerning a fire tax, still working on CIP 2022 also and would bring back to Council to see what they would like to spend, informed Council that the City might be receiving some funds from the class action law suit on opioids, had a meeting concerning drug prevention programs in the opioid response, mentioned the potential hotspot program from ARPA funds, prescription aid for senior citizens, and mentioned a Main Street Meeting on Saturday at the Talladega Bottling Works at 10am for those wishing to learn more about the program.

Council Member Spratlin wished to thank all involved on the Willman Rd. project which has commenced.

Councilman Power wished to thank City Manager Hill for the waterproofing effort underway at the museum.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Williams to go into Executive Session to discuss matters involving real property, either sale or acquisition at 6:20pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council returned to Chambers at 6:29pm with no action taken.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin 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 Monday, July 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.