

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 3, 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 Reverend Hugh Morris.

Public Hearing was opened for anyone who wished to comment and/or object to the rezoning of parcel 1308334001009000 from R-1 to R-1 MHA. No one was present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/14/2020 to 7/27/2020	\$ 1,090,044.82
General Fund	1,053,349.10
Corrections Fund	2,911.63
Library Fund	2,348.02
Municipal Airport	26,286.35
Capital Projects Trust Fund	5,149.72
Water/Sewer Fund	

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 2020. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of a contribution request for a Back to School Drive in the amount of \$1,000.00. AYES: All.

Reverend Phoebe Presson gave a report concerning the USDA food giveaway and presented a video of the event. It was stated that there were 206,400lbs. of fruit and vegetables distributed. She also wished to thank everyone involved.

Reverend Hugh Morris came before the Council to discuss a possible Citizen Advisory Board. He stated that this Board would be educated on Police procedures and in turn be able to educate the community. It was also stated that the Board would help with the relationship between the community and the Police Department. It was also mentioned that the members of the Board would be appointed by each Council member for their corresponding wards and two members being selected by the Police Chief. Captain John McCoy stated that the Police Department would not be opposed to something along this line as long as some of the ideas are able to be fine-tuned due to some items that could not be made public. Councilman Patterson stated that City Attorney O'Brien would need to be involved and requested him to research the matter. It was also mentioned that further discussion concerning this topic be given during the September 3rd meeting.

Council President Power deferred to City Manager concerning two discussion items. Brought before Council was a request to surplus the Nikki Lu Wastewater Treatment facility due to an inquiry to purchase the property. Council Member Spratlin asked if this action was necessary at the time and would like further information on the matter. City Manager Cheeks stated that more information could be provided. Next was a request to close Piedmont Ave. to thru traffic. There are no residences on this roadway and has become an area of illegal dumps. There was some discussion about the tenants of the apartment nearby using the roadway for parking. Council Member Hall commented that closing it would be acceptable. City Manager Cheeks commented that a proposed ordinance to close Piedmont Ave. would be presented at the next meeting.

Ordinance #1871 amending Ordinance No. 1845 by setting the City of Talladega's Classification Plan and amending Ordinance 1835 to Provide Revised Job/Position Descriptions for Employees in the Purchasing/Safety, Human Resources and Finance Departments.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1845 BY SETTING THE CITY OF TALLADEGA'S CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 1835 TO PROVIDE REVISED JOB/POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE PURCHASING/SAFETY, HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1871. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1871. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1877 approving the rezoning of 1 parcel on the corner of Ft. Lashley and Town Creek Lane from R-1 to R-1 MHA

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1877. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1120, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, SAID ORDINANCE, AND THE AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO BEING ENTITLED "TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, ZONING ORDINANCE", AS FOLLOWS, AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1877. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1877. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1878 adopting updated building codes from the 2015 International Building Codes and 2014 National Electrical Code with exceptions

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1878. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID CODES

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Hall for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1878. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Williams for the Adoption of Ordinance #1878. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1879 adopting the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC) and the National Fire Protection Association Codes (NFPA) with exceptions

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Council Member Spratlin for Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1879. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT FIRE PREVENTION CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID CODES

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Patterson for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1879. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Williams with a second from Councilman Patterson for the Adoption of Ordinance #1879. 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 7/14/2020 to 7/27/2020	\$ 155,910.60
Water/Sewer Fund	155,910.60

Council Member Spratlin requested that the project names be listed on the Water Department Invoices and Expenditures.

City Manager Cheeks wished to thank the employees who helped with the USDA food give away and the employees who had to pick up some fallen trees Friday night.

Councilman Patterson wished to thank Council President Power for his leadership and express his deep appreciation to Jimmy Williams for his input for tourism. It was stated that because of Covid-19 there were a lot of things that can't be done; however, the City could start in the Chamber of Commerce area, the creation of two lanes for bike paths, a renewed façade grant and strengthening the litter law. It was also mentioned that an initial budget would be brought forth in the next couple weeks concerning this. He requested that City Manager Cheeks create a slideshow to be presented in a month.

Council Member Spratlin stated that she had received a letter from a citizen about condemning two houses on Jackson St. and asked for more time. City Manager Cheeks stated that the City was applying for a CDBG grant for blighted structures and have started sending out courtesy letters to property owners with potential condemned buildings. It was also mentioned that there would be no cost to the property owner through the CDBG grant. Council Member Spratlin also inquired about the historical sign for Battle St. City Manager Cheeks stated that the City would work with the County in putting the sign back up.

Councilman Williams inquired about the cross-walk sign on the Square and mentioned the fence at Nikki Lu was in disrepair. He also questioned if the excavator could be sold and replaced with a street sweeper.

Council Member Spratlin commented that she and Council Member Hall had attended a one-day convention led by the League of Municipalities and met officials from Childersburg and Lincoln. She also wished to thank City Manager Cheeks for informing them of the classes.

Council President Power asked if any resident had complained about the 4 wheelers riding on the roadways. Captain John McCoy stated that other than writing a ticket and putting them in jail, there was not much to be done. Council President Power next mentioned that at the next meeting on August 17 the Council would be voting on a new Council President and asked that if anyone was interested in the position to let it be known.

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 Monday, August 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.