

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
September 8, 2022 – 5:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 8, 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, Mayor Timothy Ragland, and City Manager Seddrick Hill.

Invocation by Pastor Ricky Clark, Central Baptist.

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

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall to excuse the absence of Councilman Williams. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures from 8/4/2022-8/25/2022</b>	<b>\$786,606.44</b>
General Fund	714,201.38
Corrections Fund	25,850.90
Cemetery	5,350.00
Municipal Airport	36,204.16
Capital Projects Trust Fund	5,000.00

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2022. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Ragland swears in Trey Cobb to the Planning Commission.

Brought before the Council was an increase in the business license issuance fee. City Manager Hill deferred to City Clerk Medlen concerning the increase. City Clerk Medlen stated that every five years, the Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) is responsible for establishing adjustments in the business license issuance fee. The fee will increase from \$12 to \$14 with no amendments needed to Ordinance No. 1739 as it provides for the increase.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of the holiday schedule. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1916** establishing the Talladega Citizens Advisory Board.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1916. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TALLADEGA CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS; AND TO DESCRIBE ITS ROLE AND SPHERE OF OPERATION**

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Council Member Spratlin for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1916. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1916 with the revision of Section 5. – Membership to 11 members, one member of the Talladega County NAACP, one appointed by the Mayor, two appointed by City Manager, two appointed by Chief of Police and five by the City Council. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5514** approving a lease agreement with Ingram Dean (Little House Dance Studio) for use of Meeting Room A at the Spring Street Recreation Center for a cost of \$350/month

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5514. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5515** approving an agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for Section 5311 transit services for fiscal years 2023-2025

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Power for the approval of Resolution #5515. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5516** approving an agreement with KHI For AirCard services for the Talladega Municipal Airport

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #5516. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5517** approving the surplus of 8 Motorola XTS 5000 radios from the Police Department and the donation of surplus radios to the Public Park Authority of the Cities of Lincoln and Talladega, commonly known as TOP Trails

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5517. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5518** approving the surplus of (17) Glock Model 41 from the Police Department

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #5518. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5519** approving the FY2023 Christmas on the Square Budget

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall for the approval of Resolution #5519. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #5520** approving the contract for Strada Professional Services, LLC for engineering services for the 2022 paving project.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Council Member Spratlin for the approval of Resolution #5520. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 8/4/2022 to 8/25/2022</b>	<b>\$558,012.42</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	558,012.42

City Manager Hill wished to thank the Council for approving the Talladega Citizens Advisory Board ordinance and the donation of radios to TOP Trails. He next deferred to TOP Trails Director Jason DiSalvo. Mr. DiSalvo stated that the donated radios will be a huge benefit to the park to their ability to coordinate safety for guests and wished to thank the Council. City Manager Hill next commented that there would be a 9/11 event on September 11 at 1pm, an E-Recycle event on October 28 from 10am-2pm at Wehadkee, and a Trunk or Treat scheduled for October 29 on the Square at 5pm with a movie at the Ritz at 7:15pm. Council Member Spratlin inquired as to where one could sign up to participate in the Trunk or Treat. Director Ammons stated that anyone interested would need to call the Spring Street Recreation Center to be added to the list. Next City Manager Hill informed the Council that he had attended meetings to bring electric vehicle chargers to the City.

Councilman Power wished to reinforce City Manager Hill's statement about the 9/11 event at the Hall of Heroes; stating that although the Hall of Heroes appears to look like a military honor museum, it is also a first responders one as well, and the event on Sunday is truly mainly for the first responders. He also encouraged all to attend the event to show their support. He also complimented the appearance of the entrance to the City and the Square, but asked that the clean up work be more aggressive. Council President Patterson commented that the College was being used in with this work and requested an

update on the program. Public Information Officer Sood stated that the students were participating in the adopt a mile program and the plan is to go beyond students.

Mayor Ragland stated that the Friday night football game had been moved to tonight at 7pm due to possible rain. He also requested the opinion of City Attorney O'Brien about the rules governing gifts and the giving of orders to City employees and the penalties around those issues.

Motion by Councilman Power with a second from Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property and sale of property at 5:41pm. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council returned to the Chambers at 6:11pm with no action taken.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council Member Hall 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, September 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.