

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
October 3, 2025 – 12:00pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Friday 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Talladega City Hall Chambers. The meeting was called to order, and the following were present: Council President Hugh Sims, Councilman Steve Dickerson, Council Member Vickey Hall, Council Member Betty Spratlin, Councilman Shane Denney, and Interim City Manager Danny Warwick.

Moment of Silence.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Council President Sims to excuse the absence of Council Member Hall for the September 29, 2025 and October 1, 2025 council meetings. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #6445 rescinding Resolution #6444 – B for Magnolia Illumination (Christmas Decorations)

Motion by Councilman Denney with a second from Councilman Dickerson for the approval of Resolution #6445. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #6446 approving an agreement with Holiday Light and Designs to lease Christmas decorations per bid specifications

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Denney for the approval of Resolution #6446. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Sims noted that the Council was going to purchase the tree; however, this item was not included on the current resolution. He inquired whether the purchase would need to be approved by resolution. Finance Director Phillips stated that it could be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Councilman Dickerson expressed appreciation to Building Inspector Jueckstock on the blight removal projects, noting that the contractor is completing approximately two and half to three demolitions per day. He also thanked the Building Inspector for this continued hard work and oversight of these projects. Councilman Dickerson also inquired about another special called meeting to discuss how to proceed with filling the City Manager position. Council President Sims noted that applications have been distributed and will be accepted until November 7, at which time the Council can review those received. Councilman Dickerson asked whether the process should be handled internally or through a hiring firm. Council President Sims responded that it was being handled internally and confirmed the position announcement has already been made.

Councilman Denny stated that he had spoken with Finance Director Phillips, Interim City Manager Warwick, and members of the Council. He requested to have his comments noted into the record. With Interim City Manager Warwick's permission; while working to correct the budget and ensure City employees receive the highest pay possible, he proposed that he and Councilman Dickerson meet with Finance Director Phillips, Interim City Manager Warwick, and each department head to review their budgets. Councilman Dickerson stated that he agreed.

Council Member Hall asked when the Council would be adding the Airport Board item to the agenda and whether there was business to discuss related to the Airport Board. Council President Sims responded that he was aware of the recommendation but had not yet seen it in writing. Council Member Hall stated that she had not seen it either. Council President Sims noted that City Attorney O'Brien was working on the resolution.

Attorney O'Brien stated that he had submitted the resolution to the Board Attorney and City Manager Swanson, copying Council President Sims on the correspondence. He explained that the Airport Board replied with some questions and recommended that he, Council President Sims, and Interim City Manager Warwick address those questions before finalizing the resolution.

Council Member Hall thanked Building Inspector Jueckstock, noting that they had recently toured Ward 2 together to look at houses, and stated that Ward 2 was looking good.

Councilman Denny asked whether the job description and qualifications for the discussed position would remain the same. Interim City Manager Warwick responded that they would. Council President Sims added that minor adjustments might be needed in the future, but not significant changes.

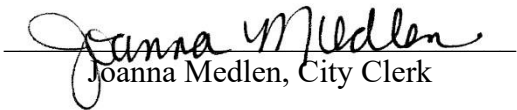
Councilman Dickerson stated that any updates or revisions should come before the Council for review and approval.

Council President Sims agreed and stated that he did not have further comments but appreciated the work City departments were doing. He said efforts were being made to secure additional funding for employee raises and reassured staff that raises were forthcoming. He also mentioned observing a new hot dog truck parked near the Chamber of Commerce parking lot and expressed appreciation for the presence of food trucks in town. He congratulated LaFavre’s on their ribbon-cutting ceremony and encouraged everyone to patronize local businesses.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second from Councilman Dickerson to adjourn the meeting. 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 Friday, October 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.


Joanna Medlen, City Clerk