

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 26, 2026 – 5:30pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 5:30 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.

Invocation by Council President Sims.

Motion by Councilman Denney with a second from Council Member Hall to nominate Councilman Dickerson as Council President. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Dickerson with a second from Council Member Spratlin to nominate Councilman Denney as Council President Pro Tempore. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Dickerson to approve the amended agenda. AYES: All.

Council President Sims moved to Old Business and stated that there were not many remaining items and asked if there were any questions. He indicated that he did not intend to table the items and believed most had been addressed. He noted that any items not resolved could be addressed at the next meeting.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 1/6/2026-1/16/2026	\$111,178.62
General Fund	60,151.87
Corrections Fund	12,035.02
Municipal Airport	193.73
Capital Projects Trust Fund	38,798.00

Motion by Council President Sims with a second from Councilman Dickerson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2026. AYES: All.

Council President Sims recognized Barry Curtis, owner of Sylacauga Ambulance Service, who provided information on the company's history, operations, service area, and future bidding for service territories. Council Member Spratlin asked questions regarding paramedic availability and emergency medical staffing. Mr. Curtis responded that paramedics are available countywide, crews may be shifted as needed, and mutual aid is utilized when necessary. Councilman Denney also asked questions regarding level of care, response times, refusal of assistance, and public safety concerns. Mr. Curtis stated Sylacauga Ambulance follows state protocols, does not refuse assistance, and has not created a public safety crisis. Councilman Dickerson stated he respected the bid process and requested that community concerns be incorporated into the scope of work so providers could be held accountable.

Motion by Council President Sims with a second from Councilman Denney to approve the waiver of vendor tax and business license fees for Sunshine Saturday scheduled for May 2, 2026. AYES: All.

Resolution #6592 approving the travel for Avery Burr to attend the APOSTC Firearms Instructor Development Course on March 30, 2026 to March 31, 2026 in Piedmont, Alabama

Resolution #6593 approving the travel for Glen Nabors, Geno Sharp, Lisa Garrett, and Nakia Garrett to attend the Alabama Association of School Resource Officers conference on May 30, 2026 to June 6, 2026 in Orange Beach, Alabama

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second from Councilman Dickerson for the approval of Resolution #6592 and Resolution #6593. AYES: All.

Resolution #6594 approving the Kyocera Document Solutions Laserfiche support agreement for the period December 26, 2025 through December 25, 2026, in the amount of \$1,475.00

Resolution #6595 approving a copier lease agreement with Kyocera Document Solutions, for a 36-month term at a cost of \$432.27 per month, plus applicable taxes

Motion by Council President Sims with a second from Councilman Denney for the approval of Resolution #6594 and Resolution #6595. AYES: All.

Resolution #6596 approving the grant agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for funds and services for the Senior Nutrition Program for the fiscal year 2026

Motion by Councilman Denney with a second from Councilman Dickerson for the approval of Resolution #6596. AYES: All.

Resolution #6597 approving an employment agreement with Danny Warwick as City Manager

City Attorney O'Brien advised the Council that January 26, 2026 marked the final day of Interim Chief Warwick's temporary city manager contract under its original terms. He explained that the proposed contract would allow Mr. Warwick to continue serving as City Manager on an at-will basis until a permanent city manager is selected, at which time Mr. Warwick would return to his position as Fire Chief. Councilman Denney asked whether this would require hiring a new fire chief. Attorney O'Brien explained the current temporary Fire Chief arrangement would remain in place.

Motion by Councilman Denney with a second from Council President Sims for the approval of Resolution #6597. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 1/6/2026 to 1/16/2026	\$35,163.38
Water/Sewer Fund	35,163.38

Interim City Manager Warwick reported that 20 qualified City Manager applications have been received and would be distributed to the Council. He stated the consultant, Municipal Solutions, requested a meeting to review applications. Council President Sims stated that decisions regarding interviews would be left to the incoming Council President. Interim City Manager Warwick next reported that the CDBG Grant Cycle 4 bid process had been completed and would be placed on the next agenda. He also stated that a contract related to Wehadkee Mill would require an ordinance declaring surplus property and a resolution awarding the contract.

Mayor Hall reported on the success of the Mayor's Ball and stated approximately \$5,000 had been raised for scholarships.

Councilman Dickerson thanked Sylacauga Ambulance, Sunshine Saturday representatives, City staff, and community partners. He reported on the Martin Luther King Day Parade and upcoming Mardi Gras Parade.

Councilman Denney addressed concerns regarding implementation of the ordinance allowing free recreational facility access to children 14 and under. Staff acknowledged a mistake and stated it had been corrected. Councilman Denney also addressed concerns regarding homelessness and warming station resources in the City, requesting further discussion and information regarding insurance and operational constraints.

Council Member Hall asked for an update on a building donation. City Attorney O'Brien stated it would be on the February agenda.

Council President Sims reported on attendance at the Alabama League of Municipalities' Advocacy Day in Montgomery, stating it was informative and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Council President.

Motion by Councilman Dickerson with a second from Councilman Denney 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 Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.



Joanna Medlen, City Clerk