

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 27, 2026 – 5:30pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 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 Steve Dickerson, Council Member Vickey Hall, Councilman Hugh Sims, Council Member Betty Spratlin, and City Manager Danny Warwick.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dalton Harris.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to approve the agenda, with discussion held regarding the vacancy of Ward 5. AYES: All.

Following approval of the agenda, Councilman Sims made a motion with a second by Council Member Spratlin to proceed with filling the Ward 5 vacancy by appointment. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to appoint Charles Keith to fill the Ward 5 vacancy. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Hall administered the oath of office to Charles Keith, who was duly sworn in and assumed his seat on the Council.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Councilman Sims to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 4/1/2026-4/13/2026	505,555.31
General Fund	465,043.86
Corrections Fund	37,230.18
Municipal Airport	2,806.27
Capital Projects Trust Fund	475.00

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026. AYES: All.

A public hearing was held regarding a request to rezone property located at 945 Naff Avenue from R-3 Single Family Residential to R-3 Single Family Residential with a Mobile Home Area (MHA) Overlay. There were no citizens present to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing – Nuisance Abatement (Non-Weed Violations) was not conducted.

Council President Dickerson informed the Council that the Statement of Economic Interests is to be completed by April 30.

Representatives of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Talladega County Alumnae Chapter were recognized. Gloria Buie and Kimberley Goodson, speaking on behalf of Cheryl Turner and Angela McKenzie, provided an overview of the organization and its mission of community service and local initiatives such as mentoring programs and scholarship awards. No action was taken.

Ordinance #1972 an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 1882, as amended, to rezone property located at 945 Naff Ave. (Parcel ID 1306132004001020) from R-3 Single Family Residential to R-3 Single Family Residential with a Mobile Home Area (MHA) Overlay

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1972. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1882 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, SAID ORDINANCE, AND THE ADMENDMENTS RELATED

Councilman Keith expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve and stated his commitment to working with the Council and listening to the community. He also announced an upcoming Memorial Day program scheduled for May 25 at the Hall of Heroes and the Ritz Theatre.

Councilman Sims expressed appreciation to City employees for their participation in the diaper drive and announced a distribution event scheduled from 9:00am to 11:00am at St. Peter's, noting that additional community resources would be available. He raised a concern regarding traffic safety on South Street near the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind and requested consideration of relocating signage and potential designation of the area as a school zone.

Council President Dickerson discussed prior nuisance abatement cases noting that the goal is to bring properties into compliance and that extensions may be granted where appropriate but should not result in lack of action. He expressed appreciation to City employees for recent right-of-way clearing and beautification efforts. He also addressed Parks and Recreation, noting ongoing concerns regarding maintenance, playground conditions, lighting at Jemison Park, and the need for improvements. He emphasized the importance of timely action, noting that funding has been allocated for park improvements. He further addressed the status of the audit, stating the importance of completing the current audit while also emphasizing that the previously approved forensic audit should remain a priority in the interest of transparency.

Motion by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Spratlin 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, April 27, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.



Joanna Medlen, City Clerk