

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2026 – 5:30pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 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, Councilman Charles Keith, and City Manager Danny Warwick.

Invocation by Pastor Johnny McKinney.

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

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 4/14/2026-5/1/2026	388,306.43
General Fund	330,858.90
Corrections Fund	2,053.86
Municipal Airport	4,180.01
Capital Projects Trust Fund	51,213.66

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

Becky Watson appeared before the Council to request support for the annual Christmas in July fundraiser, noting that this would be the fifth year of the event. Councilman Sims stated that rather than requesting staff to review available funding as had been done previously, he preferred to provide support directly through discretionary funds. Following discussion, each Council Member and the Mayor agreed to contribute \$1,000 from discretionary funds, for a total contribution of \$5,000. Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to contribute \$5,000.00 from the Council's discretionary funds for the Christmas in July fundraiser. Roll Call. AYES: All.

The presentation and acceptance of donation from Veterans Park event coordinators Shane Denney and Buddie's BBQ were initially tabled.

Lynn Sims presented information regarding the Diaper Row initiative and thanked the City of Talladega for allowing the diaper drive to be hosted. She expressed appreciation to City departments for their donations and specifically recognized City Clerk Joanna Medlen for spearheading the effort. Ms. Sims reported that St. Peter's had welcomed 3,680 guests, distributed 221,300 diapers, served families across 14 zip codes in and around Talladega County, and noted that one in two families in Alabama experiences diaper insecurity.

Council President Dickerson asked if it was too late to donate to the initiative. Ms. Sims stated that donations are still being accepted throughout the month of May in honor of Mother's Day and may be dropped off at St. Peter's Episcopal Church or submitted by check payable to St. Peter's with "Diaper Row" noted in the memo line.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second from Councilman Keith to reappoint Travis Ford and Diann Whitston to the Civil Service Board. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1973 authorizing the installation of a speed cushion at a specified location on Elm St.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1973. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A SPEED CUSHION AT A SPECIFIED LOCATION ON ELM STREET IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1973. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Council Member Spratlin for the Adoption of Ordinance #1973. AYES: All.

Resolution #6686 approving the City's participation in the FTA Section 5311 Grant for public transportation program

Council Member Spratlin inquired whether the grant related to existing buses or an additional vehicle. Director Ammons explained that the City's transportation services operate through grant funding and are restricted to service within the city limits of Talladega pursuant to grant requirements.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Councilman Keith to approve Resolution #6686. AYES: All.

Resolution #6687 approving a memorandum of understanding with Oxford Police Department to share video cameras for the sole purpose of monitoring traffic accidents, suppression of crime, and the search for missing persons

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council President Dickerson to approve Resolution #6687. AYES: All.

Resolution #6688 approving an agreement with Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc. for the City of Talladega's Juneteenth celebration at a cost of \$3,885.00

Resolution #6689 approving an agreement with Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc. for the City of Talladega's July 4th celebration at a cost of \$14,850.00

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to approve Resolution #6688 and Resolution #6689. AYES: All.

Resolution #6690 authorizing the application for and approval of Federal Aviation Administration Grant offers, and the Alabama Department of Transportation grant offers for various airport improvement program grants and granting authority to the Chairman of the Talladega Airport Board to execute said agreements for and in the name of the City of Talladega

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to approve Resolution #6690. AYES: All.

Travel Requests

Resolution #6691 approving the travel request for John Tyson and DeWayne Harry to attend the final inspection of the new fire apparatus on May 25, 2026 to May 28, 2026 in Chico, California

It was noted that travel expenses would be paid through grant funds rather than City funds.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to approve Resolution #6691. AYES: All.

Resolution #6692 approving the travel request for Joanna Medlen to attend the District IV Clerk's Spring Meeting on June 18, 2026 in Rainbow City, Alabama

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Council President Dickerson to approve Resolution #6692. AYES: All.

Resolution #6696 approving an agreement with Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) for lunches for the Summer Food Program at a cost of \$4.75 per meal

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall to approve Resolution #6696. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 4/14/2026 to 5/1/2026

\$419,738.97

Water/Sewer Fund 419,738.97

Resolution #6693 review and accept the MWPP annual report for the Talladega Brecon Wastewater Treatment Plant

Resolution #6694 review and accept the MWPP annual report for the Talladega Airport Wastewater Treatment Plant

Resolution #6695 review and accept the MWPP annual report for the Talladega Main Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to approve Resolution #6693 to Resolution #6695. AYES: All.

Council President Dickerson requested to briefly recognize a constituent in Ward 1, acknowledging Constance Ragland as one of the oldest active residents in the ward.

Motion by Council President Dickerson with a second by Councilman Sims to appoint Councilman Keith as Council President Pro Tem. AYES: All.

The previously tabled presentation by Shane Denney and Buddie was then heard. Mr. Denney reported that approximately \$1,820 had been collected in donations for Veterans Park. Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to accept the donation of \$1,820 from Mr. Denney. AYES: All.

During City Manager comments, the City Manager Warwick announced that the Annual Chamber Dinner would be held the following evening at 5:30 p.m. and noted that a City employee had been nominated for First Responder of the Year. He announced that Cathy Fuller would be retiring at the end of the month, with a celebration scheduled for May 28. He recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month and encouraged efforts to reduce stigma and support one another. He also noted that May is Building Safety Month in Alabama and stated that the City continues efforts to address unsafe building conditions.

Mayor Hall announced that five Talladega High School students would receive \$5,000 scholarships at an awards presentation the following Monday and congratulated all recent graduates.

Councilman Keith reminded the public that Memorial Day is observed to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in military service and announced a Memorial Day event at the Ritz Theatre at 11:00 a.m.

Councilman Sims encouraged public support for an upcoming Ritz Theatre program and presented a request from the Talladega High School athletic department seeking assistance with travel costs for an upcoming track competition. Council Members Sims, Keith, Dickerson, and Spratlin each committed \$300 from discretionary funds, and Council Member Hall committed \$500.

Motion by Council Member Sims with a second from Council President Dickerson to contribute from the Council's discretionary funds \$1,700.00 to the Talladega High School athletic department. AYES: All.

Council Member Spratlin thanked the Council for approving the speed cushion on Elm Street, stating that area residents would greatly appreciate the improvement.


Council Member Hall reported that Eastside School continues to experience vandalism but stated that architects believe the building may still be salvageable and that additional review is underway.

Council President Dickerson emphasized the importance of Mental Health Awareness Month, thanked Dr. Lee, Mr. Moten, guidance counselors, students, and parents, and noted that Talladega High School students had received approximately \$50 million in scholarship awards. He also discussed planning for the City's Juneteenth observance, including a proposed 5K walk/run, and encouraged volunteers and participants.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council President 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 Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.



Joanna Medlen, City Clerk