

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
June 22, 2026 – 5:30pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 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 Sam Walker from Cragdale Baptist Church.

Mr. Josh Storey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to approve the agenda. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 5/28/2026-6/11/2026		521,684.55
General Fund	293,388.69	
Corrections Fund	30,575.20	
Municipal Airport	668.37	
Capital Projects Trust Fund	197,052.29	

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Hall to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2026. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1975 establishing a juvenile curfew and prohibiting the organization, promotion, facilitation, or encouragement of juvenile affrays; and providing penalties for violations within the City of Talladega, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall for Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1975. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JUVENILE CURFEW AND PROHIBITING THE ORGANIZATION, PROMOTION, FACILITATION, OR ENCOURAGEMENT OF JUVENILE AFFRAYS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1975. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall for the Adoption of Ordinance #1975. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Weed Abatements

- Resolution #6708** declaring 522 Court St. N. a public nuisance for weeds
- Resolution #6709** declaring 515 Court St. N. a public nuisance for weeds
- ~~**Resolution #6710** declaring 514 Court St. N. a public nuisance for weeds~~
- Resolution #6711** declaring 512 Court St. N. a public nuisance for weeds
- Resolution #6712** declaring 402 Lancaster St. E. a public nuisance for weeds
- Resolution #6713** declaring property known as Sardis Priomitive Baptist Church on Lancaster St. E. a public nuisance for weeds
- Resolution #6714** declaring 121 Lancaster St. E. a public nuisance for weeds
- ~~**Resolution #6715** declaring 113 Elizabeth Ave. a public nuisance for weeds~~

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to approve Resolution #6708, #6709, #6711, #6712, #6713, and #6714. AYES: All.

Travel Requests

Resolution #6716 approving the travel request for DeShawn Garrett Jr. to attend the Alabama Peace Officers' Certified Firearms Instructor Course on June 22, 2026 to June 26, 2026 in Jacksonville, Alabama

Resolution #6717 approving the travel request for Captain Dennis McDaniel, Captain Robert Curtis, and Chief Ron McElrath to attend the 2026 AACOP Conference on August 2, 2026 to August 7, 2026 in Orange Beach, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to approve Resolution #6716 and Resolution #6717. AYES: All.

Resolution #6718 approving the travel request for John Tyson and Ron Harrell to attend the Alabama Fire Chief Conference on August 2, 2026 to August 5, 2026 in Orange Beach, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to approve Resolution #6718. AYES: All.

~~**Resolution #6719** declaring surplus a 2013 Ford Fusion and authorizing transfer of ownership to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board~~

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

Water Department Expenditures for 5/28/2026 to 6/11/2026	\$86,673.36
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Water/Sewer Fund	86,673.36
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Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall to excuse Mayor Hall's absence. AYES: All.

City Manager Warwick advised the Council that staff is compiling information regarding requests from retirees for a bonus and will provide the requested figures before the applicable deadline with the Retirement Systems of Alabama on August 31. He also stated that he wanted to address an item previously raised by Councilman Dickerson regarding the implementation of Beau's Law, which becomes effective October 1.

Councilman Sims asked if information regarding the new law could be posted on the City's website. City Manager Warwick responded that it could.

Council President Dickerson stated that he wanted to inform the public about Beau's Law before the City begins enforcing it. He explained that the state law prohibits tethering a dog or other animal to a fixed object by a chain or rope and shared an example of assisting a neighbor's dog that had become entangled while tethered. He noted that animals may still roam freely within a fenced enclosure but should not be tied to a fixed object. Council President Dickerson requested that the City educate the public by providing information and pamphlets before citations are issued.

Councilman Sims asked whether the City would impose the fines and penalties established by state law. Council President Dickerson responded that he believed the City would be required to follow state law.

City Manager Warwick stated that staff would work with Animal Control to amend the City's animal ordinance to comply with the new state law. Council President Dickerson noted that once the law becomes effective on October 1, the City will be required to enforce it.

Councilman Keith reported that he recently accompanied Code Enforcement staff and Building Inspector Jueckstock on inspections throughout the City and observed a number of issues requiring attention, many of which have already been addressed. He noted that addressing abandoned buildings will be an ongoing effort and will take time. Councilman Keith then asked Police Chief McElrath if he had any concerns about enforcing the newly adopted juvenile curfew ordinance. Chief McElrath responded that he did not. Councilman Keith stated that he believes the Police Department will do an excellent job enforcing the ordinance and expressed hope that it will help keep young people safe, noting that similar curfew ordinances have been successful in other communities.

Councilman Sims commented on the ongoing pavement improvements at the Walmart shopping center, noting that Walmart is completing the project at its own expense. He stated that the work

includes repairs to the parking lot, including the area near Taco Bell that has experienced significant pothole issues, and expressed appreciation for the improvements.

Council Member Spratlin congratulated Mr. Storey on his accomplishments and expressed the Council's support and best wishes.

Council Member Hall inquired about the status of the parks at Knoxville. City Manager Warwick responded that he meets weekly with the Parks and Recreation Director and that an updated report is available and can be provided to the Council.

Council President Dickerson congratulated Mr. Storey on his accomplishment and thanked Pastor Walker for attending the meeting. He also thanked Josh Storey for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that he would be recognized on a future agenda. Council President Dickerson expressed appreciation to Mr. Storey's family for their support.

Council President Dickerson thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Community Appearance Department, and all City staff and volunteers who assisted with the City's Juneteenth celebration. He specifically recognized residents who voluntarily mowed the park after rainfall prior to the event, noting that their efforts demonstrated the community's willingness to work together. He also noted that, despite the rain earlier in the day, the weather did not interfere with the 5K run, live entertainment, or the fireworks display.

Council President Dickerson briefly shared the historical significance of Juneteenth as a national holiday.

Council President Dickerson stated that he had received several inquiries regarding ambulance service after the current contract expires in August and asked whether service would continue. City Manager Warwick responded that the City would not be without ambulance service and requested additional time to research the matter before providing further information. Council President Dickerson emphasized the importance of assuring citizens that ambulance services will continue to be available.

Councilman Keith announced that the Talladega High School Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion will be held in August. He noted that the graduating class originally consisted of approximately 200 students and that about 145 classmates are expected to attend the reunion in Talladega. He also noted that the Class of 1976 was the Bicentennial Class.

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, June 22, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.


Joanna Medlen, City Clerk