

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2026 – 5:30pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 13, 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, City Manager Danny Warwick, and Mayor Ashton Hall.

Invocation by Councilman Charles D. Keith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council President Dickerson opened the public hearing concerning the weed abatements for the three properties identified in Resolution #6720 to #6722. No citizens appeared to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 6/12/2026-7/6/2026		340,429.23
General Fund	214,984.77	
Corrections Fund	6,050.70	
Municipal Airport	7,108.25	
Capital Projects Trust Fund	112,285.51	

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Councilman Sims to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2026. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to approve Martha Boydston’s application to the Heritage Hall Commission. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Councilman Sims to approve Carolyn Battle’s application to the Planning Commission. AYES: All.

Coach Bennett Webb addressed the Council on behalf of the Talladega High School football program. He requested assistance with the \$3,000 cost of renting an automated field-painting robot for the upcoming football season. Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council President Dickerson to approve a \$3,000.00 contribution, with the amount allocated as follows from the Council Members’ respective discretionary funds: \$500 from Councilman Sims, \$750 from Councilman Keith, \$500 from Council Member Hall, \$500 from Council Member Spratlin, and \$750 from Council President Dickerson. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Hall presented a proclamation to Joshua Storey.

Parks and Recreation Department Director Summer Ammons addressed the Council concerning a Back-to-School Fun Day scheduled for August 1, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Motion by Council President Dickerson with a second by Council Member Hall to approve a contribution of \$2,500, with \$500 to be provided from each Council Member’s discretionary fund. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Tameka Ashley addressed the Council on behalf of Diamonds of Talladega and requested permission for the travel softball organization to use City softball facilities. Council Member Keith moved to authorize Diamonds of Talladega to use available City softball fields, subject to field availability and coordination with the City Manager and Parks and Recreation Department. Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Hall to authorize Diamonds of Talladega to use available City softball fields, subject to scheduling and coordination with the Parks and Recreation Department. AYES: All.

Daymion Winfrey and Dr. Adia Winfrey presented information on behalf of Transformation Alabama concerning its Transportation Equity Project. The project is conducting a survey to identify

transportation needs and accessibility issues affecting individuals with disabilities in Talladega. The presenters requested the City's assistance in publicizing the survey but did not request financial assistance. No Council action was taken.

The Council received information concerning the 2026 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday, which begins Friday, July 17, 2026, at 12:01am and ends Sunday, July 19, 2026, at midnight.

Ordinance #1976 amending Ordinance #1614 to amend the job description of the Administrative Assistant Water and Sewer Department; Director Finance Department; Lieutenant-Patrol; Water Treatment Supervisor; Lieutenant-Training; Public Information Officer; Purchasing Agent; Sergeant-Patrol; and Wastewater Treatment Supervisor; and to create the positions of: Wastewater Lift Station Technician; Wastewater Plant Chief Operator; Water Plant Chief Operator; Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; and Grants Coordinator Finance

City Manager Warwick reported that the job descriptions addressed by Ordinance No. 1976 had completed the applicable review processes and that the newly created positions were included in the City's budget.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to approve the reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1976. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1614 TO AMEND THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT; DIRECTOR FINANCE DEPARTMENT; LIEUTENANT-PATROL; WATER TREATMENT SUPERVISOR; LIEUTENANT-TRAINING; PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER; PURCHASING AGENT; SERGEANT-PATROL; WASTEWATER TREATMENT SUPERVISOR AND GRANTS COORDINATOR; AND TO CREATE THE POSITIONS OF: WASTEWATER LIFT STATION TECHNICIAN; WASTEWATER PLANT CHIEF OPERATOR; WATER PLANT CHIEF OPERATOR; PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND GRANTS COORDINATOR FINANCE.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims for the immediate consideration of Ordinance #1976. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith for the adoption of Ordinance #1976. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Weed Abatements

Resolution #6720 approving the weed abatement for property located at 433 East St. N. (1)

Resolution #6721 approving the weed abatement for property located at 433 East St. N. (2)

Resolution #6722 approving the weed abatement for property located at 514 East St. S.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to approve Resolution #6720 to #6722. AYES: All.

~~**Resolution #6723** declaring 514 Court St. N. a public nuisance for weeds~~

Resolution #6724 declaring 301 Alexander St. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6725 declaring 109 Henry St. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6726 declaring 502 Parkway Ave. E. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6727 declaring 416 Damon Ave. E. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6728 declaring 331 Highland Ave. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6729 declaring 105 Milliard St. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6730 declaring 308 Maine St. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6735 declaring 671 Brecon Access Rd. a public nuisance for weeds

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to approve Resolution #6724 to #6730 and Resolution #6735. AYES: All.

Travel Requests

Resolution #6731 approving the travel request for Chief Ron McElrath, Captain Dennis McDaniel, and Captain Bob Curtis to attend the Supervisor Liability for Law Enforcement class on August 20 to August 21, 2026 in Jacksonville, Alabama

Resolution #6732 approving the travel request for Angela Thomas to attend the Southern Software Conference on October 25 to October 30, 2026 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Resolution #6733 approving the travel request for Joanna Medlen and Emily Light to attend the AAMCA Clerk’s Winter Conference on November 3 to November 6, 2026 in Orange Beach, Alabama

Resolution #6734 approving the travel request for Brynn Sharp to attend the Women in Law Enforcement on July 14, 2026 in Montgomery, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Spratlin to approve Resolution #6731 to #6734. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 6/12/2026 to 7/6/2026	\$482,397.31
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Water/Sewer Fund	482,397.31
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Finance Director Phillips reported that the auditors had not yet begun the Fiscal Year 2023 audit. She further reported that completed audits could be submitted individually and that the auditors had not established a specific deadline.

City Manager Warwick thanked the Council for adopting Ordinance No. 1976. He reported that the Council had received his weekly report and departmental reports concerning the status of the City’s capital improvement projects.

Mayor Hall welcomed those in attendance and encouraged citizens to remain involved and informed regarding City government.

Council Member Keith reported that he had spoken with the City Attorney O’Brien and City Clerk Medlen to review recurring weed-abatement properties and outstanding liens. City Attorney O’Brien advised that, under the current ordinance, the notice and abatement process begins again when a property has a subsequent violation. He further advised that the Council could consider amending the ordinance to provide a shorter notice period for subsequent violations occurring during the same calendar year.

Council Member Sims announced the anticipated opening of three restaurants in Talladega. He also reported that Heritage Hall had completed its art camp and announced an upcoming performance at the Ritz Theatre.

Council President Dickerson reminded the public of the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. He also announced a drive-through backpack giveaway scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church. Supplies will be distributed while available, and participating youth must be present.

Council Member Hall reported that the Transform event held in the Knoxville community had been successful and requested information concerning upcoming paving and street-stripping projects. City Manager Warwick reported that approximately \$600,000 had been budgeted for paving and that the City was obtaining pricing from the architect and contractors. He also reported that an architect had inspected the former Eastside School to determine the work necessary to bring the building into compliance for possible use as a community facility.

Council President Dickerson requested that the administration continue exploring partnerships with nonprofit organizations to provide activities in City parks. He also requested that Parks and Recreation facilities be available for rental on weekends and holidays and that park restrooms be open and accessible during normal park use.

City Manager Warwick reported that the park restrooms had been opened and that Parks and Recreation staff would inspect the facilities and maintain a record of their condition. The Council discussed maintenance, vandalism, portable restrooms, security, and the possible use of cameras at City parks. No formal action was taken.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Councilman Keith 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, July 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.



Joanna Medlen, City Clerk