

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2026 – 5:30pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 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, Councilman Hugh Sims, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Council Member Betty Spratlin, Councilman Charles Keith, City Manager Danny Warwick, and Mayor Ashton Hall.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

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

Council President Dickerson opened the public hearing concerning the weed abatements for the seven properties identified in Resolution #6752 and #6754 to #6756 and Resolution #6758 to #6759. 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. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 7/18/2026-7/30/2026		1,100,444.63
General Fund	1,092,018.84	
Corrections Fund	897.32	
Municipal Airport	2,891.47	
Capital Projects Trust Fund	4,637.00	

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

Hugh Morris from the NAACP reported on the selectin of the 2026 high school scholarship recipients. Fourteen applications were received from high schools throughout Talladega County, and nine students were selected to receive scholarships. The recipients included three students from Talladega High School, two from Childersburg High School, and four from Winterboro High school. Scholarship funds will be issued to the students’ accounts upon verification of enrollment. A total of \$8,500.00 in scholarships was awarded. Special recognition was given to Martha Jordan for her contribution to the scholarship program.

Council President Dickerson congratulated the scholarship recipients and recognized them for their hard work and accomplishments. The scholarship recipients were invited to take a photograph with the Council.

District Attorney Steve Giddens appeared before the Council regarding the work of the Drug and Violent Crime Task Force and its funding request. Mr. Giddens introduced Mike Roberson and Christina Kilgore and provided an overview of the Task Force’s activities, including violent crime investigations, digital forensic examinations of cellular devices, investigations involving crimes against children, drug investigations, and coordination with local and federal law enforcement agencies. Mr. Giddens stated that the Task Force serves the City as well as the entire county and emphasized that the City has access to the resources of the full Task Force rather than a single assigned officer. He referenced quarterly statistics provided in the Council packet and requested a ten-percent increase in funding, noting that an increase had not been requested in many years. Motion by Councilman Keith to appropriate \$94,600.00 to the Talladega County Drug Task Force. Following discussion, Councilman Keith withdrew his motion. Finance Director Phillips stated that the request would be considered with the other appropriation requests as part of the upcoming fiscal-year budget process.

Weed Abatement – Public Hearing

Resolution #6752 approving the weed abatement for property located at 301 Alexander St.

~~**Resolution #6753** approving the weed abatement for property located at 109 Henry St.~~

Resolution #6754 approving the weed abatement for property located at 502 Parkway Ave. E.

Resolution #6755 approving the weed abatement for property located at 416 Damon Ave. E.

Resolution #6756 approving the weed abatement for property located at 331 Highland Ave.

~~**Resolution #6757** approving the weed abatement for property located at 105 Milliard St.~~

Resolution #6758 approving the weed abatement for property located at 308 Maine St.

Resolution #6759 approving the weed abatement for property located at 671 Brecon Access Rd.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to adopt Resolution #6752 and Resolution #6754 to Resolution #6756 and Resolution #6758 to Resolution #6759. AYES: All.

Weed Abatement

Resolution #6760 declaring 215 Brecon Circle a public nuisance for weeds

~~**Resolution #6761** declaring 950 Stephen J. White Blvd. a public nuisance for weeds (1)~~

~~**Resolution #6762** declaring 950 Stephen J. White Blvd. a public nuisance for weeds (2)~~

Resolution #6763 declaring 801 Nimitz Ave. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6764 declaring 109 Diane St. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6765 declaring 117 Brecon Access Rd. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6766 declaring 109 Meleah Drive a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6767 declaring 281 Grogan Rd. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6768 declaring 265 Grogan Rd. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6769 declaring 245 Grogan Rd. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6770 declaring 1511 Taylors Mill Rd. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6771 declaring 219 Edgewood Ave. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6772 declaring 110 Nassau St. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6773 declaring lot on Howard St. (Westside Funeral Home) a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6774 declaring 128 Jackson St. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6775 declaring 740 Grant St. a public nuisance for weeds

Resolution #6776 declaring 914 Washington Ave. a public nuisance for weeds (1)

Resolution #6777 declaring 914 Washington Ave. a public nuisance for weeds (2)

Resolution #6778 declaring 412 Spring St. South a public nuisance for weeds

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to adopt Resolution #6760 and Resolution #6763 to Resolution #6778. AYES: All.

Travel Requests

Resolution #6779 approving the travel request for Sandra Beavers and Karen Black to attend the Alabama Elderly Nutrition Program Annual Center Manager Training on August 13, 2026 in Munford, Alabama

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Councilman Kieth to adopt Resolution #6779. AYES: All.

Resolution #6780 approving the travel request for Council President Steve Dickerson, Council Member Vickey R. Hall, Councilman Hugh Sims, Council Member Betty C. Spratlin, and Councilman Charles D. Keith, Jr. to attend the ALM Congressional Luncheon on August 12, 2026 in Opelika, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to adopt Resolution #6780. AYES: All.

Resolution #6781 approving the travel request for Councilman Hugh Sims to attend the ALM Standing Committee meeting, Community and Economic Development on September 2, 2026 in Montgomery, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council President Dickerson to adopt Resolution #6781. AYES: All.

Resolution #6782 approving the 2026-2028 East Alabama Officials Association Contract for Athletic Officiating Services

Motion by councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to adopt Resolution #6782.
Roll Call. AYES: Council Member Hall, Councilman Sims, Council Member Spratlin, and Councilman Keith ABSTAIN: Council President Dickerson

Resolution #6783 approving funding for a One-Time Longevity Bonus for Eligible City of Talladega Retirees Pursuant to Act 2026-608

During consideration of Resolution No. 6783, Finance Director Phillips clarified that the resolution applied to both City and Water Department employees and included all eligible retirees.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to adopt Resolution #6783.
Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #6785 approving a contract between the City of Talladega and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind to permit the construction of a public sidewalk

City Manager Warwick stated that Resolution No. 6785 concerned a sidewalk project being developed in coordination with AIDB. Council Member Spratlin asked about the limits of the proposed project. City Manager Warwick referred to the project information included in the Council packet, and Councilman Sims stated that the first phase would extend to the large tree located in front of AIDB. City Manager Warwick stated that the proposed limits were based upon information provided by AIDB.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Spratlin to adopt Resolution #6785. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 7/18/2026 to 7/30/2026	\$325,833.54
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Water/Sewer Fund	325,833.54
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Resolution #6784 authorizing the Airport Area I & I Rehabilitation Project; accepting the low bid of Dark Horse Construction in the amount of \$928,410.13; authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract; and authorizing the use of ARPA/ADEM Funding

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to adopt Resolution #6784.
Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Warwick introduced Isaac Albarran as the City's new Human Resource Director and welcomed him to the City.

Mayor Hall welcomed Mr. Albarran to the City of Talladega. He recognized the beginning of the new school year and stated that he had the opportunity to welcome Talladega College freshmen to the community. He wished students in the Talladega City School System and throughout the community a successful school year. Mayor Hall also recognized Talladega College partnered with Prep U Collegiate for the return of football games and encouraged the community to support the team during its upcoming season.

Councilman Sims stated that Talladega College's first football game would be played at Mary Dumas Stadium and encouraged the community to attend and support the team. He also reported that he and City Manager Warwick had attended the Talladega City Schools convocation. Councilman Sims recognized the Ritz Theatre's recent drawdown fundraiser and thanked citizens for supporting the Ritz.

Councilman Keith addressed concerns regarding excessive noise following a recent incident in the community. He reminded citizens that the City has a noise ordinance regulating excessive noise and certain events and stated that complaints should be reported to the Police Department. He stated that he had discussed enforcement of the ordinance with the Police Chief and encouraged citizens to report violations when they occur.

Council President Dickerson announced that he intended to use a portion of future Council meetings to provide information to citizens concerning City ordinances. He stated that the next meeting would include information regarding Ordinance No. 1780 and requirements concerning debris and waste placed along City streets, including debris generated by commercial contractors. He discussed the importance of educating citizens regarding proper disposal as the City continues its efforts to address blight and improve the appearance of neighborhoods. Council President Dickerson also recognized the beginning of the school year for Talladega City Schools and surrounding school

systems, wished students and educators a successful year, and thanked citizens for attending the meeting.

City Attorney Michael O'Brien stated that the Alabama Open Meetings Act permits the Council to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Mr. O'Brien stated that he and attorney Clark Carpenter were present to discuss a pending case being defended by Mr. Carpenter on behalf of the City. He estimated that the executive session would last approximately one hour and stated that no action would be required following the executive session.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll Call. AYES: All.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:15pm and reconvened in Open Session at 7:05pm with no action taken following Executive Session.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall 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, August 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.


Joanna Medlen, City Clerk