

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 24, 2026 – 5:30pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 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, Councilman Charles Keith, City Manager Danny Warwick, and Mayor Ashton Hall.

Invocation by Reverend Scott King, Bemiston Baptist Church.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall to excuse the absence of Council Member Spratlin. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to approve the removal of Ordinance #1978 from consideration. AYES: All.

Council President Dickerson opened the public hearing concerning the weed abatement for one property identified in Resolution #6786. No citizens appeared to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

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

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| <b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures from 8/1/2026-8/14/2026</b> |            | <b>220,330.95</b> |
| General Fund                                                     | 160,416.14 |                   |
| Corrections Fund                                                 | 35,967.70  |                   |
| Municipal Airport                                                | 584.11     |                   |
| Capital Projects Trust Fund                                      | 23,363.00  |                   |

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Hall to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2026. AYES: All.

Justin Morris, Project Manager for Green River Society, Inc., provided an update concerning the organization's work in Talladega and requested a letter of support for its HUD grant application. Mr. Morris stated that Green River Society is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides mentorship, education, and essential resources. The organization is approaching the second year of a three-year, \$2 million HUD Older Adults Home Modification Program grant that assists eligible residents age 62 and older who demonstrate financial and physical need. Licensed occupational therapists assess each resident's needs, work orders are prepared, and state-certified general contractors complete the work at no cost to the resident. Improvements may include ramps, improved lighting, and bathroom safety features. The completed work carries a one-year warranty, and nearly all materials are purchased in Talladega through Marvin's and Ace Hardware.

Mr. Morris reported that 64 homes had been completed in Talladega County, including 27 homes within the City of Talladega, or approximately 42 percent of the total. The program's goal is to complete 174 homes in Talladega County. Approximately 250 applications were received, and the current application period is closed. The organization is applying for renewal funding and, if approved, will reopen the application process through an online platform and conduct outreach through The Daily Home, community events, churches, and senior citizen organizations. Mr. Morris stated that the average cost per home is approximately \$5,000, with projects generally ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Council members discussed the need to help elderly residents' complete applications and asked Mr. Morris to return if the renewal grant is awarded so the City can assist with outreach. No action was taken on the request for a letter of support.

Parks and Recreation Director Summer Ammons recognized the Talladega Parks and Recreation Archery Team for its performance at the 2026 Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Archery Tournament in Dothan. Program Coordinator and Coach Luke Thomas stated that the team competes in five divisions and recognized the players for their participation and accomplishments, including first- and second-place finishes in the 12-and-under girl's division. The Council congratulated the team and invited the team members to take a photograph.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall to approve Henrietta Lawler's application and reappoint her to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals for a term expiring August 24, 2029. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to approve the AIDB/ADRS White Cane Day Walk scheduled for October 15, 2026. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1978** establishing procedures for interments and grave openings and closings at Oak Hill Cemetery *Removed from consideration*

1. Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1978
2. Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1978 (*must be unanimous*)
3. Adoption of Ordinance #1978

#### **Weed Abatement – Public Hearing**

**Resolution #6786** approving the weed abatement for property located at 2187 Allison Mill Rd.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to adopt Resolution #6786. AYES: All.

#### **Weed Abatement**

**Resolution #6787** assessing the cost of weed abatement and placing a lien on property located at 433 East St. N. (1)

**Resolution #6788** assessing the cost of weed abatement and placing a lien on property located at 433 East St. N. (2)

**Resolution #6789** assessing the cost of weed abatement and placing a lien on property located at 514 East St. South

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt Resolution #6787 through Resolution #6789. AYES: All.

#### **Travel Requests**

**Resolution #6790** approving the travel request for Tyler Sharp to attend Evidence Technician Courses on September 15-September 17, 2026 in Birmingham, Alabama

**Resolution #6791** approving the travel request for Cassandra D. Barclay to attend The Next Generation of Domestic Violence training on September 25, 2026 in Anniston, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to adopt Resolution #6790 and Resolution #6791. AYES: All.

**Resolution #6792** approving the travel request for Isaac Albarran, Marissa Comeaux, and Holley Chatman to attend the 2026 Annual Benefit Administrators' Conference on September 30, 2026 in Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to adopt Resolution #6792. AYES: All.

**Resolution #6793** approving the travel request for Summer Ammons to attend the NAYS Frontline Staff training on August 20 to August 21, 2026 in Auburn, Alabama

**Resolution #6794** approving the travel request for Scott King to attend the AMCCMA Board Meeting on August 28, 2026 in Montgomery, Alabama

**Resolution #6795** approving the travel request for Ken Schuffert to attend Continuing Education Training for Water Operator Certification at Central Alabama Community College on August 27, 2026 in Alexander City, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to adopt Resolution #6793 through Resolution #6795. AYES: All.

**Resolution #6796** approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to that Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement dated December 29, 2025 between Ford Motor Credit Company LLC and the City of Talladega for the purchase of additional police vehicles and the granting of a security interest in said vehicles

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to adopt Resolution #6796. 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 8/1/2026 to 8/14/2026**

**\$123,068.48**

Water/Sewer Fund

123,068.48

**Resolution #6797** approving the extension of the contract with GFL Environmental for residential solid waste collection and disposal services

A representative of GFL Environmental addressed the Council and answered questions regarding the proposed contract extension.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to adopt Resolution #6797.  
AYES: All.

City Manager Warwick reported that the City plans to use social media to highlight City ordinances and educate residents regarding their requirements. He discussed the prohibition against depositing grass clippings in public roadways and noted the safety hazard to motorcyclists and the potential for clippings to clog storm drains. Community Appearance Director Derrick Pointer confirmed that City crews do not discharge grass clippings into the roadway. City Manager Warwick invited the Council to identify other ordinances for public education.

Mayor Hall congratulated the Talladega High School football team on their game Thursday and the Dega U Panthers for winning their game on Saturday.

Council Member Hall requested clarification of the City's appropriation process and expressed concern regarding organizations that had not drawn all funds appropriated in the prior fiscal year. Finance Director Shaneeka Phillips explained that organizations submit applications for Council consideration; awards are determined case by case based on the available budget and community benefit; and recipients must execute a contract and submit quarterly reports documenting expenditures. Larger awards are generally distributed quarterly, while smaller awards may be distributed in one payment. Ms. Phillips stated that the Council may amend future contracts to establish stronger distribution requirements. Council President Dickerson emphasized that appropriations are approved solely by the Council, consist of taxpayer funds, and must provide a benefit to Talladega residents.

Councilman Sims recognized the strong attendance at the recent Talladega High School football game and the economic impact of the Talladega College football game held the following day, including hotel stays and restaurant business generated by visitors. He encouraged continued community support.

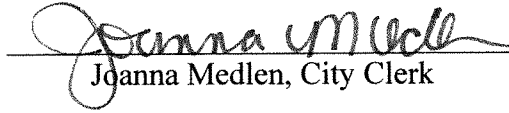
Council President Dickerson congratulated the Talladega High School football team and band and commended the partnership that allowed Talladega College and Prep U Collegiate to use Mary Dumas Stadium. He stated that supporting the schools and athletic events benefits community pride and the local economy. Council President Dickerson also raised concerns regarding delayed maintenance and improvements at Ward 1 parks, including playground safety surfacing, basketball goals and nets, swings, and lighting, despite funds having been set aside. He requested stronger accountability, regular employee evaluations, and timely implementation of matters approved by the Council. He asked the Council to reconsider resuming the search for a permanent City Manager.

Mayor Hall introduced Jaiden Bloodworth and Zoey Friddle of All the Same Alabama. Mr. Bloodworth stated that the organization travels throughout the state to donate water and other hydration supplies to first responders and public service employees. He presented hydration supplies for the Talladega Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments and thanked the City for the opportunity to visit Talladega. Mr. Bloodworth stated that he is 16 years old and attends Enterprise High School. The Council thanked the organization and joined its representatives for a photograph.

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 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.

  
Joanna Medlen, City Clerk