

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 12, 2026 – 5:30pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 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 R. Hall, Councilman Hugh Sims, Council Member Betty C. Spratlin, Councilman Charles Keith, and City Manager Danny Warwick.

Invocation by Pastor Sam Walker, Cragdale Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 130.

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

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Council Member Hall for the approval of the agenda. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures from 9/18/2026 to 10/2/2026	291,432.95
General Fund	251,681.01
Corrections Fund	778.00
Municipal Airport	443.94
Capital Projects Trust Fund	38,530.00

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to approve the minutes of the Called Budget Meeting of September 25, 2026 and the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2026. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin to approve the Special Event Request for Cassi Medical Training Health Fair and Resource Event on October 14, 2026 from 10am to 2pm. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Hall to approve the Parade Permit Request for the Talladega College Homecoming Parade on November 7, 2026 at 8am. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Hall to approve the Parade Permit Request for the Christmas Parade on December 7, 2026 at 6pm. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1980 establishing procedures for interments and grave openings and closings at Oak Hill Cemetery

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith for the Reading of the Heading Only of Ordinance #1980. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR INTERMENTS AND GRAVE OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS AT OAK HILL CEMETERY

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1980. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Councilman Keith for the Adoption of Ordinance #1980. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Travel Requests

Resolution #6874 approving the travel request for Sean Yumol and Vince Yumol to attend the Wastewater Certification Training on October 7, 14, 21, and 28, and November 4 and 18, 2026 in Birmingham, Alabama

Resolution #6875 approving the travel request for Joanna Medlen and Emily Light to attend the District IV City Clerk's Quarterly Meeting on October 14, 2026 in Piedmont, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Spratlin for the adoption of Resolution #6874 and #6875. AYES: All.

Resolution #6876 approving the travel request for Brian Hutton to attend the Martha Bass Invitational swim meet on October 23 to October 25, 2026 in Chattanooga, Tennessee

Resolution #6877 approving the travel request for Brian Hutton to attend the Dothan Invitational swim meet on November 6 to November 8, 2026 in Dothan, Alabama

Resolution #6878 approving the travel request for Brian Hutton to attend the OST High School Swim Meet on November 14, 2026 in Opelika, Alabama

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith for the adoption of Resolution #6876 to #6878. AYES: All.

Resolution #6879 approving the corrected FY 2027 Senior Nutrition Program contract renewal amendment with the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, reflecting administrative corrections and reducing the maximum total reimbursement from \$160,024.09, approved on September 28, 2026, to \$158,819.82

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Hall for the adoption of Resolution #6879. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Weed Abatement Liens

Resolution #6880 assessing the cost of weed abatement in the amount of \$750.00 and placing a lien on property located at 502 Parkway Ave. E.

Resolution #6881 assessing the cost of weed abatement in the amount of \$525.00 and placing a lien on property located at 301 Alexander St.

Resolution #6882 assessing the cost of weed abatement in the amount of \$3,750.00 and placing a lien on property located at 671 Brecon Access Rd.

Resolution #6883 assessing the cost of weed abatement in the amount of \$750.00 and placing a lien on property located at 308 Maine St.

Resolution #6884 assessing the cost of weed abatement in the amount of \$1,425.00 and placing a lien on property located at 331 Highland Ave.

Resolution #6885 assessing the cost of weed abatement in the amount of \$525.00 and placing a lien on property located at 416 Damon Ave. E.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Hall for the adoption of Resolution #6880 to #6885. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Appropriations

Resolution #6886 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with the Alabama Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$20,000.

Resolution #6887 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) in the amount of \$10,000.00

Resolution #6888 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of East Central Alabama in the amount of \$5,000.00

Resolution #6889 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Central Alabama Crimestoppers in the amount of \$5,000.00

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Spratlin to adopt Resolution #6886 to #6889. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #6890 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Diaper Row in the amount of \$5,000.00

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Spratlin to adopt Resolution #6890. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Dickerson, Council Member Hall, Council Member Spratlin, and Councilman Keith ABSTAIN: Councilman Sims

Resolution #6891 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with First Family Services in the amount of \$6,000.00

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt Resolution #6891.
Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #6892 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Hall of Heroes in the amount of \$25,000.00

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt Resolution #6892.
Roll Call. AYES: Council President Dickerson, Council Member Hall, Councilman Sims, and Council Member Spratlin ABSTAIN: Councilman Keith

Resolution #6893 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Heritage Hall Museum in the amount of \$61,650.00

Resolution #6894 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Palmer Place in the amount of \$20,000.00

Resolution #6895 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with the Presbyterian Home for Children in the amount of \$10,000.00

Resolution #6896 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Red Door Kitchen in the amount of \$20,000.00

Resolution #6897 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with the Ritz Theatre in the amount of \$55,135.00

Resolution #6898 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Samaritan House in the amount of \$10,000.00

Resolution #6899 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Talladega City Schools in the amount of \$115,000.00

Resolution #6900 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Talladega College in the amount of \$25,000.00

Motion by Councilman Sims with a second by Councilman Keith to adopt Resolution #6893 to #6900. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #6901 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Talladega County Drug Task Force in the amount of \$86,000.00

Resolution #6902 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Talladega County Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$40,000.00

Resolution #6903 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Talladega County NAACP in the amount of \$4,000.00

Resolution #6904 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Talladega Mainstreet in the amount of \$10,000.00

Resolution #6905 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with the Talladega Pilgrimage Council in the amount of \$5,000.00

Resolution #6906 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Talladega Seven in the amount of \$5,000.00

Resolution #6907 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Umbrella of Hope in the amount of \$3,500.00

Resolution #6908 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with United Way in the amount of \$40,000.00

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt Resolution #6901 to #6908. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #6909 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with Volunteer Connections of Central Alabama in the amount of \$1,500.00

Resolution #6910 approving a FY 2027 appropriation agreement with the Willie and Betty Farrior Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.00

Motion by Council Member Spratlin with a second by Councilman Sims to adopt Resolution #6909 and #6910. Roll Call. 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 9/18/2026 to 10/2/2026 23,359.85

Water/Sewer Fund

23,359.85

City Manager Warwick introduced Court Clerk Scott King to provide an update concerning amendments to the Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure. Mr. King reported that, effective October 1, 2026, courts were required to collect email addresses and cellular telephone numbers to improve delivery of court notices. He stated that individuals were responsible for keeping their contact information current and that providing the information was a condition of bond, subject to specified exceptions. He discussed an exception for individuals prohibited from using email or a cellular telephone as a condition of probation. City Manager Warwick stated that the notice had been received that day and had not yet been published.

City Manager Warwick reviewed parade float arrangements at a cost of \$700 per float. He stated that employees had requested a float and that a second float could be obtained for Council members. He advised that one float would be sufficient and that the amount requested that evening covered one float.

Motion by Councilman Keith with a second by Councilman Sims to purchase one float for the Christmas Parade in the amount of \$700.00. AYES: All.

City Manager Warwick announced that employees would be encouraged to wear pink each Friday during October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He noted that awareness pins had been provided with the Council reports and encouraged Council members to wear them. City Manager Warwick confirmed that the audit report was scheduled for presentation at the October 26, 2026, Council meeting. Council President Dickerson encouraged members to prepare questions and communicate their concerns to the City Manager before the presentation. Council Member Sims inquired about receiving the report in advance.

Council Member Hall reported receiving calls concerning enforcement during Mr. Kirk's absence and inquired about temporary assistance. City Manager Warwick stated that temporary enforcement assistance was planned through the Police Department and that training would be provided through the existing process.

Council Member Sims reported on the recent Diaper Row distribution, a track and field event at the Alabama School for the Deaf involving students from the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, and a luncheon at the ARC. He recognized the participating organizations and commended the student athletes.

Council President Dickerson thanked Pastor Walker and Troop 130 for their assistance with the meeting and recognized the Scoutmaster and assistant leaders for their service. Council President Dickerson also thanked those in attendance.

Council President Dickerson reported requesting that Mr. Miller of the Chamber of Commerce communicate with the City Manager at least weekly to strengthen coordination with the City and Council. City Manager Warwick stated that communication had already occurred throughout the week. Council Member President requested that a regular time be scheduled for the updates. Council President Dickerson thanked Council Member Sims, the City Manager, and others who participated in the ribbon cutting for the new oil change business and noted the importance of new business activity in the City. He also recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

City Attorney Michael O'Brien stated that the Alabama Open Meetings Act permit the Council to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Mr. O'Brien estimated that the executive session would last approximately fifteen minutes and stated that no action would be required following the executive session.

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

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:19pm and reconvened in Open Session at 6:43pm with no action taken following Executive Session.

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, October 12, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Talladega, Alabama City Hall Council Chambers.


Joanna Medlen, City Clerk