

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
December 10, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Mayor Cooper presented to the Park and Recreation Football team a proclamation for winning the Talladega County Youth League.

Cindy Pennington and Katie Wesson came before the Council concerning a Relay for Life event. Ms. Pennington requested the use of the Square for this event for May 13, 2016 from 2pm until midnight.

Jimmy Williams came before the Council to introduce Tom Whittenberg. Mr. Whittenberg had just purchased several buildings on the Square with the intent of renovating for prospective businesses. The Council welcomed him wholeheartedly and extended a helping hand.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Councilman David Street, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Councilman Horace Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/16/2015 to 12/4/2015 FY 2014-15	\$25,494.92
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General Operating Account	6,403.95
\$.07 Gas Tax Fund	19,090.97

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/14/2015 to 12/4/2015 FY 2015-16	\$736,311.54
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General Operating Account	533,113.60
Municipal Court	15,160.03
Corrections	42,264.87
CDBG Fund	26,523.65
RBEG Fund	66,460.50
\$.07 Gas Tax Fund	52,788.89

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the organizational meeting and regular meeting of November 16, 2015. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson deferred to Joe Power, Historic Preservation Commission chairman, to present the annual HPC report. Mr. Power stated in summary, that the HPC has approved 17 Certificates of Appropriateness applications and made one notification of failure to repair.

Motion by Council Street with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve Gail Joiner's application to the Talladega Public Library Board. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to approve the applications of Wilby Wallace, Jr., Elizabeth Grissett and Clark Patterson to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Bryant concerning the amendments to the job descriptions for the Purchasing & Safety Director, City Planner, Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector. The positions are currently under the supervision of the City Manager and with these recommended changes it is hoped that these implementations will improve City functions. Councilman Simpson wished to have the record show that he had discussed this topic with City Manager Bryant.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of amendments to the job description for Purchasing & Safety Director, City Planner, Code Enforcement Officer, and Building Inspector. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of the job description for Human Resource Director. AYES: All.

Resolution #3735 approving nuisance abatement for junk car on Scott St. (Parcel ID 1306234008002001)

Resolution #3736 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on Maryland Ave. (Parcel ID 1308272007007000)

Resolution #3737 approval of a Talladega Municipal Airport Board lease with Wise Environmental Solutions Inc. for \$500 per month.

Resolution #3738 approval of Virginia Transportation Corp. Tax Abatement

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve Resolution #3735 to Resolution #3738. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3739 approving the contract with Armbrester Electric for installation of lighting at the new Recycle Center on South Street for a total cost of \$24,302.97.

Resolution #3740 approving the contract with A&G Fencing for installation of fencing and gates at the new Recycle Center on South Street for a total cost of \$8000.

Resolutions #3739 and #3740 were removed from the Agenda.

Resolution #3741 approving contracts with Bill Stanford Automotive, Waites Tire & Service Center and Express Oil Change for vehicle maintenance per bid specifications for FY 2015-2016.

Resolution #3742 approving a contract with East Alabama Officials to provide officiating services for all basketball games at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.

Resolution #3743 approving a contract with Fleet Analytics for automatic vehicle locator services at a cost of \$15.00 per unit per month.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve Resolution #3741 to Resolution #3743. Roll Call. AYES: All.

There was some discussion concerning Resolution #3741. Councilman Simpson conveyed his dismay of the stringent criteria that the City puts on small businesses wishing to conduct business with the City. He stated that the City needed to help the local businesses. Council President Patterson deferred to City Attorney O'Brien concerning this matter. Attorney O'Brien stated that the extra insurance is required per the purchasing policy that was approved by the Council. It was also mentioned that the City had to comply with the bid laws. Council President Patterson requested that a meeting be set up with Councilman Simpson, City Attorney O'Brien, and Purchasing Director Hanner to discuss this matter.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street to approve the invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 11/18/15 to 12/3/15 **\$374,888.46**

Operations & Maintenance	116,828.54
Revenue	237,488.92
Construction & Improvement	20,571.00

City Manager Bryant commented that Zaxby's is scheduled to open Monday, December 14, 2015. He also mentioned that the City Hall employees were sponsoring 10 children for the Christmas season. The library also was having a Christmas concert featuring Mark Seymour that night and the Spring Street Recreation Center would be hosting a dinner with Santa Claus Friday night. The event will be \$8 and Queen Elsa from Arendelle will also be present. There will also be a 5k run at Shocco Springs Saturday; the event will cost \$22. The Parks and Recreation department will also be holding a blood drive, December 29th from 10am-3pm for the American Red Cross.

Council President Patterson thanked the Council for contributing to the Christmas parade float.

Mayor Cooper stated that he enjoyed the parade and was proud to be the Mayor of Talladega.

Councilman Cooper also echoed Mayor Cooper's sentiments regarding the Christmas parade and wished to thank all who showed up to the Council meeting.

Councilman Simpson also mentioned that he enjoyed the parade and thanked the Council for contributing their time and money to the float.

Councilman Street also stated that he enjoyed the parade and commented that there are many good things happening in Talladega; one of which is the million dollar project RV camp site being added to Top Trails.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to excuse the absence of Councilman Elston. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Recorded by: Joanna Medlen

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, 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 Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.