

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL  
February 8, 2016- 5:00 pm**

Roderick Stockdale concerning disabled Veterans license. *Not present.*

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
February 8, 2016-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016 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 Jarvis Elston, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Sr., Councilman David Street, Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr., and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Dr. C.O. Grinstead of Trinity Christian Academy.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 1/18/2016 to 2/5/2016** **\$1,939,048.96**

General Operating Account	1,607,397.74
Senior Nutrition	123,047.85
Municipal Court	7,600.09
Corrections	34,299.91
RBEG Fund	31,550.00
Brownfield Fund	92,000.00
Cemetery Fund	7,223.87
\$.07 Gas Tax Fund	1,500.00
Capital Improvement Fund	34,429.50

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2016. AYES: All.

City Manager Bryant deferred to Director Fuller concerning updates on the Water and Sewer Capital projects. Director Fuller presented a presentation highlighting some recent accomplishments and improvements to the water and sewer systems made from the C.I.P.

Council President Patterson deferred to Councilman Street concerning updates on TOP Trails and HPC. Councilman Street stated that during the monthly meeting for TOP Trails it was mentioned that gate attendance has increased, an off-road broadcasting program has also shown potential interest in filing onsite later in the year, and a particular company that does commercials for ATVS has also contacted the board showing interest in videoing and renting the site. Also in the works is the finalization of plans for the RV Park, with the low bid coming in a little higher than budgeted in which the Board is trying to work out. Concerning the Historic Preservation Commission, there are some focus groups being looked at, involving more members of the general public that don't want to commit time to be on the Board, but wish to help out.

City Manager Bryant deferred to Public Works Director Phillips for the street light request for 608 Pearl St. Director Phillips has looked into that particular area and it currently has 1 streetlight at Dixie and Pearl. There is not a lot of light at the sharp bend or the park next door; putting another streetlight at the intersection in the curb may brighten the area. Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve placing street light on Pearl St. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of a 050 Retail (Off Premise only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premise Only) alcohol license for Bennys Mini Mart at 501 West Street North. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Bryant concerning the Parks and Recreation Department Fees. A fee schedule, which has never been formally adopted, has been provided to the Council and City Manager Bryant has met with Parks and Recreation Director Ammons and City Attorney O'Brien to discuss the establishment of a fee schedule and use policy that could be brought forth to the Council. City Attorney O'Brien suggested that the time allotted not be unlimited as to accommodate the City's needs to use the facility for their own programs and leagues and to allow for adults to use the facilities as well. It was determined that the best course of action would be a monthly calendar that would indicate when the court would be available to youths for free play. The goal is to standardize this over several hours after school with time also available on the weekends. This would be based on a first come first serve basis with a time limit in order to provide a safe atmosphere. After the free play period, youths can still use the facilities but must share in the usage with other patrons and pay the fee during this non-free play period. There was another issue brought by Stanley Scales for the AAU basketball teams; who has requested use of the Recreation center for practice. It was stated that he would be accommodated as long as there is no conflicts. City Manager Bryant stated that Mr. Scales would need to enter into a user agreement contract similar to that of Talladega College. Mr. Scales will also have to present insurance and pay a minimal fee based on the cost to operate the facility during that period. Director Ammons' research concluded that the cost would be \$2.50 per hour to power the facility, however that did not include the cost for bathroom facilities and any clean up that would be needed. Council President Patterson requested that City Manager Bryant contact Mr. Scales concerning this matter. Council President Patterson also requested that a public hearing be held in the future during the Pre-Council portion of the meeting concerning the Parks and Recreation fees.

**Resolution #3786** approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on 803 Pulliam St. (Parcel ID 1308281007014000)

**Resolution #3787** approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on 574 Davis St. (Parcel ID 1306231003002000)

**Resolution #3788** approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on Naff Ave. (Parcel ID 1306141000006000)

**Resolution #3789** approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on 669 Davis St. (Parcel ID 1306231002056000)

**Resolution #3790** approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on 500 Sloan Ave. W. (Parcel ID 1305223004001000)

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #3786 to #3790. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Cooper, Councilman Street ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

**Resolution #3791** approving a contract with Emergency Equipment Professionals for 20 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) per bid specifications for the Fire Department at a cost of \$128,860.

**Resolution #3792** approving the renewal of a contract with Miller Barbeque for operating a concession stand at the Ben E. Brunner Sports Complex.

**Resolution #3794** approving a contract with GovtPortal of Atlanta, Georgia for credit/debit card system.

Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #3791, #3792 and #3794. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3793** approving a change order George Hicks Construction Inc. for The Square Cup Project to address inadequacies with the Fire Protection System at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

Councilman Simpson commented in regards to Resolution #3793 stating that he was disappointed at where this project is at. Councilman Cooper questioned how much this project has cost the City. City Manager Bryant replied that the cost was \$380,000 with \$95,000 contributed by the USDA. Councilman Simpson commented that the architect estimated that the cost be would a maximum of \$240,000. City Manager Bryant stated that the architects have made several mistakes; anyone bidding must bring the structure up to building and safety codes and this architect did not do so, thus needing the change order. Because the City felt a responsibility to finish the building it was necessary to enter into this agreement. It was also mentioned that the City will look into getting restitutions from the architect.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Cooper for the approval of Resolution #3793. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Cooper, and Councilman Street NAYS: Councilman Elston

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 1/21/16 to 2/4/16</b>	<b>\$ 1,273,042.25</b>
Operations & Maintenance	293,041.45
Revenue	498,773.23
Construction & Improvement	481,227.57

**Resolution #3795** approving a contract with Alpine Properties for lawn care service for the 29 Water Department facilities at a cost of \$1,549.00 per treatment.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve Resolution #3795. Roll Call. AYES: All.

In other business, City Manager Bryant wished to speak briefly on two matters, first being the Mardi Gras parade and gala. He was able to attend both events and was pleased with the community participation.

Mayor Cooper wished to congratulate supervisors for the City and is proud of City employees.

Councilman Cooper addressed the issue of the deplorable condition of the rest room area at Pines Park and wished to see a schedule and who is responsible for the maintenance. City Manager Bryant requested Director Ammons to gather the information. Councilman Cooper also requested that the ordinance allowing tractor trailers to park in the City limits be re-visited. He also requested that the City look into further clean-up for the Bemiston railroad track which had a trail derailment.

Council President Patterson gave way to City Attorney O'Brien who asked for the Council to convene an Executive Session on a non-action item. Motion by Councilman Cooper with a second from Councilman Street to convene to the Executive Session. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:06 p.m. No action was taken.

Citizen Chad Turner came before the Council to request repair and restoration to several of the City's parks. Mr. Turner stated that care to some of the parks are not equal and that all parks need to be kept and maintained at the same standards and urges the Council to take action. Council President Patterson stated that the parks were given equal attention. However Councilman Elston stated that he echoes Mr. Turner's concerns regarding Edythe J. Sims Park. He commented that his constituents were still unhappy and feels that some parks are not getting the same attention. City Manager Bryant stated these projects were approved in the last C.I.P program. Parks such as Edythe J. Sims need to be included in the new C.I.P. before work can begin. Mr. Turner also stated that bathrooms were needed and walk ways were deteriorating. He mentioned that there were noticeable differences from Veterans Park to the other City parks. Councilman Elston extended an open invitation to any Councilman to visit Ward 2 and see the differences for themselves.

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 Monday, February 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.