

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
March 16, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing concerning Economic Redevelopment Assistance for LA Cluckers (Zaxby's). LA Cluckers has proposed to build a Zaxby's franchise on the property located at 722 East Battle St. The development cost of the 33,000 square foot facility exceeds \$1.3 million. Once the facility is completed it is expected to employ 30 people. Steven Stembridge, a representative from LA Cluckers came before the Council to request a sales tax reimbursement in the amount of \$125,000.00 from the City as an incentive for development. This incentive would begin only after the restaurant opens for business and begins to generate revenue, after which ½ of the City's portion of sales tax revenue would be rebated.

Troy Haynes and Carol Ann Wells came before the Council with an update on The Square Cup, a new business partially funded through USDA RBEG. A great deal of demolition work has been done inside 117 and 119 North Court Square next to the Ritz Theatre to prepare the space for renovation. Ms. Wells gave a synopsis of the products the coffee house will offer and was open to any suggestions on what customer may want. Resolution #3467 sets forth a lease agreement for The Square Cup.

Larry Ward came before the Council concerning the City and Water Department Bonds. Refinancing the City's 2008 bonds will save \$145,000. The Water Department bond is brand new money and will be to improve the water and sewer system.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Elston, Councilman Horace Patterson, Mayor Larry Barton, and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Leann Scarbrough of First Presbyterian Church.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 3/1/2015 to 3/13/2015 **\$1,201,480.09**

General Operating Account	674,028.20
Senior Nutrition	17,009.98
Corrections	71,780.70
CDGB Fund	236,021.26
\$.04 & \$.05 Gas Tax Fund	67,000.00
Oil Trust Fund	127,390.95
Capital Improvement Fund	8,249.00

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2015. AYES: All.

For Council information, the Farmer's Market will begin Tuesday, June 9th and run until the end of the growing season. The Chamber of Commerce parking lot will host the event, which will last from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Also for Council information, E-Recycling Day is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot on West Battle Street.

Brought before the Council and Mayor is a reminder to fill out and submit a Statement of Economic Interests for the Alabama Ethics Commission to be filed by April 30, 2015.

City Manager Muenger brought before the Council an update on condemned buildings. Structures condemned on Wallace Street, Lancaster Street, Davis Street, and Cruikshank Street have all been successfully cleared by the owner. The property on Leahy Circle which was approved for repair is advancing well and appears to be on pace for finalization within the approved 60 day period. The

property at 909 Cruikshank Street has only made nominal progress to date and the 60 day period of work has expired. Per Ordinance No. 1749 this matter must come back before Council for reconsideration. The Building Inspector will issue a stop work order on the property, re-inspect, and report his findings to the Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Waites Construction has completed three of the six approved demolition sites although their progress has been slowed by inclement weather. The City issued an order for emergency repair to the former Love & Love Law Offices on North Street after the rear of the building collapsed, partially blocking the adjacent alley.

Mack Ferguson came before the Council concerning the Wehadkee Yarn Mill. Mr. Ferguson is part of a nonprofit group whose goal is to establish a Creek Indian Cultural Center on the property. The agreement expired in June 2013, but the group has made efforts past that point to secure funding. He mentioned that they have spoken with the Poarch Tribal Counsel, but due to an impending lawsuit against them, they are unable to dispense funds. City Manager Muenger noted that the EPA Cleanup grant is due in December 2015, but there are numerous items that must be accomplished in advance of that date and recommends that the Council consider the progress of the nonprofit group, but continue to pursue these EPA funds.

Ordinance No. 1794 designating the roadway named Burk Lane with a 15 MPH speed limit.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance No. 1794. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE ROADWAY NAMED BURK LANE AND TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE SPEED AT WHICH ANY PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON BURK LANE IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA AND TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow for adoption of Ordinance No. 1794. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #3455 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to 395 Brookview Drive.

Resolution #3456 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to 1903 Ashland Highway

Resolution #3457 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to 612 Coosa Street West

Resolution #3458 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to 1201 Ola Avenue

Resolution #3459 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to 101 Hilltop Street

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3455 to Resolution #3459. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3460 naming Teri St. James as the Interim City Manager.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3460. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3462 approving an agreement with Talladega Walk of Fame Inc. to transfer funds to the City of \$66,845.22 for the purpose of providing ongoing capital maintenance of the park.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3462. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3463 approving a contract with East Alabama Umpire Association for baseball games.

Resolution #3464 approving a contract with Coosa Valley Officials Association for softball games.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3463 and Resolution #3464. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Miller, Councilman Ballow and Councilman Elston. ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson.

Resolution #3465 approving an agreement with J&I Fantazia Circus, LLC for the use of the Spring Street Recreation Center on March 24, 2015 for a flat rental rate of \$400.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3465. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Miller requested Parks and Recreation Director Ammons notify J&I Fantazia Circus and tell them to get approval for renting the gym at least two months in advance and to refrain from advertising the event before it is approved by Council.

Resolution #3466 approving an agreement allowing the Red Cross to use the B.N. Mabra Center and Spring Street Recreation Center as emergency shelters during a disaster.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3466. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3467 approving a lease with The Square Cup for 119 North Court Square.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3467. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3468 to approve a Redevelopment Reimbursement Agreement with LA Cluckers Inc. in the form of a rebate of one-half of the municipal sales tax generated from retail sales not to exceed \$125,000.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3468. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3469 approving a purchasing agreement with Ben Atkinson Motors of Tallassee, Alabama for four 2015 Dodge Chargers, three 2015 Dodge Darts and one 2015 Dodge Ram R1500 for the Police Department for a total cost of \$193,821.

Resolution #3470 approving the surplus of five Police Department vehicles.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3469 and Resolution #3470. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3471 approving refinancing the 2008 City Bonds.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3471. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3472 approving the use of fund balance reserves for purchase of fire truck, Otts Building project, East Street Parking Lot project, Brignoli Street culvert, and OPEB funding.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3472. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve the invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 3/5/15 to 3/12/15	\$ 614,446.01
Operations & Maintenance	104,145.23
Revenue	284,310.80
North Talladega Water	6,000.00
Construction & Improvement	219,989.98

Resolution #3473 approving the design contract with Insite Engineering for the Priority I Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation not to exceed \$119,000.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3473. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3474 approving the Water Department Bond.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3474. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger commented that he will have a comprehensive report of projects submitted to Council by the end of the week.

Mayor Barton commended the Council on all their accomplishments. Councilman Miller wanted to convey his best wishes to City Manager Muenger on his future endeavors as he becomes City Manager for Pell City.

Council recessed to reconvene on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

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, March 16, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.