

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
April 6, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Mayor Barton presented a “Bubbles of Love” proclamation for Parental Alienation Prevention Week.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 6, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 6, 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 Interim City Manager Theresa St. James.

Invocation by Josh Dorough of Munford Baptist Church.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 3/16/2015 to 4/3/2015 **\$1,322,898.94**

General Operating Account	970,148.22
Senior Nutrition	123,595.99
Corrections	18,400.78
CDGB Fund	7,389.50
Oil Trust Fund	37,144.85
Capital Improvement Fund	166,219.60

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2015 reconvened on March 19, 2015. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton swears in Clark Patterson to the Cheaha Mental Health Board.

Parks and Recreation Director Summer Ammons came before the Council addressing citizen concerns for the Sports Complex and gave an update on Department activities. Director Ammons gave a report on the water quality at the Sports Complex. The water lines were flushed on March 16, 2015 and will be flushed monthly and the turbidity and chlorine levels are in a range that is acceptable to ADEM. It was also mentioned that fliers for future programs and sports will be sent to all area schools and brochures have been placed in water bills to reach the entire community. In regards to the condition of the restrooms in the Sports Complex, there is a joint effort between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Community Appearance Department. The Parks and Recreation Department will periodically check restrooms for cleanliness and to make sure items are stocked throughout scheduled events. The water fountain at the Sports Complex has been replaced numerous times due to vandalism and destruction of the fountain has been a common occurrence. Due to the inability to keep the water fountain in working condition it has been removed and water can be purchased from the concession stand. In regards to the concessions for basketball, it was not offered due to there being a vending machine available for use.

Public Works Director Phillips updated the Council on several on-going projects. The Avenue H detention study and design is awaiting the legal descriptions of the required easements needed from Neel-Schaffer. Once in receipt, the City attorney will prepare all descriptions and easements will be procured prior to bidding of this project. Also mentioned was the Haynes Street detention, the survey has been completed and potential sites for the location of the detention pond is underway. The plans and specifications of the Isbell Circle Bridge replacement have been submitted to ALDOT and the City is waiting for ALDOT to schedule the PS&E review and for FHW to advise if further consultation will be needed. Director Phillips also brought before the Council an update on the Coosa and West Bridge replacement. Neel Schaffer and City officials have met with ALDOT on sight for the PS&E review. Some items will need to be addressed and approved by ALDOT and once legal descriptions are received from the engineer, easements will need to be acquired. In respect to the 2014 paving project, McCartney Construction continues to work on First Street. They are still within their amended working days and

should be able to complete First Street within 7 to 10 days weather permitting. Brought before the Council is an update on the Brignoli Street culvert. The field survey and no rise analysis were completed by Neel Schaffer and their recommendations for type and size of structure is anticipated for next week. The Frazier Farm drainage project is approaching its end of the contract time and is approximately 95% complete with patching of the asphalt and general clean up left. Councilman Patterson suggested that there be a community hearing for Frazier Farm before the project closes out.

Council President Simpson deferred to City Planner Buyer regarding an update on condemnations and a request for 909 Cruikshank. The nuisance properties condemned and ordered demolished during a previous public hearing have been completed with two properties remaining on the current contract awaiting abatement.

Jerry Oates, Jr. came before the Council concerning his property at 909 Cruikshank. The property owner states that his efforts to complete the repairs, to bring the structure in to a condition suitable for habitation, have been stymied by the recent wet weather. Mr. Oates requested the Council grant him another 60 day building permit to continue his repairs.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve another 60 day building permit. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Councilman Patterson, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Miller ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

David Andrews of Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS) came before the Council regarding a renewal of a Special Use Permit for Verizon's modification of the existing cell tower at 360 Woodland Heights Trail. The previous application was submitted September 2014 and a Resolution was issued in October, however a building permit was never issued and it expired in January.

Citizen Angie Stevenson came before the Council concerning issues with the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Stevenson voiced her concerns of the cleanliness of the public restrooms at the Complex and the ability to access water without having to pay for it.

Resolution #3475 approving an agreement with Community Action Agency for use of the City's ACTS (Transportation) Program.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3475. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #3476 approving the City's participation in the Alabama Department of Education Summer Feeding Service Program.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3476. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #3477 approving a Special Use Permit renewal for Verizon's modification of the existing cell tower at 360 Woodland Heights Trail.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3477. Roll Call. AYES: All

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

Water Department Expenditures for 3/19/15 to 4/2/15	\$ 620,553.44
Operations & Maintenance	212,515.06
Revenue	381,443.13
North Talladega Water	26,595.25

A written update from Chuck Chitwood of CDG on the North Talladega Water project was presented to the Council. To date four sites have been drilled to locate a water source to take the place of the Tipton Well. Site 1, the Mitchell Site, a large volume of water was found but the quality was poor due to a large amount of mud seams that could not be cleared up. The well was developed with pressurized air for 40 hours to clean out the seams and remove loose material however the water remains very muddy. Site 2 was the Steed site on Providence Road. The site was drilled to 435 feet through rock and no water was found. Site 3 was the Steed Site on Jackson Trace. After 563 feet was drilled, water was found to be approximately 300 to 400 gallons per minute. The quality cleared up significantly after 12 hours of air developing, but it was hoped that a larger volume be found. So negotiation with Talladega Speedway to drill on their property off of Allen Road (Site 4) was obtained.

At this Site, 420 feet was drilled and an estimated 400 to 500 gallons per minute of good quality water was found. The development of this well will begin this week and a pump test will be done to get a true measure of the volume of water available. It is noted that the expenses for this project is still below budget.

Director Fuller brought before the Council an update on the backflow preventer installation and inspection. Letters were mailed to 33 of Talladega Water and Sewer customers notifying each customer of the required backflow prevention assembly inspection. To date, 12 customers have returned the required inspection form. A follow-up letter was mailed this week to the remaining customers allowing a thirty day extension on the required inspection. Letters were also mailed to the 88 customers required to install backflow prevention assemblies. So far 9 customers have provided proof of installation of the required backflow prevention assembly. A follow-up letter will be mailed to the remaining also allowing a 30 day extension.

Resolution #3478 approving the contract with REV Construction, Inc. of Tuscaloosa for the Shocco Pump Station Project at a cost of \$305,630.00.

Resolution #3479 approving a contract with Schmidt Environmental Construction Inc. of Auburn for replacement of the Micro Screens in the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost of \$1,149,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3478 and Resolution #3479. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #3480 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for the Mount Olive Water System at a cost not to exceed \$46,500.00.

Resolution #3481 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for the Shocco Pump Station at a cost not to exceed \$42,500.00.

Resolution #3482 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant Micro Screen Replacement at a cost not to exceed \$72,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3480 to Resolution #3482. Roll Call. AYES: All

A work session to review City Manager applications was set for Monday, April 13 at 5:15 p.m.

City Clerk Cheeks made a presentation to Council of a prototype of the City's new website. Some new features that were highlighted include an Action Center, which allows citizens to voice their issues and concerns directly to the appropriate City departments. This new website will be up and running before the next scheduled City Council meeting.

In the Mayor's comments, Mayor Barton reiterated the dates for April in Talladega is April 10-11 with a block party on the Square scheduled for that Saturday night.

Councilman Miller commented that the block party on the Square will be moved to the Spring Street Recreation Center if there is rain. Councilman Patterson asked Historic Preservation Commission member Nancy Lutchendorf if there could be anything done to the section of buildings on Battle St. that are in disrepair. Ms. Lutchendorf stated that an amendment to the Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance is in the works that will allow the Commission greater authority to address issues of this nature.

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, April 6, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.