

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL  
May 4, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing for five (5) properties proposed for condemnation. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment or complain.

Citizen Reginald Radney came before the Council to address the need to have the right of ways cut in Ward 1. Mr. Radney lamented that the entire Ward 1 was disregarded by the Community Appearance Department. There was some discussion that ensued from this accusation. Mr. Radney also requested that there be restroom facilities installed for Pinkston-Duncan Park. An investigation and written report was requested by Councilman Patterson from the City Manager.

Citizen Daryl Rice came before the Council regarding a vacant house at 817 Roosevelt Avenue. Mr. Rice states that the vacant house is overrun with animals. He has called the Animal Control Department and the Mayor to no avail. Councilman Ballow requested that Building Inspector Taylor inspect the house for any violations. Animal Control Director Phillips stated that the dogs are in crates and are well cared for. There was much discussion regarding the issue.

Mayor Barton presented a proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week to Ms. Nancy Lehe and a retirement proclamation to Barbara Wilson declaring April 30, 2015 as Barbara Wilson Day in the City of Talladega.

Tom Lutchendorf from the Talladega Heritage Commission came before the Council to announce the upcoming Art Camp being held at Heritage Hall from June 22-June 26 and July 13-July 17. The art camp has been offered for over 20 years and an average of 120 students attend. The art camp is open to children ages 6 through 13 and younger children if they've been to kindergarten or completed pre-school. Mr. Lutchendorf also announced Art Camp scholarships were available for children of City employees.

Mayor Barton presented to the Council the newly crowned Mr. and Miss Talladega College, Antonio Gooden and Ariel Nicole Wynn.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
May 4, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 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 Donnie Thompson of Dry Valley Baptist Church.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 4/18/2015 to 4/30/2015** **\$674,725.56**

General Operating Account	366,907.49
Corrections	11,118.87
CDBG Fund	14,554.00
Brownfield Fund	9,628.40
Capital Improvement Fund	14,345.01
2.5 Mil Tax Fund	258,171.79

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2015. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton swore in Merri Jane Miller to the Armstrong-Osborne Public Library Board.

Rick Carson and Scott Selmon came before the Council with a presentation on the Trane Energy Project. It was indicated in the report that the City has saved a considerable amount in the first year of the project.

Interim City Manager St. James presented to the Council the announcement from the Arbor Day Foundation who named Talladega as a 2014 Tree City USA for the 8<sup>th</sup> straight year. Talladega achieved this recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance proclamation.

Council President Simpson deferred to City Planner Buyher regarding an update on the USDA RBEG Grant for The Square Cup. The architectural plans have been reviewed and approved with the next step being the construction bidding phase. A notice for construction bids will appear in the Daily Home, Birmingham News, and Montgomery Advertiser for 3 weeks. A conference is scheduled for June 2 to answer any questions that the bidding construction companies may have. The official bid opening is scheduled for June 9.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the request to waive vendor business license fees for Red Nose Day on May 15, 2015 sponsored by Walgreens. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve the request to waive vendor business license fees for the Dega Doggie Days event scheduled for May 16, 2015. AYES: Council President Simpson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Patterson ABSTAIN: Councilman Miller

Presented to the Council are the dates for the City's Summer Food Service Program. The program is scheduled for June 3 to July 24, 2015. Free meals will be served to children 18 and under at 10 sites.

Jeff Bass from the Center for Municipal Solutions came before the Council concerning Resolution #3494, which is approving a second 90-day extension on the Special Use Permit for Verizon's telecommunication tower at 1 Court Square. Verizon requests the extension due to the County Commissioner making changes to the existing lease between the County and Verizon Wireless. The lease will not be finalized in time to complete the construction by May 17, 2015. By giving this additional 90-day extension Verizon would have to have construction completed by August 15, 2015. It is also noted that Verizon has not applied for or received a building permit for this construction as of yet.

**Resolution #3494** approving a second 90-day extension on the Special Use Permit for Verizon's telecommunication tower at 1 Court Square.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3494. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3495** increasing the employee pay schedule from 18 steps in each grade to 25 steps. *Tabled to the next Meeting.*

**Resolution #3496** approving a change order to the contract with Waites Construction for the Frazier Farm Drainage Project for a cost of \$6,899.00 for additional asphalt work and a 30 day extension to complete the work due to inclement weather.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3496. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3497** approving a contract with Stout Architecture for architectural services for the Veterans Park Restroom Project at a cost of \$10,750.00.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3497. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3498** approving a condemnation lien for demoed structure on Pine Street.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3498. 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.

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 4/22/15 to 4/30/15</b>	<b>\$ 282,487.28</b>
Operations & Maintenance	67,678.42
Revenue	128,705.16
North Talladega Water	50,684.20
Construction & Improvement	35,419.50

Interim City Manager St. James deferred to Director Fuller on updates on the Micro Screen Replacement Project at the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant and Shocco Pump Station Replacement Project. The Project at the Main Waste Water Treatment facility is under contract with Schmidt Environmental and the contractor will mobilize and begin demolition the week of May 26<sup>th</sup> on one of the two micro screens scheduled for replacement. The other screen will remain in operation until the new filter equipment is online. The new filters are delayed in shipment and are expected to arrive September 21. This delay will push the project completion date to late December 2015. The Shocco Pump Station Project is under contract with REV Construction. The contractor has not set a date to begin because the equipment manufacturer cannot confirm the estimated ship date for the pump station. This will be a 90 day project that should be completed by early September 2015.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the change of rate for the pool and gym at the Spring Street Recreation Center for the Months of June and July, 2015. AYES: All.

Fire Chief Warwick came before the Council with an update on the City's ISO rating. Chief Warwick stated that the rating had moved from a 5 to a 3. This should have some impact on homeowner's insurance for the citizens of Talladega.

Councilman Patterson requested more information concerning additional help for the Community Appearance Department in the summer months.

Councilman Elston made mention of a Community Engagement meeting that he will be hosting for residents of Ward 2 and other interested citizens. The event will be identifying the relevant issues and offering decisions on how to address them in the community. It is scheduled for May 19, 2015 at 6pm and will be held at the Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Councilman Miller requested to be excused for the Called Meeting of May 11, 2015 for the City Manager Interviews.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Patterson to adjourn.

#### **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, May 4, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.