

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
February 3, 2014 – 5:00 pm**

Evelyn McGehee, Chairperson for the Talladega Pilgrimage Committee, came before the Council to discuss the upcoming April in Talladega festivities which is being held April 11-12, 2014. Ms. McGehee noted that this festival has been a tradition for 33 years and promotes the hometown and our heritage.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2014 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014 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 Patterson, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Council President Patterson called the meeting to order and then passed the gavel to Council President Pro Tem Miller to begin his term as Council President.

Invocation by Jimmy Huggins of Apostolic Truth Tabernacle.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow to appoint Councilman Simpson as Council President Pro Tem. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 01/20/2014 to 01/31/2014	\$ 444,947.29
General Operating Account	351,042.23
Senior Nutrition	47,134.06
Municipal Court	5,333.30
Corrections	348.00
CDBG	448.00
TPD Fund	29,873.27
Oil Trust Fund	5,270.00
Capital Improvement Fund	5,498.43

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2014. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Elston to appoint Haywood and Upchurch to the TOP Trails Board. AYES: All.

Council President Miller deferred to City Manager Muenger concerning the \$2000 contribution to the School Board for the Superintendent search fund. The letter was delivered today and thus far there has been no response. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston to send a letter thanking the First National Bank and the Citizens Baptist Medical Center for their assistance in this search. AYES: All.

Purchasing Director Hanner gave an update on the Veterans Park Project. Although the project continues to be slowed by current weather conditions, the following progress has been made: the pedestrian bridges are complete and is awaiting suitable weather to pour the supporting abutments, the Spring Street culverts are also built and awaiting delivery pending the weather, the Water Department has completed valve testing in preparation for the culvert replacement, video inspection of the sewer is also being conducted prior to construction taking place, the George Holdridge culvert is 80% complete with only one headwall left to be installed, the majority of conduit has been installed and poles are scheduled to be shipped to the site this week, the surveyor is currently on site staking out the walking

path, the grading work should commence within the week. An application for a grant opportunity that may allow the lighting at the park to be retrofitted with LED units has been applied and additional information will be forthcoming as it is available.

Resolution #3086 honoring Harold Franklin, Civil Rights Activist, 50th Anniversary of his enrollment at Auburn University.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3086. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton with Councilman Patterson and Elston presents to Harold Franklin with a framed copy of Resolution #3086 honoring his 50th Anniversary of his enrollment at Auburn University.

Resolution #3087 approving an agreement with Vohn Liche Kennels of Denver, Indiana for the purchase of a narcotic detecting canine and training of a K-9 officer for a total cost of \$17,350.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3087. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3088 approving agreements with the Fowler Group for payroll services for the Water Department at a rate of \$450/month and for the City at a rate of \$750/month.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3088. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3089 supporting legislation HB145 and HB146 that provides additional regulations and restrictions on payday loan and other deferred presentment service businesses.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve Resolution #3089. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3090 approving the transfer of the Oak Hill Cemetery Perpetual Trust from Regions Bank to Raymond James.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3090. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3091 approval to waive business license fees for vendors operating as part of the *April in Talladega* festivities from April 10-13, 2014.

Resolution #3092 approving a \$5,000 donation to the Talladega Pilgrimage Council for expenses associated with *April in Talladega* festivities.

Resolution #3093 waiving the City's open container ordinance and closing the streets around the Courthouse Square during the "April on the Square" festival on April 12, 2014.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolutions #3091 to #3093. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3094 approving agreement with Municipal Workers Compensation Fund Inc. for workers compensation insurance for City employees at a cost of \$121,394.00.

Resolution #3095 approving agreement with Municipal Workers Compensation Fund Inc. for workers compensation insurance for Water Department employees at a cost of \$35,375.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3094 and #3095. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1766 extending the moratorium on new payday loan businesses for another 180 days.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1766. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Patterson for reading of the heading only for Ordinance #1766. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE LICENSING OF TITLE PAWNS AND PAY DAY ADVANCE BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow for the adoption of Ordinance #1766. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 01/23/14 to 01/31/14	\$ 272,756.98
Operations & Maintenance	115,378.49
Revenue	157,378.49

City Manager Muenger brought to the Council an informational flyer that will be included in the February 28th and March 17th water billings. During recent freezing events it was evident that the City did not have accurate contact information for some customers, causing hardship in contacting the owners in case of water leaks and other emergencies. This form will be mailed to all water customers and the return information entered into a database for future needs.

In other business, the results from the City Manager's evaluation have been tabulated; resulting in a 93% rating with 140 points out of a possible 150.

Councilman Miller and Councilman Patterson congratulated City Manager Muenger on his evaluation and wished to recognize their support and admiration.

City Manager Muenger, in the closing remarks, commended the different City departments who helped out during the winter weather in conjunction with other agencies.

Mayor Barton mentioned that a local radio station with citizen callers wanted to thank the City for handling the winter storm with adequate response. Mayor Barton also mentioned a Senior Valentine's Day Dance to be held at the Spring Street Recreation Center.

City Attorney Michael O'Brien came before the Council and proposed going into Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston to go into Executive Session. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion by Councilman Patterson to adjourn the meeting.

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 3, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.