

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**PUBLIC HEARING and PRE-COUNCIL SESSION**  
February 7, 2011– 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing concerning the proposed \$0.01 Sales Tax Increase. There were four citizens present to speak on the topic. Two spoke in favor of the sales tax increase only because there seemed to be no other option and the City had cut its budget back as far as possible already. Two citizens spoke against the sales tax increase citing the burden on the unemployed and affect on retail business.

Mr. Stockdale came before the Council requesting a re-instatement of the peddlers license so that he could set up a stand on his property. Council President Patterson asked the City Manager to review the elimination of the peddlers' category from the City's business license ordinance.

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
February 7, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Auditorium, the regular place for such meetings. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Councilwoman Liz Grissett and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All.

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 1/22/2011 to 2/3/2011</b>	<b>\$ 591,433.45</b>
General Operating Fund	519,374.40
Senior Nutrition Fund	471.64
Corrections Fund	35,286.28
RBEG Grant	12.48
Brownfield Grant	7,453.75
Police Department Grant	8,158.50
Capital Improvement Fund	20,676.40

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of December 2 and December 13, 2010. AYES: All.

Mayor Brian York swore in Charles Montgomery, Jean McMillan and Nancy Rue to the Talladega Heritage Commission.

**Resolution #2213** approving the User Agreement between the City of Talladega and the Talladega Parent League Organization

**Resolution #2214** approving a one year agreement with the American Red Cross to allow the use of the Spring Street Recreation Center as an Emergency Shelter.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for approval of Resolutions #2213 and #2214. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance # 1687** increases the sales tax to five percent (5%) raising the total sales tax to ten percent (10%) within the City limits.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1687. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett; NAY: Councilman Miller

Action is halted. Ordinance will be brought back at the next council meeting.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilwoman Grissett to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 1/27/11 to 2/3/2011</b>	<b>\$ 248,614.01</b>
General Fund	248,614.01

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the request for hiring an Administrative Clerk for the Water Department. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilwoman Grissett

Councilwoman Grissett clarified her vote by indicating that it is the title of the position that she opposed and not the person selected or the fact that more clerical help was needed in the Water Department.

There was general discussion about how “painful” the decision is to raise the sales tax. Council President Patterson indicated that improvements to the City’s infrastructure, especially streets, was needed in order to get businesses to seriously consider Talladega as a viable place to locate. City Manager Muenger indicated that a process for selecting streets to be paved using part of the CIP was already started and would be brought before the council.

Cathy Fuller, Acting Water Department Director, stated that the first quarter inspection under the FOG ordinance was completed and that all food services are in compliance. Councilman Miller commented that those in compliance should not be charged an inspection fee but only those who were out of compliance should charged a fee.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to excuse Councilman Tucker’s absence from tonight’s meeting. AYES: All.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Davis.

**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 7, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk