

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
March 15, 2010**

Five property owners had been notified of condemnation procedures for structures on their property and this date was set for public hearing before the City Council. The following actions were taken:

- 200&202 - 26th Street – Deidra Butler was present and granted 45 day extension with contingency of bringing back a bill of sale and a plan for repairs.
- 410 West Street North – owner granted 45 day extension to complete removal of debris.
- 110 Edwards Avenue – owner granted 45 day extension
- 906 Ola Avenue and 412 Henderson Street – there were no owners present and it was approved to continue condemnation proceedings.

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The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010 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 Eddie Tucker, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Michael Stampfler.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 3/1/2010 to 3/12/2010	\$ 648,720.67
General Operating Fund	517,373.80
Senior Nutrition	573.10
Law Enforcement Account	14,317.05
Corrections Fund	43,738.87
Police Grant Funds	23,709.18
Capital Improvement	49,008.67

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2010 with one correction. AYES: All.

Mayor Brian York presented Top Gun Award for the Month of March 2010 to Kim Heath, Revenue Officer, Finance Department.

Council President Patterson requested an update on a water main break from Acting Water Department Director Cathy Fuller. Ms. Fuller stated that on Wednesday night lightning struck a tree and it went into the ground into a main water line causing extensive damage (three breaks) to the line. The Water Department Construction crew worked through the storm, in the driving rain to repair the damage. Council President Patterson requested that the City Manager send a letter to the employees and relay the Council's appreciation for their hard work.

Ms. Lynn Bonner, President of the Talladega Merchants Association, requested that the City continue to waive the vendor fee for participants in the Market Square, stating that it has proven to increase the number of the vendors for this event.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Tucker to waive the permit fees for vendors participating in the Market Square. AYES; All

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller to approve a 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine license for Walgreens located at 503 Battle Street East. AYES: All.

Councilman Tucker spoke about the Talladega College men and women basketball teams both winning the national championship this year and that a parade be set on March 27, during the Talladega 175th Celebration to honor the basketball teams. Councilman Tucker further asked that the City Council allow \$5,000 be given to the Chamber of Commerce designated for publicity costs to be given to Talladega College to help with the College’s fundraising for championship rings for teams.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Grissett to present \$5,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for publicity of the Talladega College teams. AYES: Councilman Grissett, Councilman Tucker, Council President Patterson, NAY: Councilman Davis and Abstain: Councilman Miller

Councilman Tucker stated that the Talladega College signs that were requested to be put up last year commemorating that championship have not been erected yet and now this year’s championship information needs to be added to the signs. It was requested that the teams attend and be honored at the Council meeting on April 8th.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to re-appoint Hank Fannin as Municipal Judge. AYES: All.

Parks & Recreation Director Parvin Neloms made a presentation to the City Council. Mr. Neloms stated that he believed that employee morale and pride was lost in the department when he arrived a little over a year ago. Mr. Neloms indicated that he and his staff are moving as fast as they can on revitalization projects, that the age group of 20 years of age and younger are their main focus for athletics. He stated that soccer is the most popular sport in Talladega. He indicated that he had been hampered by staffing shortages and that it was a serious problem to the programs. Council President Patterson requested that Mr. Neloms provide the Council with information on what staff was needed. Councilman Miller stated he was glad to see the programs being started and encouraged getting all the leagues under the Department programs, offering discounts to families who participated in more than sport with more than one child. Councilman Grissett asked if the swim team was being re-instated and Mr. Neloms stated that it was being revived in association with Talladega College volunteers and also working with the high school. Councilman Tucker stated that he wanted Mr. Neloms to return at the next council meeting to continue with his presentation of programs. Council President Patterson stated that there are families that cannot afford high fees for their children to participate in programs.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Grissett and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker

Water Department Expenditures for 3/3/10 to 3/11/2010	\$ 316,543.35
General Fund	311,338.38
Coleman Circle Project	5,205.00

There was some discussion about the City Manager’s evaluation. It was stated that last year’s instrument would be used and that because of all the budget work to be done during this time, that the evaluation would be delayed 60 days (until May).

The March 22nd Council Work Session would be changed to a regular council meeting, the March 29th Work Session would not be held unless absolutely needed, and that on April 12th the Public Hearing would be held for the proposed closing of the Bemiston and Brecon Recreation Centers.

There was a brief Discussion of department reorganization with an indication that it should be discussed further at the Budget Work Sessions after further consideration.

Councilman Grissett congratulated the Municipal Airport Board for obtaining a lease from Dale Jarrett Racing Adventures. Councilman Grissett requested that Ms. Pat Miller be recognized for her contributions to the Red Cross in an upcoming meeting. Thanked several departments for their hard work during the recent heavy rainstorms.

Councilman Davis thanked Council President Patterson for going on the walk in the woods with the Gloria Neilsen, the new ranger for the Talladega Ranger District. Councilman Davis commented on the fact that many cities around this country have the same problems with old infra-structure and that the City must look closely at our options and make a decision based on what is best for the citizens of this city. Councilman Davis further stated that the City has serious issues with stormwater drainage and that the City needs a comprehensive plan to deal with the problem.

Councilman Grissett asked that the plans for signage for the City be addressed and presented at the next council meeting.

Councilman Tucker moved for adjournment.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, Acting 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 15, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
City Clerk