

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
April 7, 2014- 5:00 pm**

Mayor Barton recognized the Zora Ellis JUNA teams of 7th and 8th graders for their achievement at the Junior United Nations Assembly of Alabama.

Talladega College Police Chief Gilliland came before the Council concerning the commencement ceremony and concert scheduled to be held at Talladega College. Councilman Patterson was in support of the concert as long as the music ceased no later than 9:30pm. College Police Chief Gilliland said he would try to work with the event acts to make sure the music would halt at 9:30pm.

Jason Daves of the Chamber of Commerce came before the Council to give an update on upcoming Chamber events. The Chamber is featuring a Business Spotlight and Chamber after Hours reception April 17, 2014 at 5:00pm to be held at Griffin's Jewelry.

Jimmy Williams came before the Council to express his concerns regarding the condition of sidewalks and truck traffic on South Street. Mr. Williams suggested that the Council walk the neighborhood to see just how bad the sidewalks are and to take notice of the heavy truck traffic coming through the streets. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding this matter.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2014 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 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 Miller, Councilman Rick Simpson, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Joe Ballow, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

A moment of silence in remembrance of James Armstrong a former Councilman and Willie Farrior.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Elston to approve the amended agenda.
AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 03/17/2014 to 04/04/2014	\$ 688,814.55
General Operating Account	473,395.44
Senior Nutrition	46,973.21
Cash Bond	986.00
Corrections	69,102.94
CDBG Fund	98.00
Brownfield Fund	7,599.31
Oil Trust Fund	1,486.37
Capital Improvement Fund	89,173.28

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Joint School Board Meeting of March 6, 2014, Regular Meeting of March 17, 2014, Municipal Judge Interviews of March 20, 2014, and Called Meeting of March 24, 2014. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council is a summary of the Public Hearing held on March 24, 2014 regarding the petition for closure of sections of Gertrude St. and College St. so as to secure the Talladega College campus from thru traffic. Councilman Patterson stated that expenses needed to be considered. Councilman Simpson mentioned that a plan as to how to close it will be needed. Campus Police Chief said that the College attorney would work with the Council on how the streets would be closed. There is no timeline for a mandatory response to this petition.

A request from Talladega College for events scheduled in May was brought before the Council. As stated in Pre-Council, Councilman Patterson indicated that he would support the concert as long as the music ceased at 9:30pm as to not bother the neighborhood surrounding Talladega College. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Simpson for the Talladega College event concert ceasing at 9:30pm. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Simpson, Council President Miller, and Councilman Ballow ABSTAIN: Elston

At the meeting of March 17th the Council was asked to reconsider Resolution 2669, which halted the use of the Mump Creek Reservoir for recreational purposes. A visit to both Mump Creek and the Talladega Creek area, both of which had previously been open to the public with purchase of a fishing license; revealed that the

road to the various areas of Talladega Creek lies predominantly on private hunting land and the condition of the road is poor and in need of extensive repair.

Brought before the Council was a Red Cross funding request by the Talladega-St. Clair Chapter for \$1,000.00. The Council has \$4660.00 in discretionary funds remaining for this fiscal year. Councilman Patterson asked whether the Council can legally fund this request. The request was tabled.

Auditors Jason Harpe and Courtney from CRI presented to the Council the City's 2013 Audit. The City's current Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program requirements. CRI has issued an unqualified opinion, the highest rating, on the financial statements and reports no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses on the governmental functions.

Matt Golab from InSite Engineering presented to the Council the Pre-Paving Utility Analysis and I&I Studies. The completed analysis included the cleaning, video inspection and smoke testing of more than 25,000 linear feet of sewer, which has revealed significant need for replacement of lines and manholes, as well as numerous spot repairs. The water lines in the area also require significant repair, although much of that work is concentrated on service laterals. For Council consideration is a contract with InSite Engineering for design services associated with the aforementioned repair needs. These are presented as a single design contract, although it will be bid as multiple different projects. The design contract includes service line replacements throughout the project areas, the replacement of the water line on Crestview Road, the replacement of the water line on North Street, and the replacement of areas of sewer that will require excavation. A large amount of sewer lines within these areas will also need to be lined at a later date to prevent inflow.

Ordinance #1770 designating three roadways in the Belleview Subdivision (Scenic Drive, Adams Ridge Lane, and Lookout Lane) as public roadways to be maintained by the City.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1770. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow for reading of the heading only for Ordinance #1770. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Elston, Councilman Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Ballow. ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THREE ROADWAYS IN THE BELLEVIEW SUBDIVISION (SCENIC DRIVE, ADAMS RIDGE LANE, AND LOOKOUT LANE) AS PUBLIC ROADWAYS TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE CITY OF TALLADEGA.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow for the adoption of Ordinance #1770. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Ballow ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston and Councilman Simpson

Resolution #3123 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for design and inspection for utility service line replacements and repairs throughout the 2014 paving project area at a cost not to exceed \$138,700.00

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #3123. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3124 approving the FY2014 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for A.D.A. Improvements to the Talladega Courthouse Square.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #3124. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #3125 approving the surplus of real and personal property which are no longer needed for public and municipal purposes.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3125. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3126 approving a sanitary sewer easement for 3D Development Partners LLC (Family Dollar store) at the intersection of Battle Street and Hill Street.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3126. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 3/20/14 to 4/4/14		\$ 442,003.76
Operations & Maintenance	123,430.61	
Revenue	315,073.15	
North Talladega Co Water	3,500.00	

City Manager Muenger presented an update on the work being done at Veteran's Park. Alagasco and AT&T have completed the utility line relocation which should allow for the demolition of the Spring Street culvert in the upcoming week. The pedestrian bridges were set in place on April 2nd. Nearly all the light poles are set and the auxiliary parking lot is substantially completed. The estimated completion day will coincide to the planned Memorial Day event.

Mayor Barton came before the Council to introduce a new business in the area. Cliff and Ryan Hall are owners of the Pop Top Soda Shop, a retro ice cream parlor, scheduled to open April 27th in the former Subway location on Battle St. The ribbon cutting will be held April 29, 2014.

Ray Miller, Chairman of the Airport Board, presented to the Council the news that MGA Research Corporation is now doing business at the Talladega Municipal Airport. This company will bring 25-30 high tech jobs to the area.

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, April 7, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.