

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
April 9, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.**

1. Mack Ferguson, Director of Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation updating the Council on the TOP Trails project (grants received, ZipLine and campgrounds).
2. Terry Jacks, Greyhound representative, made a presentation on the re-initiation of service to Talladega which includes Greyhound Connect picking up passengers at the McCaig Motel and taking them to the Birmingham Bus Station.

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., at the Talladega Public Library (to honor National Library Week). The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Rick Simpson and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation – Elder Stankey and Elder Fatiau of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 3/23/2012 to 4/04/2012	\$ 446,708.85
General Operating Fund	382,692.49
Corrections Fund	52,405.66
Capital Improvement	11,610.70

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Elston to approve the Minutes of the regular meetings of February 16 and February 27, 2012. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger informed the Council that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Assistance Application had been submitted.

Chief Alan Watson and Mary Surrett made a presentation to the Council on the Talladega Police Department accreditation (CALEA). The Talladega Police Department is only one of nine police departments out of the 450 in the State of Alabama to have this accreditation.

Ordinance #1728 extending the moratorium on non-conforming signs.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1728. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1728. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1718 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON VARIANCES FOR ANY NON-CONFORMING SIGN UNDER ORDINANCE #1320 “TALLADEGA, ALABAMA SIGN ORDINANCE” AND TO SET FORTH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval and adoption of Ordinance #1728. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1729 setting the speed limit on Crestwood Lane as 15 miles per hour.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1729. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1729. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE SPEED AT WHICH ANY PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON CRESTWOOD LANE IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA AND ITS POLICE JURISDICTION AND TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Miller for approval and adoption of Ordinance #1729. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1730 changing the traffic pattern to prohibit left turns off Shocco Springs Road onto Highway 77.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1730. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1730. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA ADOPTING TRAFFIC REGULATION PROHIBITING LEFT TURNS OFF SHOCCO SPRINGS ROAD ONTO HIGHWAY 77 AND PROVIDING FOR THE ERECTION OF A NO LEFT TURN SIGN AT THIS LOCATION

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval and adoption of Ordinance #1730. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mr. Nathaniel Marks, owner of 108 South Street, came before the Council to ask for an extension on the demolition of the property. Mr. Marks indicated that he needed more time to see if the structure could be renovated and saved. The property is located in the historic district and the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission had already given the City administration permission to demolish the structure as it was deemed structural unsound with the likelihood that renovation would not be economically feasible. Mr. Marks asked the Council for more time to make a decision on whether or not he would attempt to renovate. Council granted an extension by tabling Resolution #2472.

Resolution #2468 adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for the City's Community Development Block Grant programs.

Resolution #2469 authorizing the demolition of two unused and dilapidated buildings at McMillan Park (concession stand and scoring table) to clear the area for park improvements.

Resolution #2470 accepting a parcel of property adjoining Coffee Street and 5th Street from the Duke family to allow City access to drainage systems.

Resolution #2473 authorizing the demolition of the structure on Davis Street (Parcel ID 1306231003009000)

Resolution #2474 authorizing the purchase of four (4) Ford F150s (2 for Community Appearance Department with extended cab and 2 for the Parks & Recreation Department) from Chuck Stevens Automotive of Bay Minette, Alabama for a total cost of \$74,770.00.

Resolution #2475 authorizing the surplus of four vehicles.

Resolution #2476 approving a service agreement with the TOP Trails authority for mosquito spraying on their property known as the Brecon Springs area.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolutions #2468-#2470 and Resolutions #2473 through #2476. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2471 authorizing the demolition of the structure at corner of Avenue H & Knox Street (Parcel ID 1306233009025000)

Resolution #2472 authorizing the demolition of the structure at 108 South Street East (Parcel ID 1308274010002001)

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow that Resolutions #2471 and #2472 be tabled until the next Council meeting. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 3/24/12 to 4/4/2012	\$ 275,340.34
Revenue	92,679.17
Operations Fund	182,661.17

Councilman Miller had commented on the relatively low mileage of the surplused vehicles and on water rate increases when no immediate improvement in services is observed by the citizens. Water Department Director Chuck Thomerson addressed these remarks by stating that infrastructure improvements required large amounts of money and also required years to make upgrades, further stating that improvements would soon be noticeable.

Resolution #2477 authorizing the purchase of three vehicles for the Water Department (two Ford F350s and a Dodge Journey) from Ben Atkinson Motors of Tallassee, Alabama for a total cost of \$103,906.00.

Resolution #2478 authorizing the surplus of three Water Department vehicles.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Council President Patterson to approve the Resolutions #2477 and #2478. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, Councilman Miller and Councilman Simpson. Councilman Elston had left the meeting a few minutes earlier.

City Manager Muenger informed the Council of the emergency repairs done at the Ben E. Bruner Sports Complex to stabilize a light pole that had started to sink and list to one side.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the Public Works Department request to fill two operator positions. Ayes: All.

Mayor Larry Barton swore in Jesse Brown III to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board.

Motion for adjournment by Councilman Ballow.

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 9, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at Talladega Public Library in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk