

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 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, Councilman Eddie Tucker, Councilwoman Liz Grissett and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2011. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 3/21/2011 to 4/8/2011	\$ 812,265.49
General Operating Fund	619,035.31
Senior Nutrition Fund	845.78
Corrections Fund	47,720.94
RBEG Grant	60,002.34
Brownfield Grant	23,170.97
Cemetery Fund	22,987.00
Capital Improvement Fund	38,503.15

Mayor Brian York presented Jacob Twymon, Construction Maintenance Worker with the Water & Sewer Department, with the Top Gun Award for Employee of the Month.

Ms. Michelle Scott made a presentation to council on a proposed “transitional home” at 114 Sloan Avenue as part of a re-entry program for those recently or soon to be released from a correctional facility. Program is part of the Hope Unlimited non-profit organization out of New Jersey. Ms. Scott stated that those participating would be nonviolent offenders only. Council President Patterson and Councilman Tucker requested a public hearing at the next council meeting and that immediate neighbors of the proposed location be notified.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Tucker to authorize the City Manager to go into contract with Municipal Consulting & Corporate Services for a total of \$14,130. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Davis to authorize the City Manager to revise and update the City’s sign ordinance as requested by the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission and the Talladega Board of Adjustments and Appeals. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson initiated a discussion of job evaluation of Brian Muenger as City Manager. All Council Members stated that they felt Mr. Muenger was doing a good to excellent job. Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Tucker approving a Vote of Confidence for Brian Muenger as City Manager. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2228 approval of conveyance of the Brecon Springs Property by Talladega County to the Public Park Authority of the Cities of Lincoln and Talladega.

Resolution #2229 approval of an agreement with the Talladega County Board of Registrars setting forth the duties of all parties for the 2011 municipal election.

Resolution #2230 approval of the 2009-2014 Talladega County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Resolution #2231 approval of contract with Gallet & Associates for geotechnical engineering services relating to the chemical feed building at the Water Treatment Plant for a total cost of \$3,280.

Resolution #2232 approval of contract with InSite Engineering for design services for the chemical feed building at the Water Treatment Plant for a total cost of \$35,700.

Resolution #2233 approval of contract with AIDB for Summer Food Service Program meals.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolutions #2228, #2229, #2230, and #2233. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolutions #2231 and #2232. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 3/24/11 to 4/7/2011		\$ 605,044.91
General Fund	241,911.76	
Revenue Fund	103,375.00	
Coleman Circle Fund	32,011.15	
Bond Fund	237,747.00	

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to proceed with obtaining easements to expand the water infrastructure north of the bypass. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Miller further stated that he did not think the City should spend any money to obtain easements at this time until there was a possibility of development needing the addition to the water infrastructure but simply see if property owners would be willing to sign over easements at no cost.

The City's final audit was presented to the Council. Council President Patterson stated that the audit was excellent and it was due to the diligent work of Finance Director Teri St. James and her staff. The monthly department reports were also presented to Council.

Councilman Miller asked when the 17th Street Bridge bids would be completed. Terry Hanner, Purchasing Director, stated that the bids would be opened up tomorrow. Councilman Miller stated he wished to honor Officer John Stamps and to send his condolences to the Officer's family.

Councilman Tucker thanked the City Manager and the Parks & Recreation staff for the outstanding job done on the renovating of the Spring Street Recreation Center and the tennis courts at Jemison Park. Councilman Tucker requested that a "brochure or pamphlet" be put together showing all the capital improvements that had been done over the last few years and how the money was spent. Councilman Tucker further stated that raggedy houses need to be condemned, weeds cleared and litter pick up in his district. Council President Patterson stated that it was an indication that the Community Appearance needed to be fully staffed and that layed off employees need to be brought back.

Councilwoman Grissett praised the work of the Parks & Recreation Department and complimented Brian Hutton on handling a big workload to get the Spring Street Recreation Center in good shape. Councilwoman Grissett also praised the Talladega High School and Zora Ellis Middle School Color Guards for their competitive ranking in the Southeastern Conference.

Councilman Davis thanked the homeowners for their participation in the April in Talladega Pilgrimage during the previous weekend. He also announced that this week is Library Week and there were several patron appreciation events at the Library. Councilman Davis asked for an update on the water quality at Mt. Olive. Cathy Fuller, Interim Water & Sewer Director, stated that there were no further complaints recorded. Councilman Davis stated it would be a good idea to contact these people and see if they were satisfied with the quality of the water in the Mt. Olive area.

City Attorney Michael O'Brien stated that there were two issues to speak to the Council about concerning pending litigation and that the discussion qualified for the calling of an Executive Session. Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Miller to enter into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes. AYES: All.

Council returned from Executive Session and Council President Patterson stated that there would be no official action taken at this time.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller.

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 11, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk