

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
PUBLIC HEARING
April 25, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing for proposed “Transitional Home for Inmates” at 114 Sloan Avenue
Because the address was incorrect in the newspaper advertisement (411 Sloan Ave was published) a
second public hearing will be set for the next council meeting.

Ms. Sims from 202 Jemison Street was present and spoke in opposition to the Transitional Home
proposed for 114 Sloan Avenue.

Ms. Michelle Scott, owner of the property at 114 Sloan Avenue, was also present and answered
questions concerning the proposed Transitional Home.

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 25, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 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 Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis for approval of minutes of
the regular meetings of February 21 and March 7, 2011. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 4/9/2011 to 4/21/2011	\$ 393,643.73
General Operating Fund	327,822.67
Corrections Fund	8,417.61
RBEG Grant	803.45
Capital Improvement Fund	56,600.00

Mayor Brian York presented Cindy Pennington, North Talladega County Relay for Life
Chairperson, with a Proclamation for “Relay for Life Days” (April 25-May13) and to honor Ms.
Pennington’s extensive work with fundraising for the American Cancer Society.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve the 050-Retail
Beer (off premises only) and 070-Retail Table Wine (off premises only) alcohol license for CX, Sharada
LLC at 7 Ft. Lashley Avenue (convenience store and gas station). AYES: Councilman Davis, Council
President Patterson, Councilman Tucker; ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Grissett; NAY: Councilman
Miller.

Resolution #2234 ratifies the contract with Retail Specialists Inc. for a municipal analysis and
retail recruitment with a performance guarantee for a total cost of \$14,130.

Resolution #2235 approval of change order to contract with Metro D Construction for the
Kenwin-Waldrep Building for minor additions to the renovation of the building not to exceed
\$1,662.66.

Resolution #2236 approving a contract with Pyrotechnico for a July 4th fireworks display at a
total cost of \$8,495.

Resolution #2237 approving a contract with R.E. Grills Construction Company of Shannon,
Alabama for the replacement of the bridge on Stephen J. White Memorial Blvd. per bid
specifications for a total cost of \$248,205.50.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolutions
#2234-2237. Roll Call. AYES: All

Councilman Tucker requested that his pre-council comments concerning the golf course proposal be entered into the official Minutes. Councilman Tucker stated that even though the Talladega Municipal Golf Course does not have 18 holes it is still one of the most beautiful and best courses in the area and he would even put it past Alpine Bay and Timber Ridge Golf Course. Councilman Tucker asked “where does it stop” in giving away the City’s assets – are we going to have some other entity do our community appearance and public works? Councilman Tucker stated that it did not make good mathematical sense to lease out the golf course to a private firm because the golf course is making money.

Councilman Tucker continued his comments during the discussion of the approval of Resolution #2238, stating that he felt the decision was hasty and needed more study. Councilman Davis commented that the information given from the Financial Department should previous losses and a projected loss of \$130,000 for this year. City Manager Muenger indicated that the Council was informed of the possible leasing of the golf course months ago and that the losses the golf course incurred over the last few years was discussed during budget sessions. Manager Muenger quoted the finance report on the golf course: 2008-2009 loss of \$208,330.58 though this was year that a great deal of money was spent to improve the golf course; 2009-2010 showed a loss of \$129,118.08 and that the projected loss for 2010-2011 was \$136,462.00. Councilman Tucker insisted that the projections were old and that the golf course was under new personnel and stated that last month the golf course brought in \$3,500 for one week. Councilman Tucker also commented that he did not want to see the golf course get into the “wrong hands” and have them run it into the ground during the span of the contract and then return it to the city in worse shape. Councilman Miller stated that this firm had taken over the Golden Springs-Pine Hill course and greatly improved it. At this point representatives of E&E Golf Course Management, Jason Edwards and Corey Egger came forward and made a presentation to the Council about the community friendly atmosphere and the community based tournaments they intended to bring to the golf course. They further stated that they did not intend to increase the rates and most likely some of the rates would go down.

Resolution #2238 approving a lease agreement with E&E Golf Course Management for the Talladega Municipal Golf Course for a fee of \$200.00 per month for the property and \$1,656.00 per month for the existing golf cart lease.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to approved Resolution #2238. Rolle Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Council President Patterson, Councilman Miller. NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Ordinance #1690 imposing a moratorium on variances for non-conforming signs for seven months until the Talladega Sign Ordinance #1230 can be updated and revised.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1690. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1690. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE 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 Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for approval of Ordinance #1690. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1691 amending Ordinance #1683 to extend the Moratorium on the placement of Mobile/Manufactured Homes within areas currently zoned MHA for three months.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1691. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1691. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1683 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE PLACEMENT OF MOBILE/ MANUFACTURED HOMES IN AREAS CURRENTLY ZONED MHA (MOBILE HOME ZONING DISTRICTS) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF

TALLADEGA FOR THREE ADDITIONAL MONTHS OR UNTIL AN AMENDMENT IS APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR ORDINANCE #1120 "TALLADEGA, ALABAMA ZONING ORDINANCE" CONCERNING MHA ZONING DISTRICTS, WHICHEVER MAY COME FIRST.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for approval of Ordinance #1691. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Council President Patterson, Councilman Miller. NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Tucker explained his vote by stating that any delay was not needed because after three or four years we should know what to do on this issue and in the next three months it would be too close to the election and who was going to vote on this in July and August. City Manager Muenger indicated that the Planning Commission had already had a work session on the mobile home topic and that an educational/training session led by an expert on mobile home ordinances would be held as soon as possible.

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 4/13/11 to 4/20/2011	\$ 253,446.36
General Fund	241,779.31
Bond Fund	11,667.05

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve the Water Department's Meter Tampering/Theft Service Policy. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller approving the hiring of a Construction Maintenance employee and an Administrative Clerk for the Water Department. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Council approved moving May 2011 regular meetings to May 9th and May 23rd.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to raise the Animal Control Department's adoption fees to \$85.00 for dogs and \$75.00 for cats. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve the job description for a part-time Code Enforcement employee. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve the following hiring requests: Animal Control – Labor Maintenance, Community Appearance – two Labor Maintenance, Temporary (Seasonal) Part-time Code Enforcement Officer, Acting Public Works Director Karen Phillips as Public Works Director. AYES: All.

Councilman Miller commented on a letter sent to the Council from Principal Jennifer Griffin of Salter School concerning the 21 students who are part of the Archery Team that was asked to participate in a regional archery tournament. Councilman Miller encouraged everyone to help the team out financially through personal donations.

Councilman Tucker stated that there were several problems in his ward that he wanted straightened out. These included getting something being done about dilapidated houses and weed abatement. More personnel was needed in the field to take care of the mowing needs, park bathroom facilities were unclean, a schedule needed to be set up to clean them every day, ditches are holding water and are becoming mosquito pits, and the trash truck was not running on a regular basis. Councilman Tucker also stated that trees need to be trimmed and cut back from sidewalks and roads and that he was glad that more personnel was being hired to help out. In conclusion, Councilman Tucker stated that the Council needed to vote on the mobile home ordinance as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Grissett read a letter of appreciation from the Talladega High School tennis team for the improvements to the tennis facility at Jemison Park.

Councilman Davis commented on the Open House that was held at the renovated Kenwin Building on the historic Courthouse Square and encouraged everyone to visit the building. Councilman Davis also asked that efforts be made to continue to improve the water problem at Forest Hills.

Councilman Miller asked that everyone keep Public Works employee Danny Morris and his family in their prayers for the loss of their son.

Motion for adjournment 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 25, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk