

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING  
May 7, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.**

1. David McDaniel, Talladega High School Band Director, to introduce students who made 2012 Alabama All-State Band.
2. Mr. Ken Brewer – Miss Talladega County Pageant – request for advertisement purchase – Council decided to leave the decision up to the City Manager to handle.
3. Frank Miller - concerning Civil Service appointments approved by Governor

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
May 7, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 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 Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Rick Simpson and City Manager Brian Muenger.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 4/23/2012 to 5/4/2012</b>	<b>\$ 537,019.10</b>
General Operating Fund	478,585.36
Corrections Fund	40,162.33
\$.07 Gas Tax Fund	1,165.00
Oil Trust Fund	17,106.41

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2012. AYES: All.

City Clerk Cheeks announced that the City sponsored Summer Food Service Program would begin June 6 and go through July 20, 2012 offering breakfast and lunch at nine locations in the City and County. City Clerk Cheeks also announced that the Honda of Alabama had donated \$3,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Day Camp program.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the appointment of Charles Yates to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Discussion of Mr. Frank Miller's request for recommendations on the Governor-appointed members of the Civil Service Board resulted in a recommendation of Mr. Dwight Cheeks by the Council for the Governor-appointed position.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Miller to approve a request for a street light in the area of Cook and Warwick Streets. AYES: All.

Mr. David Andrews, representative for Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS), recommended the approval of a Special Use Permit for Verizon Wireless tower at 250 Copeland Lane (Resolution #2492).

**Ordinance #1731** approving the City's participation in the Emergency Preparedness Tax Free Weekend (July 7-8, 2012) and for the last full weekend in February starting in 2013 and continuing until repealed by the State Legislature or the City of Talladega's City Council.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1731. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1731. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX HOLIDAY ON CERTAIN ITEMS AS PART OF AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TAX FREE WEEKEND DURING THE FIRST FULL WEEKEND IN JULY 2012 AND THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS THEREAFTER UNTIL REPEALED.**

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to adopt Ordinance #1731. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #2484** approval for allocating 11% matching funds (\$45,000) for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for drainage improvements in the Frazier's Farm neighborhood.

**Resolution #2485** approving a contract with Metro D Construction for the Ritz Theatre HVAC project at a total cost of \$107,296.

**Resolution #2486** approving a PrePact Agreement with Trane for the Ritz Theatre HVAC project at a total cost of \$48,457.

**Resolution #2487** approving a contract with Pyrotecnico for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display for a total cost of \$9,350.

**Resolution #2488** approving an agreement with T.A.E. for a performance at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July City Celebration at Veterans' Park for a total cost of \$1,600.

**Resolution #2489** approving a Change Order for the Bemiston Recreation Center Re-roofing project with Standard Roofing of Pelham, Alabama to modify the final contract amount to \$115,544 (a reduction of \$3,666 from the original contract).

**Resolution #2490** approving a contract for purchase of three 2012 Ford F350 Crew Cab trucks from Ben Atkinson Motors of Tallassee, Alabama for a total cost of \$105,744.

**Resolution #2491** approving the surplus of three vehicles.

**Resolution #2492** approving a Special Use Permit to Verizon Wireless for modification to an existing telecommunication tower located at 250 Copeland Lane.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #2484 through #2492. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 4/25/12 to 5/3/2012</b>	<b>\$ 237,636.65</b>
Operations Fund	144,957.48
Revenue	92,679.17

City Council meetings for June 2012 were set for the 11<sup>th</sup> (Monday) and the 25<sup>th</sup> (Monday).

City Manager Muenger updated the Council on the request by Talladega College for the donation of the Duncan-Pinkston Park area and adjoining Westside buildings. These properties, owned by the City and the City Board of Education, did not qualify as property that could be surplus as they still had a public use. Also, even if the properties could be surplus they could not be donated to a private institution such as Talladega College. Therefore, a counter offer was made to Talladega College that these properties could be leased but that the ownership would remain with the City.

City Manager Muenger informed the Council of the steps being taken by the Finance Department to comply with the e-verification required as of April 1, 2012 by the Alabama Legislature. Manager Muenger also informed the Council of a conversation with an ALDOT engineer who stated that weather permitting the bypass may be paved in July. The traffic control at the intersection of the bypass and Highway 77N is a four-way stop with discussion of possibly being a two-way stop. There was some discussion of this possibility and concern over the safety of such a traffic control situation. It was agreed that a warrant study would need to be done as soon as possible and that letters of concern should be forwarded to all involved agencies.

Mayor Barton commented on the Carpenters for Christ work to be done at the First Baptist Church. The Mayor also mentioned the Commencement at Talladega College scheduled for the upcoming Sunday and a band concert of Talladega High School and Zora Ellis Middle School bands tomorrow night at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Miller commented that a citizen in Forest Hills was still running an outside hose in order to continue to have good water quality. Director Thomerson stated that some cloudiness is to be

expected for a while longer and that the Water Department was receiving more positive reports from customers in that area.

Councilman Elston commented on how American Heroes Racing Inc. honored the memory of Stephen J. White, a Talladegan killed in the Iraq War, with his portrait on the hood of a car in the ARCA race. The hood of the car was then presented to the White family.

Motion for adjournment.

#### **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, May 7, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk