

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
May 19, 2014- 5:00 pm**

Bobbye Trammell came before the Council to request \$1,000 for “on-going operations” of the Hall of Heroes, stating that over a thousand pictures are in cabinets due to lack of space at the public library.

Miss Talladega County, Elizabeth Wesson, came before the Council to request an advertisement in the Miss Talladega County Pageant program book in the amount of \$500.00. Proceeds from the advertisement sales will go toward a cash scholarship for the new Miss Talladega County to be crowned on July 12, 2014.

Resident Calvin McCrae came before the Council to commend City Manager Muenger on the improvement in stormwater drainage throughout the City which has reduced flooding problems. Mr. McCrae indicated that it was due to Mr. Muenger’s efforts during his tenure as City Manager.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2014 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 19, 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.

Invocation by Dr. C.O. Grinstead of Trinity Baptist Church.

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

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 05/5/2014 to 05/16/2014	\$ 612,055.11
General Operating Account	409,282.66
Senior Nutrition	66,272.10
Municipal Court	4,072.91
Cash Bond	50,444.50
Corrections	5,206.50
CDBG Fund	23,805.00
Brownfield Fund	4,387.70
Capital Improvement Fund	48,583.74

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2014. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton swears in Carl Wesler to the Civil Service Board.

Mayor Barton presents the Police Week proclamation to the Talladega Police Department for all their relentless hard work.

City Manager Muenger informed the Council that there is a vacancy for the Talladega Heritage Commission. This vacancy will be advertised next week.

City Manager Muenger came before the Council with the paving project update from Bob Protera, Engineering Manager for Neel-Schaffer. Neel-Schaffer is in the process of coordinating the bid starting dates to coincide with utility replacement work being performed by the Water & Sewer Department. The first portion of the utility replacement is estimated to be let for bid within 2-3 weeks. The paving project will be let for bid in 6 weeks. As many roads will not have utility work performed the paving order will be arranged to allow maximum time for the more intense areas of repair.

An update of the Mump Creek Road repair was brought before the Council. The repairs have been completed and these improvements have remedied the erosion issues that were presented in the previous meeting. According to the District Forest Ranger there is no objection of an additional gate to be placed on the road. The City would have to have dual locks on the gate to allow for access by both parties. This gate would have to be fabricated and the cost is unknown. With regard to the opening of the reservoir for fishing, the decision is awaiting Council consideration.

City Manager Muenger brought before the Council a draft of the Parks Rules Ordinance which will be sent to the City Attorney for legal review.

Brought before the Council is a Memorial Day event at Veterans Park. The event will take place on May 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. and will feature a presentation of colors by the JROTC, a feature speaker, and a trumpeter playing taps. The Park will only be partially open during this event and no subsequent programming is planned

for that day. Although all major work is complete, large areas of the Park have only been recently seeded and require additional time to establish an appropriate stand of grass. City Manager Muenger voiced concerns that with the Memorial Day holiday falling so closely after high school graduations, there would be difficulty in attracting vendors and community groups to participate. So with that in mind, an official reopening of the Park will be scheduled at a later date.

The status of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was brought before the Council. The membership of the Board has lapsed and calls for the appointment of one member of each Council Ward. The initial members would be appointed for terms ranging from one to five years, after which point each appointment would be for a five year period. Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston to advertise for these appointments. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger presented to the Council the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-2016. The plan was deprived based on requests submitted by each Department and component unit of the City. The proposed total is \$1,708,100.00 and if approved will be funded by various tax proceeds, with the majority coming from the designated portion of sales tax revenue. Councilman Patterson proposed the step raise be reinstated and a one-time 1.2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) be given to City employees. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Simpson to reinstate the step raise and a one-time 1.2% COLA for all employees. AYES: All.

Resolution #3144 approving the application for the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve Resolution #3144. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3145 approving a contract with Ingenuity for website design for a one-time expense of \$10,000.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3145. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #3146 approving a contract with Ingenuity for website hosting, e-mail hosting and ongoing service at a rate of \$2,500 annually.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3146. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3147 approving the surplus of items from the Municipal Golf Course.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3147. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3148 approving an agreement with E-Liance Recycling for the salvage rights for the Wehadkee Dye Plant.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #3148. AYES: All.

Resolution #3149 approving the Capital Improvements Budget for fiscal years 2014-2016

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3149. AYES: All.

Resolution #3150 approving surplus of numerous municipal properties.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #3150. AYES: All.

Resolution #3151 approving an application for a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) for the Kenwin-Waldrep Building renovation and proposed business The Square Cup in the amount of \$200,000 with a City match of \$100,000.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #3151. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 5/7/14 to 5/16/14	\$ 317,118.92
Operations & Maintenance	263,920.40
Revenue	46,248.52
Construction & Improvement	6,950.00

City Manager Muenger presented to the Council an update on Mount Olive. On May 13, 2014 William McClimans of ADEM visited the area to perform a formal follow-up on the complaint lodged by two residents of

the Mount Olive area alleging water quality issues. The tests confirmed that all levels of turbidity and chlorine are within ADEM acceptable ranges.

Resolution #3152 approving a contract with Terry Hogge Electric of Talladega for over 375 T8 and T5 lighting fixtures for the Water Department facilities at a cost of \$61,805.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #3152.

AYES: All.

Resolution #3153 approving a contract with Hurst Construction of Lineville for rehabilitation of two equipment sheds at the Water Service Center for a total cost of \$36,195.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3153.

AYES: All.

Resolution #3154 approving a contract with Stout Architecture for architectural design services for roofing replacement at the Main Water Plant for a cost of \$5,250.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #3154.

AYES: All.

Resolution #3155 approving a travel advance of \$220.00 for Mary Surrett of the Police Department to attend the Annual Police Accreditation Coalition training in Young Harris, Georgia.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve Resolution #3155.

AYES: All.

The Council was presented with the Public Defender applications. The part-time position of Public Defender has been advertised and there are eight applicants. All applicants are licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama and are registered voters. Council President Miller nominated John Adams. Councilman Miller nominated William Hollingsworth and Councilman Elston nominated Trina Hammonds. Councilman Patterson and Councilman Simpson abstained. This subject is tabled to the next meeting.

The three finalists from the City Flag Contest are presented to the Council for consideration. The draft professional renderings of some of the entries are completed and will be made available for viewing during the meeting.

The June 2014 Council meetings are scheduled as June 9 and June 23, 2014.

City Manager Muenger wanted to thank Mr. McCrae for his kind comments and that the improvement in storm water drainage was due to a 10 year storm water initiative.

Council President Miller recognized Jerome Curry, Tyler Smith, and Daryl Tuck for their hard work in turning Babe Ruth into Little League in two weeks with the prettiest ball fields he has ever seen.

Motion by Councilman Simpson 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, May 19, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.