

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

1 June 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, 1 June 2009 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: Councilman Eddie Tucker, Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Jimmy Davis and City Manager Michael Stampfler.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 5/18/2009 to 5/29/2009	\$ 386,257.02
General Operating Fund	254,501.08
Capital Improvement Project	6,477.00
Corrections Fund	295.00
Municipal Court Fund	24,983.94

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2009 with corrections. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve the request for alcohol license transfer of 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) Liquor license for Jamal Musa LLC, Talladega Chevron located at 600 Broadway Avenue. AYES: All.

Petition was made by Talladega County residents requesting that the City annex Plantview Lane. Manager Stampfler indicated that the citizens had been contacted concerning this petition and were informed that the lane was too far outside the city limits and in an inappropriate condition for the City to take over. None of the citizens were present to make comments on the petition. Councilman Tucker stated that the lane was within the three-mile police jurisdiction and perhaps this would be an area that the City would want to eventually annex.

Resolution # 1874 authorizing application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant-R Fund monies under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to construct improvements to the Harmon Street Well.

Resolution #1875 authorizing payment to property owners of fair market value for easements associated with the extension of the municipal sewer service to the residents of Coleman Circle neighborhood as part of a Community Development Grant (CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-08-023).

Resolution #1876 approving a contract with Pyrotecnico for a fireworks display at Veterans' Park on July 4, 2009 for a total cost of \$7,100.00.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolutions #1874-1876. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve the Water Department's invoices and expenditures. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilman Grissett, Council President Patterson and Councilman Miller. NAYS: Councilman Tucker.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 5/15/2009 to 5/29/2009 \$ 138,238.39

The Manager presented the council members with copies of House Bill 921(Annexation) and House Bill 962 (Amending Civil Service) that Governor Riley had signed on May 20, 2009. Chris Stone, Director of Community Development Department, indicated that maps would be available in the next two weeks.

The Manager also presented the Council with copies of a proposed Speed Hump policy for them to review for consideration at the next council meeting.

Council President Patterson thanked the City Manager for his leadership on the Brownfields application and acquiring the \$400,000 grant award. The City's application was one of three granted out of 600 applications. City Manager Stampfler indicated that the public may get tired of hearing about Brownfields, but he felt that it would have a great economic impact in the future as well as improving the quality of life and health of the area.

Councilman Davis indicated that he had a discussion with School Superintendent, Dr. Horton, concerning the Edythe Sims park property and a possible five year lease with an automatic extension. Councilman Tucker stated that he thought five years was being short sighted and that the lease needed to be at least 25 years in order to justify the financial investment the City had made in the park. Manager Stampfler stated that Purchasing Director, Terry Hanner, had been directed to make contact with the school system and that he was still trying to negotiate a land swap for the land in Bemiston where the maintenance facility is to be constructed.

Councilman Davis announced that the library was to stay open two nights a week until 6:00 pm.

There was some discussion on the sales tax figures, legacy costs and the need to closely look at expenses in the next budget. Manager Stampfler stated that the legacy costs had been calculated by Teri St. James, Finance Director, and that it appeared that the City is not going to have to lay off any employees in the next fiscal year.

Councilman Grissett requested that a formal letter be sent to our legislative representatives thanking them for sponsoring and passing the annexation bill. There was further discussion on how the annexation increased the City's tax base during a time when sales tax revenue is down significantly in surrounding communities and cities. Manager Stampfler responded that the City has an 8% cushion set back and that he was confident that the City was going to be okay. Councilman Grissett noted the City was 2/3 of the way through the budget year and that the expenses were more than the revenue received and that he was never comfortable when spending was more than what was taken in.

Councilman Tucker requested that his comments made during the pre-council meeting be recorded in the minutes. During the pre-council, Councilman Tucker commented on the following items:

- Tinney Street needs some drainage repair as it is running over into the residents' yards
- Flooding problems on Russell Drive to Tinney Street interfere with blind residents needing to wait for a bus on this street and that something needs to quickly be done about the situation
- A speed breaker policy is a good idea but not if it is going to limit the speed breakers that his constituents in the Knoxville area want and need. Requests for speed breakers in this area has been going on for years and they are needed now.
- Commented that the golf course looked great but that it was not the only thing in Talladega and that the others parks needed better maintenance.
- Need a fence at Edythe Sims baseball field to keep the cars off the turf. There is a drainage problem at this park and when it rains water runs on the baseball field and the playground and it takes several days for the standing water from a hard rain to disappear.
- In the Knoxville area during the last hard rain sewage was coming up out of the ground and it had a nasty smell. Ms. Fuller of the Water Department had some employees come out and spray to take care of the smell, but there was also a great deal of debris from the sewage overflow that was visible.
- Again, requesting that the field lights at the Edythe Sims ball field be repaired.
- Again, requesting the placement of flags along Stephen J. White Memorial Boulevard and on the Jimmy Freeman Byway.

Councilman Miller indicated that he was incorporating the flag display into the City's birthday celebration. Plans for the 175th anniversary celebration is set for March 2010 and there are plans in the works for a block party, a presentation of flags and the viewing of a collection of photographs showing the history of Talladega to be broadcast at the Ritz. Councilman Miller made a request of the public to contribute old photographs to this endeavor.

Councilman Miller requested an update on the street lights requested for Moorfield Drive.

Mayor York announced that numerous vendors and special events were scheduled for Talladega Market Day on June 6 (Saturday) and encouraged citizens to participate.

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, June 1, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk