

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
June 20, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.**

Public Hearings – Zoning of annexed properties

Marianna Greene Henry Foundation, etc., property to be zoned R-1 Agricultural
Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center Annexation to be zoned R-1 Agricultural
Bypass Annexation of 2009 to be zoned M-1 Limited Industrial

Numerous residents along Alabama Highway 77 voiced their disapproval of zoning the Bypass Annexation of 2009 as M-1 Limited Industrial. Most of the concerns were centered around the ability to replace a grandfathered-in residence or to place a new residence if it was zoned M-1. There were now citizens present to address the zoning of the other two annexed properties.

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 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 (arrived late) and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation was presented by Officer Kenneth Price, Talladega Police Department.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 6/6/2011 to 6/17/2011	\$ 472,359.13
General Operating Fund	464,066.68
Corrections Fund	7,600.24
Senior Nutrition	692.21

Mayor Brian York presented Top Gun Employee of the Month Award to the Finance Department staff: Shellia Harris, Kimberlee Heath, Sandy Owens and Sharon Twymon

Mayor Brian York presented a proclamation to Mr. Bob McBride for his work with the City School Foundation. Mayor York also presented a proclamation to Mr. Brian Gaither for the 18th Anniversary of the Talladega Radio Amateur Club Inc.

Keela Brown, member of the Talladega Chamber of Commerce Board, requesting waiving of the \$10.00 vendor fee for the First Saturday Market on the Square for the entire 2011 season. Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Davis to approve the waiving of the \$10.00 vendor fee. AYES: All.

Mr. Billy Wallace came before the Council concerning ownership and control of burials at Westview Cemetery. Mr. Wallace stated that a burial had infringed on his family plots. Council President Patterson requested that the Westview Cemetery Board, which no longer appears to be functioning, be contacted and that an ordinance be drawn up to dissolve the Westview Cemetery Board and prohibit all burials in Westview Cemetery without proof of plot ownership being presented to the City Clerk's Office and that "some teeth" should be put into the ordinance for any violations.

City Manager Brian Muenger presented correspondence from Sylacauga Mayor Sam Wright concerning Sunday sales of alcohol in restaurants and asking the City of Talladega to be included in a referendum to present to the voters of Talladega County and Talladega City. Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Miller to have the City of Talladega included on the referendum for alcohol sale of wine and beer in restaurants on Sundays. AYES: Councilman Miller, Councilman Davis and Councilman Tucker, ABSTAIN: Council President Patterson.

City Clerk Beth Cheeks presented correspondence from the Department of Revenue requesting nominations for the Talladega County Board of Equalization. There are also vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission and the Cheaha Mental Health Board. All vacancies are to be advertised.

Council President Patterson indicated that he had received a petition from the residents of Pearl Street for speedbumps and that their requested would be investigated and addressed at a later time.

Resolution #2240 approval of contract with Insite Engineering to perform an analysis of both the Pope Hill Park and the Avenue H detention ponds for a total cost of \$20,850 (**tabled from previous meeting**)

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2240. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Tucker, NAY: Councilman Miller.

Resolution #2241 approval of contract with Insite Engineering to perform an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Study of the Avenue H area for a cost of \$93,220. (**tabled from previous meeting**)

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2241. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Tucker, NAY: Councilman Miller.

Resolution #2262 to approve a contract with Terry Hogge Electric of Talladega for the Edythe Sims Lighting Upgrade and Soccer Field Pole Replacement per bid specifications for a total cost of \$113,333.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2262. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2263 to approve the Inter-Local Agreement with Talladega County to divide possible grant funds from the 2011 Byrne Justice Grant with 60% for Talladega City and 40% for Talladega County.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #2263. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1693 zoning of property annexed into the Talladega City Limits through Legislature of State of Alabama fully described in HB#921, approved by Governor Riley on May 20, 2009, as M-1 Limited Industrial Zoning District.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Davis for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1693. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilman Tucker and Council President Patterson. NAY: Councilman Miller

Ordinance #1694 zoning of property annexed into the Talladega City Limits in August 2000 by petition by the Greene family as R-1 Agricultural Zoning District.

Ordinance #1695 zoning of property annexed into the Talladega City Limits in September 2010 by petition by Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center as R-1 Agricultural Zoning District.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for immediate consideration of Ordinances #1694 and #1695. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Davis for reading of the heading only of Ordinances #1694 and #1695. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1120, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, SAID ORDINANCE, AND THE AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO, BEING ENTITLED "TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, ZONING ORDINANCE", AS FOLLOWS, AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS;

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Davis for adoption of Ordinances #1694 and #1695. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 5/1/11 to 5/19/2011	\$ 327,129.15
General Fund	304,911.35
Bond	22,217.80

City Clerk Beth Cheeks commented on the success of the City's E-Recycling Day (June 11, 2011) with about 3.5 tons of electronic devices that were recycled instead of going to the landfill.

City Manager Brian Muenger read the following memo into the record concerning the City's Water Leak crisis:

"As I continue to review the City's response to the water leak that plagued the City between June 4, 2011 and June 11, 2011, I feel it is important to update the Council as to the cost associated with this instance, as well as provide recommendations for how to improve the City's response should any future emergencies of this nature occur.

The cost of the response necessitated by this emergency is significant. As indicated in previous briefings, manpower from every City department was utilized to perform various tasks. While Water & Sewer crews diligently sought out the source of the issue, employees from Public Works, Community Appearance, Police, and Fire all contributed in distributing bottled water, pumping water to the local hospital, and providing traffic control in needed areas. This cost, totaling \$114,892.36 represents the costs associated to date, although some incidental expenses may not be contained therein.

Although this is an immense total it should be noted that a great deal of volunteer labor was contributed during this effort. Much of the bottled water that was distributed to the populace was donated by the Emergency Management Agencies (EMA's) of nearby Counties, as well as the State EMA and church groups. Without these contributions the \$26,194.56 cost associated with water purchase would have been 3-4 times as high. ...

A number of difficulties led to the prolonged nature of this event, the most notable of which is that the water from the broken main was flowing directly into the ground, with no visible indication of an issue at the surface. It was only through the use of audio devices that the Water & Sewer staff was able to identify the source. Although this leak in particular was irregular in both its size and type, there are still a variety of things that could have lessened the impact of the issue;

- Mapping – During the process of locating this issue crews were frequently using maps as much as 50 years old. As would be expected, numerous inaccuracies were noted. Mapping is listed as an action item from the recent bond issue and a proposal has been in the development process for several months. I expect to have it ready for Council approval within the next 6 to 8 weeks.
- Additional Water Storage – Although the City currently has two large storage tanks in operation, there also exist two concrete tanks in the Brecon area which are not in service. These were removed from service due to issues related to maintaining sufficient water levels in the tanks. I believe this issue should be researched to allow these tanks to be placed back into service.
- Line Replacement – Line replacement should continue to be a priority for the Water & Sewer Department. Funding for this has been earmarked within the most recent bond issue.
- Improved Communication with the Public – Throughout this situation the City attempted to put out a steady stream of information, using both the City website and traditional media outlets. In addition to these mediums I have made establishing direct lines of contact a priority, with the likely path of action being the setup of an automatic dialer system.
- Installation of a Water & Sewer Superintendent – Since the approval of this job description by the City Council this position has been advertised twice with no success. The primary hindrance in the interest of most candidates has been the salary range, which does not comport the level of experience and education we are seeking. AS we continue to move forward in the rehabilitation of the system the importance of having a water and sewer professional managing the day to day operations and assisting with shaping our rehabilitation plans is paramount. I plan to readvertise this position and research the possibility of employing a Superintendent on a contract basis.

It is my belief that with continued efforts in these regards the City's water and sewer system will progress, both improving our ability to respond to emergencies and also lessening the likelihood of them occurring."

Council President Patterson commented that Mr. Muenger had shown outstanding leadership during this crisis.

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, June 20, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk