

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
July 8, 2013 – 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing – Redistricting of the City’s Voting Wards and the City Board of Education Voting Wards to comply with the 2010 Census. Scott Stabler from Alabama State University’s Center for Leadership and Public Policy was present to answer questions concerning the moving of boundaries to maintain equal populations in each Ward. There were no comments, negative or positive, from the general public.

Carolyn Rivers came before the Council asking for help in getting a variance for Roosevelt Avenue property. Trailer had burned and wished to replace but a variance would be needed from the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. City Manager Muenger explained that there were not enough members of the Board to hold a meeting. The Council made a plea to the audience that citizens step forward to serve on the Board and several did step forward and give their contact information to City Clerk Cheeks so an application could be processed.

Dedre Ruff informed the Council that she wished to set up a Music Festival at Duncan-Pinkston Park for August 10, 2013. Ms. Ruff was told to coordinate with Stacy Jones, Parks & Recreation Director.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 2013 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 24, 2013 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 Donnie Miller, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Rev. Hugh Morris, Mt. Canaan Baptist Church.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson to excuse the absence of Councilman Jarvis Elston. AYES: All.

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

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| Total Invoices & Expenditures for 6/17/2013 to 7/5/2013 | \$ 778,739.47 |
| General Operating Fund | 642,149.12 |
| Corrections Fund | 41,082.20 |
| CDBG Fund | 938.00 |
| Brownfield Fund | 10,428.11 |
| Cemetery Fund | 12,871.25 |
| Capital Improvements | 58,774.18 |
| Oil Trust Fund | 12,496.61 |

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 2013. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton presented Rudolph Dennis with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of business in the City of Talladega, opening Dennis Furniture in 1956.

City Manager Muenger announced that the first weekend in August was a Sales Tax Holiday. Mr. Muenger informed the Council of the pending closure of Alabama Highway 21 between Talladega and Winterboro to repair a sinkhole under the southbound lanes. Truck traffic will be diverted by utilizing Plant Road to connect to the 275 Bypass. The City’s mandatory RSA matching funds will be increased in the upcoming year and the City Manager asked the Council to consider mandating additional employee contributions if the benefit costs continue to rise.

There was some discussion of the trucks going through downtown area and of the large coil roll that was overturned on the Square near the Chamber of Commerce and that the 275 Bypass has still not been taken over by the State.

Chris Sellers of Neal Schaffer made a presentation to the Council on the Veterans' Park project. It was stated that the Park needed to be completely closed during the project which included widening the walking track, a second parking lot, new bridges and shoebox lighting on less poles. The project would take 120 working days.

Chief Alan Watson informed the Council of an increase in fees to maintain the 800 MHz radio system from a monthly charge of \$22.50 per handset to approximately \$40.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to honor the Chief's proposal to maintain the 800 MHz Radio system. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1753 amending the Weed Abatement Ordinance #1642 – Section 13 to increase the administrative fee to \$150.00.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1753. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1753. Roll Call. AYES: All

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1642 WHICH REQUIRES THE CUTTING OF WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION OR OTHER THINGS AND REQUIRES CORRECTION OF CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO HARBORING OF MOSQUITOES OR OTHER INSECTS OF LIKE KIND OR RODENTS, BY INCREASING THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE STATED IN SECTION 13.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson for adoption of the heading only of Ordinance #1753. Roll Call. AYES: All

Resolution #2831 rescinding Resolution #2130 (Sept. 20, 2010) and lifting the City-wide hiring freeze. **(tabled from last meeting)**

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #2831. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2834 approving an appropriation to the Talladega Babe Ruth League for \$300.00 to assist with expenses of All Star team's trip to State Tournament.

Resolution #2835 approving an agreement with the Talladega City Schools to use school buses for the Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camp with the cost not to exceed \$3000.00.

Resolution #2836 approving a contract with Waites Construction for Capital Improvements to Veterans' Park at a total cost of \$754,533.43.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolutions #2834-2836. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

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| Water Department Expenditures for 6/17/2013 to 6/27/2013 | \$ 567,213.40 |
| Operations Fund | 186,197.68 |
| Revenue | 381,015.72 |

Resolution #2837 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for sewer inspection services for a project area that includes Brecon Circle, Tinney Street (from Coffee to Battle Street), Sloan Avenue (from 19th to Broome Street) and Adams Avenue area for a total cost of \$87,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of Resolution #2833. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2838 approving a Special Use Permit for Verizon at 202 Carter Hill Road.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolution #2838. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger discussed community policing concerns and presented the Council with a handout containing data on burglaries in the City. Chief Alan Watson indicated much of the crime was from a group of repeat offenders (“chasing the same people”). Chief Watson indicated cost estimates on re-instating a K-9 unit with \$25,000 for start up and about an additional \$7,000 a year to compensate the K-9 officer for additional responsibilities. The Mayor and Council indicated their support of re-instating the K-9 Unit.

Council and Mayor stated their appreciation to Joel Wiggins, City Planner, and wished him the best as he moved to Montgomery to start a new position.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Ballow.

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, July 8, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.