

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL  
July 22, 2013 – 5:00 pm**

Steve Giddens, District Attorney, came before the Council concerning funding for the Drug Task Force. Mr. Giddens spoke of the task force's work in fighting the growth of illegal drug trade in the community and how it is crucial to continue to protect the citizens of Talladega. He then proceeded to request the City to adopt into the budget for the next fiscal year the amount of \$52,170.68.

Chief Watson presented to Mark Johnson of Twin Creeks Towing a Good Citizenship Award for returning a sizeable amount of money in the car he was towing from the scene of an accident.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
July 22, 2013 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 22, 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 Jarvis Elston, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Reverend Leann Scarbrough of First Presbyterian Church.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 7/08/2013 to 7/19/2013</b>	<b>\$ 1,205,879.42</b>
General Operating Fund	1,091,998.70
Senior Nutrition	51,741.61
Corrections Fund	32,576.81
Capital Improvements	29,562.30

Patricia Wyatt came before the Council to request a guardrail for Old Shocco Road. Ms. Wyatt brought photos of the proposed area and referred to previous accidents that had occurred on this road; stating that many children who live and play in this area are in danger of the vehicles involved in these incidents. Public Works Director Karen Phillips stated that she would look into this matter.

Councilman Elston announced a Back to School Party at Edith J. Sims Memorial Park on August 17, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. until 6 p.m. All kids are invited to attend as there will be basketball, rope pulls, and softball. Free hotdogs and ice cream will be served, as well as school supplies being given out. Council President Patterson also mentioned another Back to School Party being held at Westgate Park on the same day with the time of that party starting at 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson to appoint Laura Beavers, Brian Gann, Dr. Zachary Dollar and Rev. Hugh Morris to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger brought to the Council an update for Safe Routes for Schools. The grant award via ALDOT amounted to \$150,000 with no local match requirement. Coordination letters have been sent to both the City Schools and AIDB informing them that work will begin on or around July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The project time allowance is 35 working days. City Manager Muenger gave an update for the Bypass Commercial Truck; with Public Works Director Phillips notifying Council that contact had been made with both Precision Strip and Koch Foods and their vendors and suppliers to be diligent of traffic and road signs.

A home occupation request was brought before the Council for a day care center located at 1820 Mount Olive Circle operated by Deborah Welser. The Planning Commission unanimously approved Ms. Welser's request. If the Council approves this request, the facility must still be inspected by a number of State agencies prior to opening, including the Department of Human Resources, the Health Department, and the Fire Marshall.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of the location of the day care center at 1820 Mt. Olive Circle. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger updated the Council on the train derailment cleanup in the Bemiston area. The four derailed freight cars will be removed by an independent contractor. The Invitation to Bid issued by CSX states that the successful buyer must remove them no later than 30 days after the close of the bid. At the latest, this would place the removal of the cars at August 26<sup>th</sup>. After that point the City will pursue reimbursement for damage incurred to the sidewalks and landscaping in the area.

Mignon Bowers, a representative for the Center for Municipal Solutions, came before the Council concerning the Special Use Permit for AT&T. Ms. Bowers states that AT&T's application has been approved by CMS and it is recommended that a Special Use Permit be issued to AT&T for 460 Stone Hill Drive.

Calvin Miller of the Talladega Economic Development Authority and Nick Morman, Precision Strip Plant Manager, came before the Council concerning a tax abatement modification. The Council initially approved this abatement in October 2010, but a recent audit by the Alabama Department of Revenue has revealed two items that warrant additional attention: the construction period was inaccurate, construction ended in September of 2013, not March 2012 as initially indicated. Construction costs exceeded the initial estimate by more than 10%. Based on these findings the modified request has been filed.

**Ordinance #1754** approving the division of voting wards.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1754. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1754. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE BOUNDARIES OF WARDS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Simpson for adoption of Ordinance #1754. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance #1755** approving a four-way stop at the intersection of Coosa and Court Streets.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1755. Roll Call. AYES: ALL.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1755. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF TRAFFIC ENTERING THE INTERSECTION OF COURT STREET AND COOSA STREET; TO PROVIDE FOR AND REQUIRE THAT ALL TRAFFIC, VEHICULAR OR OTHERWISE COME TO A FULL AND COMPLETE STOP BEFORE ENTERING THE INTERSECTION OF COURT STREET AND COOSA STREET FOR WHICH SAID INTERSECTION SHALL BE CLASSIFIED A FOUR-WAY STOP; AND TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow for adoption of Ordinance #1755. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #2839** approving an appropriation to the Talladega 10 year old and younger Girls All Star Team for \$300.00 to assist with expenses for trip to State Tournament.

**Resolution #2840** approving an appropriation of \$130 for a full page ad in the Talladega High School football program to be used at all home games.

**Resolution #2841** approving an agreement with Harvest Group and Diedra Ruff for use of the Ben E. Bruner Sports Complex for a Music Festival.

**Resolution #2842** approving a Special Use Permit for AT&T's telecommunication tower modification at 460 Stone Hill Drive.

**Resolution #2843** approving an amended Tax Abatement Agreement with Precision Strip Inc.

**Resolution #2844** approving a construction agreement with CSX Transportation Inc. for the installation of full rubberized crossings at East Street, Court Street, and Stephen J. White Memorial Blvd. with the City paying for all materials and shipping only (\$68,208.00).

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolutions #2839- #2842 and #2844. Roll call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Simpson for approval of Resolution #2843. Roll Call. AYES: Patterson, Simpson, Ballow, Elston. NAYS: Miller

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 7/03/2013 to 7/18/2013</b>	<b>\$ 542,543.87</b>
Operations & Maintenance	221,816.96
Revenue	320,726.91

Brought before the Council is a future visit by Terri Wheldon in Governmental Affairs at Charter Communications. Ms. Wheldon will discuss issues and concerns set forth by the Council which includes failure to provide service, or doing so only at substantial cost to the resident, diminishing numbers of channels, despite rising rates, and the possibility of elimination of non-High Definition service.

All members of the Council, Mayor and City Manager thanked retiring Chief of Police Alan Watson for his years of excellent service to the City of Talladega.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson to adjourn.

#### **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 22, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.