

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
August 4, 2014- 5:00 pm**

Greg Morgan, representing Talladega College, came before the Council regarding the closure of a street on Talladega College. The Council agreed to temporarily close this street while a traffic count will be done and until a public hearing is held. There was some discussion as to whether the community has any concerns and how this street would be closed. Mr. Morgan stated that it would be up to the Fire Department as to how to close that street. Public Works Director Phillips stated that water-filled barriers, which can be immediately pushed out of the way, could be used. The street will be temporarily closed for 8 weeks so as to monitor traffic patterns starting August 11th. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow. AYES: All.

Citizen Edward Curry was scheduled to come before the Council regarding the planting of trees on Battle Street and around Talladega College, but he did not have any questions.

Jonathan Adams addressed the Council regarding the issue of the alley that links East Street and Court Street. Mr. Adams is requesting the vacation or closure of the portion of that Alley that enters East Street. Mr. Adams stated that he recently had bollards installed to help circumvent the problem of vehicles hitting the building. However the bollards and a downspout from an adjacent building encroach on the City's Right of Way, of which he was cited for the removal of these obstructions. Mr. Adams then requested that the portion of the alley be made for pedestrian use. Public Works Director Phillips mentioned that there should be a public hearing date scheduled regarding this matter. Councilman Ballow then stated that this alley could be closed temporarily similar to the Talladega College request. A public hearing was scheduled for August 18th at 5:00pm.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2014 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 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 Horace Patterson, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Jacky Morgan of Blue Eye Baptist Church.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 07/21/2014 to 07/31/2014	\$486,754.47
General Operating Account	468,121.40
Corrections	6,113.13
Brownfield Fund	8,557.15
Capital Improvement Fund	3,962.79

Councilman Elston requested a more detailed report on all Visa and MasterCard accounts.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2014. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council is the nuisance complaint from Henrietta Lawler. Ms. Lawler, who was not present, has appeared before the Council numerous times before regarding properties in the vicinity of her home violating the nuisance ordinance. City Manager Muenger stated that the photographs of the property depict undeveloped woodlands and are not subject to the provisions of Ordinance 1642.

City Manager Muenger brought before the Council an update on the Frazier Farm Drainage project. The City is still working to complete acquisition of needed property, having been force to enter condemnation proceedings due to a lack of cooperation with one property owner. This has caused delays, but the acquisition should be complete by mid-September. Based on this completion date the project will be advertised for bid in mid-August, with the bid opening scheduled for September 16th.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve the Alcohol License for The Spot Sports Bar Café and Grill at 100 Haynes Street. AYES: Councilman Simpson, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Ballow. ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston.

Resolution #3183 authorizing the City Manager to obtain a law firm to provide legal services and analysis in connection with the lawsuit of Barton v. City of Talladega, et al. for a sum of \$5,000.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3183. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson. ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

Resolution #3184 approving a purchase agreement with Sansom Equipment Company of Birmingham for purchase of a 10 cubic yard Leaf Vac Trailer for a total cost of \$22,000.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3184. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3185 approving a contract with Stout Architecture for architectural, mechanical, plumbing and electrical design for the Kenwin-Waldrep Building for a cost of \$20,815.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3185. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3186 approving a contract with the East Central Alabama Football Officials Association for the upcoming football season not to exceed \$2,500.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3186. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 7/24/14 to 7/31/14	\$ 627,603.97
Operations & Maintenance	212,792.37
Revenue	374,498.60
North Talladega Water	4,000.00
Construction & Improvement	36,313.00

City Manager Muenger brought before the Council an update on Harmon Well. The contractor has been on site for a month and has completed the majority of associated concrete work. The well will provide an estimated 650 gallons per minute of additional capacity for the water system when completed. The estimated completion date is October 2014.

Resolution #3187 approving a contract with Bedwell Whorton Excavating for the replacement of the water main along North Street for a total cost of \$297,580.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve Resolution #3187. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger brought before the Council the resignation of Parks & Recreation Director Jones and announced Jerome Curry as Acting Director. Mr. Curry has over 30 years of experience in the Department and will lead capably during this transitional period.

Brought before the Council is correspondence from Maureen Neighbors, Unit Chief of ADECA's Community Service Division, which was deemed Veteran's Park to be free of any Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) deficiencies. Initially the City was cited for failure to maintain LWCF standards at McMillan Park, Jemison Park, and Veterans Park. The City was able to satisfy the compliance issues at McMillan and Jemison Park by demolishing several vacant buildings, burying utilities, and replacing missing signage. Veterans Park, due to the scope of its violation, took the longest to remedy. The violation, overhead utility lines, was remedied as the new lighting plan was

implemented, with all lines being run underground. ADECA has reviewed photos of the area and deemed the Park to be in compliance, making the City again eligible to receive LWCF funding.

City Manager Muenger defers to Human Resource Director Fuller regarding the employee sick leave transfer policy. It has been a regular practice, in the past, for employees to engage in donation of sick leave, although there is no official policy to govern it currently. The attached policy sets forth a process for determining eligibility and preventing abuse. The maximum amount of sick leave an individual employee may transfer in a year is 120 hours. This policy has been reviewed by the Civil Service Board and Employee Committee with no comments offered. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Elston to approve the employee sick leave transfer policy. AYES: All.

Brought before the Council is a personnel request for the Municipal Court Office. Currently the staff consists of the Court Clerk and two magistrates. It is proposed to increase the number of magistrates to three. Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Patterson to approve the personnel request for the Municipal Court Office. AYES: All.

For Council consideration is a proposal for the modification of the pay grade for Customer Service Representatives (CSR's) in the Water & Sewer Department. Currently these positions are compensated as a Pay Grade 10, while the position of Administrative Clerk, with similar duties and responsibilities is compensated as a Pay Grade 11. It is proposed to move the CSR's to a Grade 11. Both the Civil Service Board and the Employee Committee have reviewed this proposal with no comments offered. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Elston to approve the Pay Grade raise of the CSR's. AYES: All.

In other business, Councilman Elston voiced his concern about trees on West Battle St.; questioning how they were paid for and whether it was paid for by Alabama Power, where he is an employee. There was some discussion about this matter with the concluding matter that there needs to be more open communication amongst the Council.

Motion by Councilman Ballow 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, August 4, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.