

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
September 8, 2014- 5:00 pm**

Council President Miller called the Public Hearing to order stating everyone who wished to speak on the 22 properties proposed for weed abatement liens speak now. No citizens came forward regarding this matter.

The Public Hearing for the Source Water Assessment of Harmon Park Well also yielded no citizens. However City Manager Muenger deferred to Cathy Fuller, Finance Manager of Water & Wastewater Department, for a brief update on the revamping of this well with completion to fall in late November or early December.

Reverend Milton Brown came before the Council to voice his concern over the closure of College Street on the Talladega College campus, stating that closing of this street would violate the free passage law.

Citizen Larry Shirley came before the Council concerning continuing speeding problems on West Lancaster Street and requesting speed bumps and "Please Drive Slowly We love our Children" signs. Council President Miller deferred this issue to Public Works Director Phillips, who stated that the signs will be installed within the next week or so.

Citizen Eli Billingsley came before the Council concerning his neighbor, Jim Bailey on Freeman Drive; who has been living in a camper that was supposedly to be used for storage only and attempting to turn the workshop building into residence. Mr. Billingsley informed the Council that his neighbor has become a nuisance with allowing his animals to defecate on his property and is concerned that a rodent infestation could be imminent. City Manager Muenger stated that the problem had been addressed by Code Enforcement and a timeline to remove the nuisance had been set.

Calvin Miller from the Talladega County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) came before the Council to present a progress report on the achievements and accomplishments of different business in and around Talladega. With M-Tek expanding over 400 jobs all together and Master Brand reworking their current building.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2014-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 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 Donnie Miller, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Larry Barton, and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Dr. Don Hamilton of Bynum Baptist Church.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 08/16/2014 to 09/5/2014	\$758,810.90
General Operating Account	530,835.92
Senior Nutrition	49,702.71
Municipal Court	5,387.94
Cash Bond	500.00
Corrections	62,216.10
CDBG Fund	15,657.50
Cemetery Fund	10.00
Oil Trust Fund	22,800.00
Capital Improvement Fund	71,700.73

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2014. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton presented Jonathan Curry of the Community Appearance Department the Top Gun Award for the fourth quarter of 2014.

Judy Elliot from the Talladega Pilgrimage came before the Council to present a new grant that is being offered to the residents of the Silk Stocking District for work on the exterior of their houses. This grant may be awarded in amounts up to \$2,000.00 to be used for materials or labor.

Betsy Curlee, director of the First Family Service Center, addressed the Council with a contribution request in the amount of \$5,500.00. Council President Miller requested that First Family Services Center submitted all the necessary information to the Finance Department so that they could be added to the list of agencies to be considered for appropriations.

City Manager Muenger presented for Council information the annual report from Talladega First/Ritz Theatre. As the entity that operates the Ritz Theatre, Talladega First has had an astounding impact on the community in the past year, with over 60 public events or activities taking place at the facility. In addition to professional performances, the theater played host to a number of community events and fundraisers, helping community nonprofits to raise over \$28,000.00 in funds for their respective organizations. Also included in the report is the Fall 2014 season schedule.

Presented for Council information is material regarding the transition from Advanced Disposal to Waste Pro for solid waste, with new carts being delivered to all residents and pick up from Advanced Disposal during the last week of their contract. The new garbage rate of \$18.95 is currently being billed to customers, as these charges are billed one month in advance. The charges included in the September water bill for solid waste are actually for services to be rendered in the month of October.

Finance Director St. James came before the Council to present the results of the mandatory actuarial analysis of the City's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). The report indicates that the City's current liability in this regard is \$4,903,470.00. The City has taken steps in recent years to curb this unfunded liability and to date the Council has approved setting aside \$500,000.00 in funds for an initial deposit into an irrevocable trust. The proposed budget for the upcoming year includes an additional \$250,000.00 to be contributed to the trust fund. The City has completed the necessary trust documents and is not in the process of soliciting proposals from financial institutions to serve as the trustee.

Resolution #3197 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot corner of Cobb & McMillan.

Resolution #3198 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 305 Adams Avenue

Resolution #3199 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 317 Westwood Circle

Resolution #3200 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 507 19th Street

Resolution #3201 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 301 Dumas Avenue

Resolution #3202 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 713 Cherokee Street

Resolution #3203 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 617 Avenue F

Resolution #3204 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 904 Summer Street

Resolution #3205 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 420 Dumas Avenue

Resolution #3206 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Knox Street

Resolution #3207 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 520 Court Street North

Resolution #3208 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 200 Savory Street

Resolution #3209 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Coffee Street

Resolution #3210 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 502 East Parkway

Resolution #3211 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 413 East Sloan Avenue

Resolution #3212 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Sloan Avenue

Resolution #3213 authorizing a weed abatement lien on GP Rec. Corp. Bldg. on Ward Avenue

Resolution #3214 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on corner of Spring & Howard

Resolution #3215 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on corner of Knox and Ave. H

Resolution #3216 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Franklin Drive

Resolution #3217 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot across from Hal Henderson School

Resolution #3218 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 214 North Spring Street

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3197-#3218. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3219 approving the ADECA loan.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3219. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3220 approving the Concession Contract with Miller's Barbeque.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3220. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson
ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston and Councilman Miller.

Resolution #3221 approving an increase of \$14,618.00 in the purchasing agreement with Opelika Dodge for 4 police vehicles (Resolution #3162).

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3221. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3222 approving a user agreement with Talladega College for use of the Ben E. Bruner Sports Complex from October 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015 for a cost of \$1,000.

Resolution #3223 approving a user agreement with Talladega College for use of the Spring Street Indoor Pool for calisthenics during the athletic season at a cost of \$600 per month.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3222-#3223. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3224 approving a lease agreement renewal with Kids Gym for the continued use of the Brecon Recreation Center at a cost of \$350 per month plus all utilities.

Resolution #3225 approving a lease agreement renewal with Lynn Sims for continued use of Meeting Room A at the Spring Street Recreation Center for ballet and dance instruction at a cost of \$450 per month.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolutions #3224-#3225. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3226 approving the renewal of a contract with Alexander Construction for the third and final year to perform sidewalk rehabilitation and restoration per bid specifications.

Resolution #3227 approving the renewal of a contract with A-1 Tree Service for the third and final year to perform tree removal per bid specifications.

Resolution #3228 approving the renewal of a contract with Vulcan Heating & Air for the third and final year to perform HVAC unit maintenance per bid specifications.

Resolution #3229 approving the renewal of a contract with Usrey Funeral Home for the third and final year to perform grave service at a cost of \$450 per plot

Resolution #3230 approving the renewal of a contract Taylor Power Systems and Power Pro-Tech Services for the second year to perform generator repair and services per bid specifications.

Resolution #3231 approving the renewal of a contract with Armstrong LLC for the second year to perform cutting and clearing of overgrown nuisance lots per bid specifications.

Resolution #3232 approving the renewal of a contract with Evergreen Lawn Care for the second year to perform lawn maintenance at all water and wastewater facilities per bid specifications.

Resolution #3233 approving the renewal of a contract with American Pest Control for the second year to perform pest control services for all City locations per bid specifications.

Resolution #3234 approving the renewal of a contract with Nohab Garing for the second year to perform computer repair and purchase of new computers per bid specifications.

Resolution #3235 approving the renewal of a contract with Alexander Construction for the second year to perform utility cut repairs and asphalt patches per bid specifications.

Resolution #3236 approving the renewal of a contract with Merrell Brothers for the second year to perform bio solids removal and disposal per bid specifications.

Resolution #3237 approving the renewal of a contract with WCA, Advanced Disposal and Macs Vacs for the second year to perform dumpster and roll off container service per bid specifications.

Resolution #3238 approving the renewal of a contract with King Tire for the second year to perform tire repair, mounting and balancing services per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3226 to Resolutions #3238. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3239 approving a purchasing contract with R.K. Allen Oil Company for petroleum, gas and oil products per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3239. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Elston, Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, and Councilman Patterson ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

Resolution #3240 approving a purchasing contract with Express Oil, Talladega Ford and Bill Stanford for vehicle maintenance services per bid specifications.

Resolution #3241 approving a purchasing contract with C&S Chemical, Industrial Chemicals Inc., Shannon Chemical, Harcros Chemicals, DPC Enterprises and Chemrite for water treatment chemicals per bid specifications.

Resolution #3242 approving a purchasing contract with Leslie Pool Mart for swimming pool chemicals per bid specifications.

Resolution #3243 approving a purchasing contract with Empire Pipe, Consolidated Pipe, and Supply Company, Ferguson Supply, Southern Pipe, G&C Supply Company and M&H Valve Company for Water Department construction supplies per bid specifications.

Resolution #3244 approving a purchasing contract with AIDB, Quill Corporation and Pitney Bowes for office supplies per bid specifications.

Resolution #3245 approving a purchasing contract with JanPak, Fastenal and Calico Industries for janitorial supplies per bid specifications.

Resolution #3246 approving a purchasing contract with McCartney Construction Company, Inc. and Webb Concrete for stone/gravel products per bid specifications.

Resolution #3247 approving a purchasing contract with Jim's Asphalt, LLC of Gadsden for cold mix products per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3240- #3247. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3248 approving a purchasing contract with Coosa Valley Propane for propane per bid specifications.

Resolution #3249 approving a purchasing contract with Waites Concrete Company, Inc. for concrete products per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3248 and #3249. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Elston, Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, and Councilman Patterson ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson.

Resolution #3250 approving a purchasing contract with HD Supply Waterworks for plastic storm pipe per bid specifications.

Resolution #3251 approving a purchasing contract with Vulcan Signs and G&C Supply for traffic signs and posts per bid specifications.

Resolution #3252 approving a purchasing contract with Michaels Menswear and Brown & Bigelow for employee work uniforms per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3250-#3252. Roll Call. AYES: All.

At this point, Councilman Elston had to leave the meeting.

Resolution #3253 declaring the structure at 985 Howard Street as a public nuisance and unsafe and authorizing its demolition (Parcel ID# 1305214012006000).

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3253. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Resolution #3254 declaring the structure on Pine Street as a public nuisance and unsafe and authorizing its demolition (Parcel ID# 1305214009001000).

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3254. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Resolution #3255 declaring the structures at Ft. Lashley Boulevard as a public nuisance and unsafe and authorizing its demolition (Parcel ID# 1308331000011000).

Property Owner Amin Poonawalla came before the Council regarding his property that was up for condemnation. Mr. Poonawalla stated that he was in the process of tearing down the buildings in question when he received a stop order from City Planner Buyher. There was some discussion as to the duration these buildings have been in disrepair. Mr. Poonawalla was given 30 days; after submitting to the City, a written description of work to do the demolition himself.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3255. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Resolution #3256 declaring the structure on Coosa Street as a public nuisance and unsafe and authorizing its demolition (Parcel ID# 1308281016002000).

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve Resolution #3256. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Resolution #3257 approving a contract with McCartney Construction for paving per bid specifications at a cost of \$2,111,555.70.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3257. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve the invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Water Department Expenditures for 08/21/14 to 09/04/14	\$ 653,427.70
Operations & Maintenance	236,736.89
Revenue	402,440.81
North Talladega Water	2,500.00
Construction & Improvement	11,750.00

Resolution #3258 approving an amendment of \$33,278.13 to the contract with Merrell Brothers for disposal of sludge and liner from the decommissioning of the Nikki Lu Wastewater Treatment facility.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3258. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Presented to the Council is an update regarding the Farmer's Market. The season's final Farmer's Market will be held Tuesday, September 9th. This year has been the most successful season to date. The City was approached by Wind Creek Hospitality's Good to Go Food Truck, who will be making an appearance at this final market. The truck features a trained chef, who will be buying produce from local growers and conducting cooking demonstrations on site. After the conclusion of the Farmer's Market, Wind Creek has offered to host a free diner at the Talladega Fire Department for all local emergency service workers.

Brought before the Council is information regarding the upcoming Movie in the Park event being held at Veterans Park on September 12th at 7:30 p.m. The movie being presented is *Radio* starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ed Harris. This is the second Movie in the Park event, the first of which was attended by in excess of 200 citizens. There will be more information forthcoming regarding future event dates, which will be held at various parks throughout the City.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the pay grade alteration for the System Administrator/Grant Coordinator in the Police Department. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the Employee Holiday Schedule for 2014-2015. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Presented for Council review is a revised budget. The previous iteration of the budget had a deficit of \$349,403.00 and since that time a number of further reductions have been made bring the budget deficit to \$129,275.00. A budget work session was scheduled for September 22nd at 4:00pm.

City Attorney O'Brien came before the Council to suggest an Executive Session to discuss terms and conditions of a sale of real property. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to go into executive session. AYES: Councilman Ballow, Council President Miller, Councilman Patterson, and Councilman Simpson.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:47 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion by Councilman Simpson 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, September 8, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.