

CITY OF TALLADEGA
PUBLIC HEARING
15 September 2008, 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing concerning actions to be taken by the City Council in connection with the issuance and sale of Series 2008-A Bonds to fulfill a Project Agreement with Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC. Franklin McPhillips, Bond Counsel, made a brief presentation. No one present to speak in favor or oppose the proposed ordinance. Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing giving property owners an opportunity to contest the declaration of public nuisance the weeds/vegetation on properties listed in Resolution #1722. Mr. Gerald Cook was present to request an extension for removing weeds/vegetation on his property and was granted an extension to October 3, 2008. Public Hearing was closed.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
15 September 2008, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, 15 September 2008 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 Eddie Tucker, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Michael Stampfler.

Invocation given by Pastor Barbara Embry of Christ Deliverance Center.

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

SUMMARY OF INVOICES & EXPENDITURES

Transfer of Funds	61,791.84
Payroll Deductions, Benefits & Taxes	248,361.54
Refunds	372.00
City Council	36,673.98
City Manager's Office	11,626.65
Finance Department	6,937.17
City Clerk's Office	4,516.72
Police Department	36,766.63
Police Communications	235.00
Animal Control	2,637.91
Municipal Court Office	29,832.07
Fire Department	8,062.91
Public Works Department	13,086.90
Community Appearance Department	14,063.68
Parks & Recreation Department	32,777.35
City Building Expenditures	3,080.75
Non-Departmental Expenditures	109,280.93
Debt Service	7,802.40
Total Invoices & Expenditures	627,907.03

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the minutes with corrections for the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2008. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Tucker to approve the roadblock request by New Life Gospel Church. AYES: All.

Mayor Brian York swore in Ed King and Julius Thomas to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Keela Brown presented the Talladega Merchants Association's survey on the parking enforcement issue for the Courthouse Square. Majority of merchants wanted the current ordinance to be left as is. Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Grissett to leave the ordinance as is. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilman Grissett, Councilman Patterson, Abstain: Councilman Miller, Nay: Councilman Tucker.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Davis granting the request for a 032 – Club Liquor – Class II license for the Elks College City Lodge #1171 located at 922 Long Street. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Tucker granting the request for a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor license for Magnolia's of Talladega, LLC located at 207 E. North Street. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilman Grissett, Councilman Tucker, Council President Patterson, Abstain: Councilman Miller.

Resolution #1722 declaring the weed/vegetation on certain properties a public nuisance.

Resolution #1723 agreeing to provide funds to the Employees' Retirement System for a one-time lump sum payment to eligible retired employees at a cost of \$23,404.00.

Resolution #1724 approving the City absorbing the cost of the employees' health care increase.

Resolution #1725 accepting the bid by CB&A Project Management for a pre-lime feeder unit for the Water Plant.

Resolution #1726 approving the purchase of 335 dials and 71 meters to complete the Water Department's meter upgrade project at a cost of \$70,664.00

Resolution # 1727 accepting the bid by Rick's Electric to repair the electrical system of the Community Appearance Department facility at a cost of \$5,000 (policy deductible) with the remaining \$11,520 to be covered by the City's insurance.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to adopt and accept Resolutions #1722 through #1727. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1646 approving the City Funding Agreement for Series 2008-A Bonds.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Miller for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1646. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1646. Roll Call. AYES: All.

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has heretofore entered into that certain Project Agreement with Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC ("Honda"), whereby the State has agreed to provide certain incentives to Honda to expand its existing manufacturing facilities in Talladega County, Alabama (the "County"). Such incentives included the payment of certain site preparation costs described in Section 2.1 of the Project Agreement (the "Site Improvement Costs") and the Mayor of the City of Talladega (the "City"), by letter dated June 12, 2002 to representatives of the State, agreed to contribute \$2,000,000 toward such Site Improvement Costs;

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Grissett for adoption of Ordinance #1646. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Expenditures for September 4-11, 2008

\$ 269,262.25

The City Manager addressed several topics:

- Presented the hydraulic study on Shocco Springs area indicating that progress had been made in replacing meters and that further testing and monitoring would continue. Director James Brasher stated that the installation of the modular valve had already made a difference.
- Currently no legal process on the City of Lincoln water payments.
- There were 3,000 gallons in storage to specifically fuel emergency vehicles for the City during this time of shortages caused by the hurricanes.
- Considerable missed opportunities with the South Street Sidewalks Grant may affect future grants.
- Presented check signing policy and written procedures.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to adopt the check signing procedures as presented. AYES: All.

- Presented written guidelines setting up a City Investment Policy. There was some discussion on having a professional organization monitor the City's investment over the long term. Indicated that the cost of this organization will be offset by an increase in investment revenue.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Grissett to adopt the City Investment Policy as presented: AYES: All.

- Final closeout of the McMillan Street CDBG project was being pursued, including application to FEMA concerning amending the flood plain map.
- Presented report on the current number of employees taking advantage of direct deposit. Some discussion on mandating direct deposit for newly hired employees.
- Presented a report on the numerous recreational centers' income and expenses. Indicated that it would be very difficult work to get the programming going at the various centers. This effort would take major effort beyond this fiscal year. First effort of concentration is on undertaking renovation work on the centers. There was some discussion concerning checks and balances on income from the Recreation Department and having the personnel to handle the increased efforts in programming.
- Presented an update on the matter Mr. Thomas Beavers had brought before the Council at the previous meeting indicating that it was a matter for the Courts.
- Requested approval of the 2009 Holiday Schedule for City employees.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Grissett to adopt the 2009 Holiday Schedule as presented. AYES: All.

Resolution #1728 authorizing Mayor York to file an application with the Alabama Department of Transportation to the State of Alabama's allocation of FY 09 Federal Highway Administration Transportation Enhancement (TE) to secure \$900,850.78 in order to construct Phase One of a network of bicycle facilities in the downtown area of Talladega.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Grissett to adopt Resolution #1728. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Grissett appreciated the City's willingness to absorb the cost of the 5% increase in employee insurance payments and the lump sum for retirees. Stating that in this tough economic time, it is important to address the needs of the employees.

Councilman Davis requested that the Cemetery Advisory Board present a report to the Council through the City Manager.

Councilman Tucker commented on the "big ditch" through Knoxville. Councilman Tucker also requested a report on street lights and sidewalks along Oliver Street to Six Points. He agreed that the proposed bike paths were a great idea and hoped that bike trails could be constructed in his ward. Councilman Tucker indicated that Senator Preuitt had already given a \$10,000 grant for the Knoxville Family Life Center.

Councilman Miller stated that Tommy Griffith from ATAP had indicated that they would donate \$5,000 to the City's playground equipment. Councilman Miller asked the City Manager to look into property at Talladega Creek where ATVs were damaging private property. Councilman Miller also congratulated Talladega High School on their football victory over Sylacauga.

Councilman Grissett motioned for adjournment at 6:55 pm.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, Acting 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, 15 September 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
Acting City Clerk