

CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
BUDGET WORK SESSION
September 16, 2013 – 5:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a Budget Work session meeting on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers. The following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson, and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Teri St. James, Finance Director, made a presentation on the proposed budget for FY 2014 as it currently stood. Half of the City's revenue is generated through sales and use tax and it did not appear that this would be increasing but remain relatively level in 2014. The 2013 Amended Budget would reflect new accounting practices that moved expenses previously seen in non-departmental accounts to department line items. Director St. James also recommended that \$200,000 be committed to further offset Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB).

Additional comments made on the Budget include: Unemployment compensation was budgeted at \$32,400 but if there are no layoffs that cost could be much less; Code Enforcement will not be using seasonal workers but instead pay overtime when needed; and there would be some department re-organizations.

Several specific goals were listed for the upcoming year:

- Continued improvement of railroad crossings
- Educating citizens on the redistricting as it affects voting wards
- Waldrep Building – RBEG and a new tenant
- GIS inventory by Alabama Power of all street lights
- New website
- New recycling center
- Continue to obtain outside funding through grants
- New City's Comprehensive Plans

Great deal of discussion on the distribution for appropriations. A Called Meeting was set for September 30, 2013 at 5:00 pm to complete the adoption of the budget for FY 2013-2014.

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 Budget Work Session on Monday, September 16, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.