

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
September 19, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011 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 Donnie Miller, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Councilwoman Liz Grissett, Councilman Eddie Tucker and City Manager Brian Muenger.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 9/5/2011 to 9/16/2011	\$ 683,110.51
General Operating Fund	584,287.45
Senior Nutrition Fund	815.76
Corrections Fund	61,864.51
Capital Improvement Bond	36,142.79

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve the minutes of the July 7 and July 14, 2011 regular meetings. AYES: All.

Mayor Brian York presented the Police Department's Click It or Ticket officers with the Top Gun Employees of the Month Award. Officers included Lt. Alan Kelly, Lt. Rick Robinson, Sergeant Marco Williams, Officer Jeremy Faulkner, Officer Glen Nabors, Officer Steve Mitchell and Officer Loren Vincent.

City Manager Muenger presented correspondence from Ms. Angelia Souder Blackwell, District Counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency's Southeastern District, concerning the Water & Sewer Department's recent compliance review. The City is "in compliance with the terms of the Compliance Agreement EPA Case No. 06-0350-00." City Manager Muenger also stated that it was the hope that the Compliance Agreement would be allowed to expire in September 2012.

Ms. LaShonda White, 126 Ridgewood Circle, presented pictures to the Council of the house she was renovating and asked for additional time to complete the work under the condemnation notice for 515 Lawrence Avenue.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Tucker to grant an extension of 60 days for 515 Lawrence Avenue. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to appoint John Ragland to the Cheaha Mental Health Board. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to appoint Dr. Gerald Williams to the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission. AYES: All.

Resolution #2335 allowing the placement of a gate across McConnell Street by the Episcopal Church from 8:30 am to 11:30 am Monday through Friday during the school year. Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2335. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2336 assessing lien against property at 35880 Highway 21 for weed abatement.

Resolution #2337 assessing lien against property at McMillan & Cobb for weed abatement.

Resolution #2338 assessing lien against property at 604 Leahy Circle for weed abatement.

Resolution #2339 assessing lien against property at 27 Burk Lane for weed abatement.

Resolution #2340 assessing lien against property at 105 Ridgeview Road for weed abatement.

Resolution #2341 assessing lien against property at USWU on Ward Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2342 assessing lien against property at 720 Pulliam Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2343 assessing lien against property at 621 Knox Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2344 assessing lien against vacant lot next to 621 Knox Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2345 assessing lien against vacant lot 18th St. and Shaw St. for weed abatement.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve Resolutions #2336-#2345. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1708 to designate a \$0.35 per month fee per account on the City Water bill to be used for improvements to the City's recycling program.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1708. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker. Action on Ordinance #1708 is halted and it will be placed on the next council meeting agenda.

Ordinance #1709 adopting a Business License Ordinance for 2012 and all subsequent years which includes cost of living changes to the fee schedule, removal of the "Out of Town Merchant" fee and addition of the classification "Mobile Food Vendors."

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1709. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1709. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 1633, 1650, 1667, 1684 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; TO PROVIDE FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE CODE OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE YEAR 2012 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER; TO PROVIDE FOR A SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS CLASS-IFICATIONS AND BUSINESS LICENSE FEES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for adoption of Ordinance #1709. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1710 adopting a correction to the amended budget for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1710. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1710. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, (ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 27, 2010, ORDINANCE 1678) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2010 AND ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2011;

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilwoman Grissett for adoption of Ordinance #1710. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilwoman Grissett to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Water Department Expenditures for 9/8/11 to 9/15/2011	\$ 269,105.50
Operations Fund	269,105.50

Ms. Lona Faye Bows, county resident on city water system, stated that because of a leak in a rental property she owned there was an extremely high water bill. She turned off the water as soon as she got the first high water billing, but then there was an even higher bill the next time (\$800). Ms. Bows stated that the method for alerting citizens of high water usage and leaks is too long a process that wastes water and runs up citizens' water bills. Ms. Bows also stated that she thought the reconnect fee was too high and made it very bad for people who had trouble paying their water bill in the first place. Ms. Fuller stated that a discount would be given to Ms. Bows once the leak was fixed. Ms. Bows stated that she merely was going to leave the water off in the rental property. Councilman Miller asked if the system could flag the leak sooner. Council President Patterson asked City Manager Muenger to get with Water Department Acting Director Cathy Fuller and see where there was a failure to notify quickly and come back to the Council with some items for discussion.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Miller.

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 19, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk