

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
October 3, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.**

Sam Wright, Mayor of Sylacauga, presented a plaque of appreciation to the Talladega Fire Department for their help with the Avondale Mills fire that occurred on June 22, 2011.

Keela Brown, Activities Committee of Talladega, asked the Council if three sides of the Courthouse Square could be closed for Halloween festivities and also asked for use of the alleyway behind the Ritz Theatre to be used as a “Haunted Alleyway”. The Council had no objection and the request was granted.

Public Hearing was held concerning two condemned properties. The property owner for the mobile home on Nolan Street was granted a 30-day extension to remove the structure and debris.

Billy Wallace, owner of plots in Westview Cemetery, asked for help in finding out who buried an infant on his family plot. City Manager stated that he was currently working with the City Attorney to resolve this and other matters concerning the Westview Cemetery.

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 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 Councilman Miller to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 9/19/2011 to 9/30/2011	\$ 738,758.77
General Operating Fund	672,077.69
Corrections Fund	5,222.60
TPD Grant	4,885.20
Brownfield Grant	2,685.00
Oil Trust Fund	53,674.28
Capital Improvement Bond	241.00

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve the minutes of the August 1 and August 15, 2011 regular meetings. AYES: All.

Councilman Jim Davis swears in Dr. Gerald Williams to the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission.

Ms. Bobbye Trammell, Chairperson of the Hall of Heroes, announced the Veterans’ Day Parade to be held on November 11, 2011 at 11:00 am.

City Manager Muenger announced the Business Work Seminar on the Gap Retail Analysis to be held at DeForest Chapel on the Talladega College Campus on October 4 at 6:00 pm.

Resolution #2346 authorizing the demolition of the structure on Jemison Street (Parcel ID #1305224023002000).

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve Resolution #2346. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2347 authorizing the demolition of the mobile home on Nolan Street (Parcel ID #1308281017017000). *30-day extension granted during pre-council session*

Resolution #2348 authorizing the surplus of vehicles and equipment from the Community Appearance and Public Works Departments.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve Resolution #2348. 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. (*Stopped from immediate consideration on Sept. 19, 2011 meeting*)

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only for Ordinance #1708. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA 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 approval of Ordinance #1708. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Miller wishes to emphasize that this was not an increase to the water/garbage bill because the new garbage contract had reduced the household monthly fee by almost \$4.00, so ultimately each household was saving over \$3.00 a month even with the new recycle fee. The recycle fee would only come to \$4.20 per year per household and the fee would allow the City to have a much better recycling program which many citizens have requested.

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis 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 9/22/11 to 9/30/2011	\$ 139,347.61
Operations Fund	139,347.61

Manager Muenger requested an elimination of one of the Recreation Center manager's positions as it was no longer needed with the closure of two recreation centers.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for a reduction in force by one position in the Parks & Recreation Department. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for approval of the Police Department hiring request to replace vacated positions. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for approval of out of state travel request for the Police Department for software training. AYES: All.

Councilman Tucker requested that the Street Department employees be more observant of issues such as downed street signs and roadkill and not just to drive by these items but get out and fix them as they see them. Councilman Tucker also suggested that the Chamber of Commerce do something such as a prayer breakfast before a Talladega High School football game to let the young people know that the City is behind them and to encourage them despite their losing season.

Councilwoman Grissett praised the fire department for their help in taking care of a fire in the house next door to her and for checking on the neighbors as well as taking care of the family whose house was damaged by fire.

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, October 3, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk