

CITY OF TALLADEGA
PUBLIC HEARING
October 11, 2010

The City Council of the City of Talladega held a Public Hearing to discuss a proposed 1 cent sales tax increase. Numerous citizens and City Department Heads voiced their opinions on the pros and cons of the sales tax increase. At the end of the Public Hearing, Council President Patterson polled the council with the following results: Approval of increase – Council President Patterson and Councilman Davis, Disapprove of increase – Councilwoman Grissett, Councilman Tucker and Councilman Miller. The issue was therefore halted.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 11, 2010 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, Councilman Eddie Tucker, Councilwoman Liz Grissett, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Pastor Ted Peterson of the First United Methodist Church.

Mayor Brian York presented the Employee of the Month Top Gun Award to Jeremiah Garrett of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Shawn Burks spoke before the Council stating that he had been prevented from offering his services as a personal trainer to members of the Nautilus Room at the Spring Street Recreation Center. Parks & Recreation Director Parvin Neloms stated that there was a policy in place to prevent solicitation and use of the Nautilus Room for personal business. Council President Patterson asked that the City Manager, Director Neloms and Mr. Burks meet concerning this matter and that it was not something that should be handled or brought up before the City Council.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilwoman Grissett to re-appointment Ms. Diane Orsini to the Talladega Library Board. AYES: All.

Resolution #2134 approving a 10-year tax abatement for the approximately \$9,000,000 expansion at Precision Strip Inc. (tabled from meeting of October 4, 2010)

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution #2134. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Councilman Tucker, NAY: Councilman Miller

Resolution #2146 approving the application to the Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund for \$101,400 at 3% interest to finance the maintenance and improvements to city-owned Kenwin-Waldrep building on the Historic Courthouse Square.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #2146. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative representative, Leland Fuller, stated that this was not the Cooperative's money, but part of a 1994 USDA economic development funding program that many industries in the area have benefited from. City Manager Muenger commented that the funding would be used for renovating the façade and replacing roofs of the two buildings and interior renovation of one building for a small business to occupy.

Resolution #2147 approving a contract with Metro D Construction LLC to repair the Kenwin-Waldrep building per bid specifications for a total cost of \$202,800 (contingent on obtaining the Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative Revolving Loan Fund).

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2147. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2148 approving the contract with Talladega Rescue Squad for \$3,500 to provide services to the City.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve Resolution #2148. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2149-A approving out-of-state travel for a staff member of the Police Department to attend Police Software Training Conference.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2149-A. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1680 renaming Seventeenth (17th) Street as Stephen J. White Memorial Boulevard.

City Clerk Beth Cheeks explained that a motion to rename 17th Street had been made and voted on during the January 19, 2006 regular Council Meeting, but that a City ordinance had not been drawn up and approved to make the name change official for the Post Office and other government agencies.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilwoman Grissett for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1680. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1680. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO REDESIGNATE THE STREET PRESENTLY NAMED SEVENTEENTH (17TH) STREET TO STEPHEN J. WHITE MEMORIAL BOULEVARD.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for adoption of Ordinance #1680. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Brian Muenger requested a called Council meeting for October 18, 2010 for the purpose of finalizing the Water Department Bond.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the hiring of a certified police officer to fill a recent vacancy. AYES: All.

There was some discussion concerning the City's "Take Home Vehicle Policy" for possible economic savings. The consensus of the Council was to insure that the current policy was strictly enforced.

City Manager Muenger announced that the City had been awarded a small no-match grant from WRATT (Waste Reduction and Technology Transfer Foundation) to perform energy audits for several city buildings including City Hall and the Spring Street Recreation Center.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Tucker.

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 11, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
City Clerk