

CITY OF TALLADEGA
PUBLIC HEARING
10 November 2008, 5:00 pm

Public Hearing – Rezoning of property owned by Waites Construction Company, Inc. in the Park Circle area from R-4 Low Density Multi-Family Residential to R-6 High Density Multi-Family Residential.

Councilman Tucker opposed the rezoning stating that there were already too many housing projects in his ward. Councilman Tucker indicated that he is not opposed to developing housing such as apartment complexes in Talladega, just that such projects need to be spread out throughout the City and not concentrated in one area where problems such as crime, high traffic, and water runoff will increased. He further stated that communities needed to be planned out for a safer environment for the citizens.

Due to Councilman Tucker’s opposition voiced in the Public Hearing concerning the proposed rezoning, Ordinance #1648 was removed from the agenda.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
10 November 2008, 5:30 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, 10 November 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 Rev. Isaac Richardson from African Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/30/08 to 11/07/08	\$499,378.86
General Fund 10	\$498,378.86
Oil Trust Fund 70	\$ 1,000.00

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to approve the minutes with corrections for the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2008. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve transfer of 070-Retail Table Wine (off premises only) and 050-Retail Beer (off premises only) from Williamson Oil Company to Mapco, Inc. at two locations: 64940 Alabama Highway 77 (#5188) and 67420 Alabama Highway 77 (#5197). AYES: All.

Betty Veach, owner of property on Thornton Street, spoke on the issue of increasing water rates for hookups outside the City limits. Ms. Veach stated that as part of the settlement of property she inherited hookup to City water and sewer and fire hydrants was paid for out of the estate. Therefore, Ms. Veach states that to now pay 25% more for water and sewer is not right. Ms. Veach also requested answers to other questions concerning the one cent sales tax that was to put money aside for infrastructure improvements and cuts made to the Police Department in 2006. Council President Patterson asked Ms. Veach to leave a copy of her questions with the City Manager so that they could be addressed.

Resolution #1767 approves giving the City Manager the authority to apply for and sign the Brownfield Assessment Grant.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #1767. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Expenditures for 10/03 to 11/06/08

\$ 227,098.77

The City Manager's comments included:

- Shocco Springs Water Pressure issue continued to improve.
- Flyer was inserted in the water billing concerning the changes in Garbage Collection and a copy was presented to the Council
- Flyer was also inserted in the water billing concerning the Hydrant Flushing program. A large advertisement will be in the *Daily Home* outlining affected areas for each scheduled phase of the program. This is in addition to door hangers that are placed at all houses in the scheduled work area.
- Brownfield Assessment Grant Town meeting was very encouraging so far as the public participation. Particularly wanted to draw the Council's attention to three letters received from students who wanted to be involved in the environmental project.
- Requested approval of Ritz Theatre expenses totally \$9,064.35 that were associated with the recent renovation.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the payment of additional expenses associated with the Ritz Theatre renovations. AYES: All.

- Presented Chief Watson's response to Mr. Beavers concerns as voiced in the previous Council meeting. Mr. Beavers will be refunded the \$85.00 for towing his vehicle.
- Presented a report concerning the additional revenue brought in by the new Revenue Officer and pointed out that restating this position will most likely continue to bring in additional revenue.
- Requested authorization of a grant submitted by Bobbye Trammell of the Bemiston Community Council to the Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council for \$3,500 and noted that no City funds were involved in this grant.

Mayor York wished to honor all our veterans in recognition of Veterans' Day on November 11th. Councilman Grissett announced that there would be an open house at the library on that day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm as part of the Hall of Heroes observance of Veterans' Day.

There was some discussion of the City's curfew and the difficulties in enforcing it. Councilman Tucker announced a "Stop the Violence" rally scheduled for November 22nd at Edythe Sims Park with a march from Curry Court to Westgate.

Councilman Grissett requested an update on the request for the Bemiston caution light at the next Council meeting. Councilman Grissett also commented on the City's ability to stay within last year's budget and congratulated the City employees on their efforts for keeping the City on solid financial footing.

Councilman Davis announced that the Library Director had resigned to accept a position in Louisiana. Councilman Davis also stated that the School Board had requested help with funding a security officer at the schools. City Manager Stampfler indicated that the City would work with the School Board to identify possible grants to fund such a position.

Council President Patterson requested information concerning a possible “Gun Buy Back” program in an effort to keep guns out of the hands of children in our community.

Mr. James Swinford, Public Works Director, presented a request to the Council concerning a proposed policy for retired employees staying on the City’s health insurance policy after reaching an age that makes them eligible for Medicare. City Manager Stampfler stated that the issue would be addressed at the next Council meeting.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to enter into Executive Session. AYES: All. The City Council went into executive session at 7:00 pm

The City Council reconvened at 7:25 pm and Councilman Grissett stated that the Council would take no position tonight concerning the issue in executive session. Meeting was adjourned

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, 10 November 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
Acting City Clerk