

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION
November 14, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a budget work session on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Purchasing Department meeting room. The following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson and City Manager Brian Muenger.

This was the first budget work session with the new council seated. Teri St. James, Finance Director, was present and answered basic questions about the proposed budget line items.

First topic was to come to a general consensus on the appropriation amounts for fiscal year 2011-2012. The following amounts were agreed upon:

Antique Talladega	\$65,000
Chamber of Commerce	\$30,000 with \$1,000 for Christmas Parade
EMA	\$ 2,000
Community Life Institute	\$ 4,000
Heritage Hall Commission	\$50,000
Isaiah House	\$ 8,500
Talladega Rescue Squad	\$ 5,000
East AL – Senior Rx	\$25,000
Volunteer Connections	\$ 2,500
City Board of Education Pre-K	\$45,000
City Board of Education	to be decided later
Economic Development Authority	to be decided later
To be distributed through United Way	
Boys and Girls Club	\$ 7,500
Red Door Kitchen	\$ 5,000
Palmer Place	\$ 2,000
Community Action Agency	\$ 8,500

Employee salary discussion included:

- Step raises are included in this fiscal year's budget
- Look into increasing Police Officer pay – especially when bringing in a Certified Officer with experience they need to be at a much higher pay level than just entry level Rookie Officer
- Look into fire captain pay adjustments

Discussion on paving program included:

- Addressing milling problems with any new or current paving projects
- Look into penalizing or needing to have a bond on utility companies that make cuts in roadway with first notifying the City Public Works Dept.
- Need an aggressive, strong paving program for this fiscal year
- Analyze Thornton Street, Nimitz Avenue, and other streets off the bypass and the Public Park area for condition to handle higher traffic

Discussion on general topics included:

- Leveraging funds with the Chamber of Commerce; City of Lincoln does not support Chamber financially
- Working with the City Board of Education so that they will take a leadership role in obtaining bonds for new facilities, etc.
- Better communication with the Economic Development Authority on what efforts are being made for business inside the City limits
- Sales tax increase may place additional \$300,00 in Capital Improvement Project fund
- Water rate increase of about 3% related to the CPI increase

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, November 14, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk