

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

Mayor Barton presented Certificates of Recognition to the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

Matt Gilrath, InSite Engineering, presented a report on the drainage assessment of Avenue H and Pope-Hill detention ponds.

John D. Lawler gave the City Council an update on his continuing contacts with CSX railroad concerning the ditch and “dangerous” tree at the back of his property.

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

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 5, 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 Jarvis Elston, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Joe Ballow and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation – Rev. Andy Mims, Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/21/2011 to 12/2/2011	\$ 906,834.39
General Operating Fund	498,240.37
Corrections Fund	14,879.51
Oil Trust Fund	375,214.51
Capital Improvement	18,500.00

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 regular meeting. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton presented Joel Taylor, Hospital Administrator and Danine Watson, Vice President of Nursing for Citizens Baptist Medical Center with a proclamation recognizing the hospital’s distinction as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures.

Bobby and Debbie Hubbard came before the council concerning the paving of Hubbard Drive. There was a discussion of the legal issues of whether the City had the right-of-ways once Hubbard Drive was designated as a public street in April 1999. Ms. Hubbard stated that Hubbard Drive was listed in the newspaper as one of the roadways to be paved in 2011 but that nothing had been done. Manager Muenger stated that Hubbard Drive had been removed from the 2011 paving project list because it required more than just applying asphalt as the road bed needed more extensive work, such as proper drainage, to bring it up to standards for a public road. Ms. Hubbard stated that no one ever told them they had to improve their “driveway” before the City would take over maintenance and that the Water Department had already moved the water line. Council President Patterson asked how many residents were affected. Mr. Hubbard indicated that there were four houses and three residents on the road. This item was set for more discussion at the December 19, 2011 council meeting.

Resolution #2378 authorizing contract with Auburn University of Auburn, Alabama to conduct, via the University’s Urban Design Studio, a visioning and design project for the West Battle Street Corridor in the amount of \$10,000.00

Resolution #2379 authorizing contract with Hutto Construction of Pell City, Alabama for the replacement of a reinforced masonry retaining wall within the Duncan-Pinkston Park for a total cost of \$15,200.00, with half (\$7,600.00) of the project cost to be reimbursed to the City from TCR Child Care Corporation.

Resolution #2380 authorizing contract with Schreiber Corporation of Trussville, Alabama for the replacement of aeration and clarifier equipment at the Airport and Brecon Wastewater Treatment facilities for a total cost of \$42,682.00.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Elston to approve Resolutions #2378-2380. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Elston to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 11/22/11 to 12/1/2011	\$ 191,392.20
Operations Fund	191,392.20

Council members agreed to modify the City's Top Gun Employee Award program from monthly to quarterly.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Simpson.

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

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk