

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
December 05, 2013 – 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing on eighteen (18) properties that are set for placement of weed abatement liens. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment or complain.

Jason Daves from the Chamber of Commerce presented the scheduled events for the upcoming Christmas in Talladega. The extravaganza is planned for December 8-14, 2013, with the Christmas Parade on December 9 and a viewing of two Christmas themed movies at the Ritz Theatre. Santa's Workshop will be Tuesday-Friday from 5:00pm until 7:30pm.

Councilman Simpson requested a one-time pay raise for all City employees (except for one employee, a relative, who he will pay out of his own finances). Council President Patterson noted that gift certificates were given in the past. City Attorney O'Brien was present, and stated that doing so would be a violation of Section 68 or Section 94 of the State Code and is not recommended by the Attorney General. There was quite a bit of discussion on this matter and the possibility of re-instating step raises was mentioned instead of the one-time pay raise. Council President Patterson suggested that this subject be brought up again in the Council meeting.

Councilman Miller addressed the Council regarding Ordinance #1763 which concerned city maintenance of the roads in Belleview Subdivision. City Attorney O'Brien stated that since the City has been maintaining them for many years, it is by defacto acceptance of the road.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 05, 2013 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a meeting on Thursday, December 05, 2013 at 5:30 p.m., at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Patterson, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Dr. C.O. Grinstead of Trinity Christian Academy.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/18/2013 to 11/29/2013 for FY2012-2013	\$ 1,766.60
General Operating Account	1,766.60
Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/18/2013 to 11/29/2013 for FY2013-2014	\$393,339.56
General Operating Account	311,164.64
Municipal Court	5,385.49
Cash Bond	458.00
Corrections Fund	24,764.48
Capital Improvement Fund	51,566.95

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2013. AYES: All.

At this point Councilman Simpson left the Council Chambers.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller to approve the reappointment of Ray Miller, Calvin McRae, and Jeff Roberts to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Miller.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the appointment of Nancy Rue, Jean McMillan and Angela Thomas to the Talladega Heritage Commission. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Miller.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the re-appointment of Nicky Lawler to the Armstrong-Osborne Public Library Board. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Miller.

Presented to the Council is a request for the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Hanshaw Drive and West College Street. Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the request for a streetlight at the intersection of Hanshaw Drive and West College Street. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Miller.

Ordinance #1763 designating Scenic Drive, Lookout Lane, and Adams Ridge Lane of Belleview Subdivision as public roadways maintained by the City. *Tabled until next meeting.*

Resolution #3015 approving purchase of insurance policies through Talladega Insurance Agency for auto, general liability and umbrella liability for a total cost of \$271,739.00

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3015. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Miller.

Resolution #3016 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Sloan Ave (Parcel ID 1305223008001000)

Resolution #3017 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 709 18th Street

Resolution #3018 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 520 North Court Street

Resolution #3019 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 406 East Parkway

Resolution #3020 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 205 Alexander Street

Resolution #3021 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Long Street (Parcel ID 1308283001017000)

Resolution #3022 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Howard Street (Parcel ID 1305223012007000)

Resolution #3023 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Hill Street (Parcel ID 1305224024005000)

Resolution #3024 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 917 Nimitz Avenue

Resolution #3025 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 21 Banjo Hills

Resolution #3026 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Knox Street (Parcel ID 1306233015009000)

Resolution #3027 authorizing a weed abatement lien on 720 Pulliam Street

Resolution #3028 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Knox Street (Parcel ID 1306233015010000)

Resolution #3029 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on East Coffee Street (Parcel ID 1307262017009000)

Resolution #3030 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on corner of Savory and College Street (Parcel ID 1308284002003000)

Resolution #3031 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on corner of Park Circle and 19th Street (Parcel ID 1305224024014000)

Resolution #3032 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on corner of College and Jackson Streets (Parcel ID 1308273000005000)

Resolution #3033 authorizing a weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Long Street (Parcel ID 1308283008023000)

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolutions #3016-3033. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Miller.

Councilman Simpson returned to the Council Chambers at this time.

Resolution #3034 approving a contract with Kimberlee Davidson for tax administration services at a cost of \$20.00/hour for approximately 35 hours per month for three months with optional thirty day renewal periods.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3034. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Miller.

Resolution #3035 approving the 3-year lease purchase with Nohab Business Products for Laserfiche Archiving Software and a dedicated server for \$419.75 per month.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3035. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Miller.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve the invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Miller.

Water Department Expenditures for 11/20/13 to 11/26/13 for FY2012-2013	\$ 84.00
Operations & Maintenance	84.00

Water Department Expenditures for 11/20/13 to 11/26/13 for FY2013-2014	\$225,393.38
Operations & Maintenance	86,159.52
Revenue	139,233.86

Resolution #3036 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for design, construction, engineering and inspection services for Citizen's Marksmanship Program Water Main Extension along Turners Mill Road not to exceed cost of \$19,800.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3036. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Miller.

In other business, the location and time for the next Council Meeting will be held at the Armstrong-Osborne Public Library on December 16, 2013 at 5pm. A memorial dedication for Ms. Rebecca Newman will be held then immediately followed by the Pre-Council meeting.

Presented to the Council, was the annual Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) report. This report is required by City Ordinance No.1249 and is also filed with the Alabama Historical Commission to maintain the City's Certified Local Government status. This year the Commission approved eleven (11) of the twelve (12) COA applications submitted.

City Manager Muenger updated the Council on Veteran's Park with the conduit for the electric being installed for lights. Also the Spring Street closure to replace the pipe under the road is delayed due to impending weather.

Also mentioned was the Park and Recreation operation schedule and sporting fees. It was noted that the City has taken over the administration of the softball, baseball, and T-ball teams.

At this time, Councilman Elston arrived and apologized for being late (stuck in traffic).

Council President Patterson raised the issue of the one time employee raise brought forth from Pre-Council; stating that it would be wise to heed the City Attorney's opinion, but perhaps an additional vacation day could be added for the City employees along with reinstating the step raise. There was some discussion about this subject matter and it was decided that all options would be looked into and brought up again at the next meeting.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Simpson for a \$50.00 one-time pay raise for City employees. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Ballow. ABSTAIN: Council President Patterson, Councilman Miller, and Councilman Simpson.

Mayor Barton swore in Ray Miller, Calvin McRae, and Jeff Roberts to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board.

Motion by Councilman Simpson to adjourn the meeting.

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 Thursday, December 05, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk