

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
February 19, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Joel Marsh and Nicole Parker came before Council concerning the DHR building. The DHR building is set to be renovated with a lease agreement with the PBA, the amount of which would be sufficient to repay the bonds issued for the renovation. This will have no impact on the City's finances or bond rating, as the PBA is a separate incorporated entity. The appointment of three applicants to the Talladega Public Building Authority was also brought up for Council consideration.

David Andrew from Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS) came before the Council regarding a renewal of the Special Use Permit for 1 Court Square cell phone tower. This would be an extension of a previous Resolution that the Council has already approved.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Elston, Mayor Larry Barton, and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Jeff Duncan of Calvary Baptist Church.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 2/1/2015 to 2/13/2015 **\$1,139,917.78**

General Operating Account	730,033.92
Corrections	42,068.78
CDGB Fund	61,355.80
\$.07 Gas Tax Fund	306,459.28

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2015. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve the applications of Bob Lumpkin, Dale Waller, and Charles Keith to the Talladega Public Building Authority. AYES: All.

There was a brief discussion of an increase in Council member and Mayor salary for the upcoming term. However, there was no change recommended.

City Manager Muenger brought before the Council an update on the Frazier Farm CDBG project. A memo from Lance Armbruster with CDG Engineering noted that the contractor has completed 80% of the project despite using less than half the allowable time. All major work items are deemed to be "substantially complete," other than the crossing pipes on Frazier and Baker Street and some concrete channel work. It is also noted that the interfering water mains have been successfully relocated. The contractor estimates three weeks of work remaining.

City Manager Muenger deferred to Public Works Director Phillips for an update on the paving project. Since the previous update, McCartney has mobilized to First Street and made significant progress in the removal of the existing concrete base. McCartney has also progressed with punch list items. Although only eight working days remain on this project it is expected that McCartney will submit a request for additional time based on the amount of time expended on North Street. Once this request is received the City will review the records relating to the quantity and scope of work on North Street and determine if additional days are necessary.

Resolution #3428 adopting the Title VI Policy Statement – Limited English Proficiency Plan for the City of Talladega Transportation Program.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3428. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3429 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to the lot at the intersection of Howard Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Parcel ID 1308272007007000

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3429. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3430 approving the contract with Waites Construction for the demolition of six properties for a total cost of \$20,800.00

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3430. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Tim Alexander, student from the University of Alabama at Birmingham came before the Council requesting support for UAB's athletics program in way of Resolution #3431.

Resolution #3431 supporting the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Athletic Program.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3431. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Miller, Councilman Patterson, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Simpson ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

Resolution #3432 authorizing the Mayor to accept on behalf of the City the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant award of \$46,650 for the ADA renovation of the restroom facilities at Veterans Park.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3432. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3433 approving the contract with Emergency Equipment Professions for a 2015 model pumper unit for the Fire Department per bid specifications for a total cost of \$380,825.00

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3433. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3434 surplusing the Fire Department's 1994 Quality Spartan Pumper Fire Truck.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3434. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3435 authorizing the execution of a quitclaim deed for the building occupied by the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to the Public Building Authority of the City of Talladega.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3435. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3436 approving a contract with Neel-Schaffer for Phase I design services for the Haynes Street Detention Structure at a cost of \$23,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3436. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 2/5/15 to 2/12/15 **\$ 652,251.54**

Operations & Maintenance	226,620.99
Revenue	422,630.55
Construction & Improvement	3,000.00

For Council information, City Manager Muenger came before the Council concerning the Cross-Connection Control Program. The annual Sanitary Survey of the water system was conducted by Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). The Water Department currently has in place a cross connection control program policy, but the policy has not been implemented or tracked.

This deficiency has not been noted in previous annual reports and ADEM requested that the Department provide a timeline for implementation by January 30, 2015. A plan of action has been submitted to ADEM and accepted. So in order to ensure compliance with ADEM, it was requested that Department Staff communicate with Mr. William McClimans of ADEM to clarify the parameters under which a backflow preventer (BFP), must be installed and/or inspected. Notice has been mailed to those customers with existing BFP's informing them of the inspection requirement. These letters were mailed on January 31, 2015 and customers were requested to provide proof of inspection within 30 days.

Resolution #3437 authorizing the execution of a grant of easement from Cahaba Forest LLC.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Elston to approve Resolution #3437. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3438 approving a contract with Ingram Equipment for a push camera system for the Water Department at a cost of \$15,128.00.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3438. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3439 approving a contract with Giddens Inc. of Sylacauga for the Ironaton Road Water Project – Phase III at a cost of \$448,050.00.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3439. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3440 approving a Participating Agreement for Fuels or Noxious Weed Treatment between the City of Talladega and the USDA, Forest Service.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3440. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger brought before the Council the EPA Brownfield Cleanup application. The City has gone through the assessment process and now need to apply for the cleanup phase specifically for the Wehadkee Yarn Mill, which is said to have encapsulated contaminated soil.

City Manager Muenger commended the Police Department on their preliminary CALEA report and congratulated Chief Warwick on his election of chairperson to the Ambulance Oversight Commission.

City Manager Muenger tendered his resignation and wanted to extend his gratitude to the City and its citizens. Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller to accept City Manager Muenger's resignation. Roll Call. AYES: All.

There was a rather long discussion as to the next plan of action to secure another City Manager. City Manager Muenger will remain to help aid in the transition for 30 days. A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 3:00pm.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller to name Finance Director Teri St. James as Interim City Manager. AYES: All.

All Councilmen wished City Manager Muenger well on his future endeavors and that he will be missed.

Motion by Councilman Patterson 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, February 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.