

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
February 2, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing on six (6) properties that are set for placement of weed abatement liens. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment or complain.

Judy Elliot from the Talladega Pilgrimage Council came before the Council to request funding in the amount of \$7,000 for the April in Talladega event and to have the business license fees waived for all participating vendors.

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

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 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 Tom Simic of Winterboro Baptist Church.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 1/22/2015 to 1/29/2015 **\$569,886.64**

General Operating Account	520,785.31
Corrections	32,581.08
CDGB Fund	1,269.74
Brownfield	5,505.04
Cemetery	9,745.47

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2015. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the request from the Talladega Pilgrimage Council for \$7,000 and business license fees waived for participating vendors for April in Talladega. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Simpson, Councilman Elston, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Patterson ABSTAIN: Councilman Miller

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller to table the application for the Cheaha Mental Health Board AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger informed the Council of the grand opening date for the new Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) building located at 31 Arnold Street. The event will be held on February 6th at 10:00 a.m.

City Manager Muenger deferred to Code Enforcement Officer Rowls concerning an update regarding Henrietta Lawler's property nuisance concerns. Code Enforcement Officer Rowls stated that the issue is that the property owner of the aforementioned lot is not clear. Letters have been sent to both the potential owners of the lot. However, based on the level of enforcement of various nuisance ordinances by the City over a period of years, it does not constitute a nuisance. City Manager Muenger spoke regarding the sewage issue filed by Ms. Lawler. All lines in the area of the home have recently been cleaned, smoke tested, and video inspected. It is also noted that the low elevation of the Lawler home creates difficulty for the sewage in the line to gravity flow to the main. The customer is to be removed from gravity sewer and a grinder pump will be installed. The City will assume the cost of the purchase and installation, while the customer will be responsible for its ongoing maintenance and associated utilities. Public Works Director Phillips addressed the drainage complaint made by Ms. Lawler. The ditch in question has been reviewed and contact was made with Norfolk Southern Railroad to inform them of the issue. A meeting is in the process of being scheduled with the appropriate members of Norfolk Southern. Ms. Lawler wanted on the record that she takes offense to the statements

of Code Enforcement Officer Rowls. She takes pride in her home and community and needs some assistance for issues that have been ongoing for 2 years.

City Manager Muenger brought before the Council the dates of the Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. The Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) has announced that the holiday will be held between Friday, February 20th and Sunday, February 22nd.

For Council information, City Manager Muenger brought before the Council the annual inspection report for the Talladega Municipal Airport, issued by the ALDOT Aeronautics Bureau. The only action items noted are the clearing of trees from one approach path and the repair of various taxiways, which is part of the Airport's ongoing series of funding requests to the FAA.

City Manager Muenger informed the Council that the City's 2013 Land Water Conservation Fund application, in the amount of \$46,650.00, has been approved. This application, approved by the Council in May 2013, was initially submitted to ADECA that same month, with a second-round application being submitted in November 2013. The project will fund the construction of an ADA complaint restroom facility at Veterans Park. These restrooms would be larger than the existing facility, with three fixtures on each side. Additional improvements to walkways leading to the facility are planned to ensure ADA compliance.

Resolution #3420 authorizing weed abatement lien on vacant lot on McAlpine Street (Parcel ID 1308281017034000)

Resolution #3421 authorizing weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Neal Street (Parcel ID 1305223005038000)

Resolution #3422 authorizing weed abatement lien on vacant lot on Savory Street (Parcel ID 1308284002003000)

Resolution #3423 authorizing weed abatement lien on 420 Dumas Avenue

Resolution #3424 authorizing weed abatement lien on 605 19th Street

Resolution #3425 authorizing weed abatement lien on 510 Oak Circle

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3420 to Resolution #3425. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3426 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to vacant lot on Lane Street, Parcel ID 1308283007014000

Resolution #3427 authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to 155 Celia Circle

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3426 and Resolution #3427. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 1/22/15 to 1/29/15 \$ 579,828.64

Operations & Maintenance	191,731.38
Revenue	238,097.26
Construction & Improvement	150,000.00

For Council information, City Manager Muenger gave an update on the test well drilling for the replacement of the Tipton Well. A notice to proceed for this project will be issued on February 9th, with 60 calendar days being given for completion. If the initial bores are successful, it is possible the contract time could be shortened.

Purchasing Director Hanner came before the Council regarding an update on the paving of City streets. All roads currently on the punch list, excluding North Street and the associated alleys are completed. Alternate Bid Items 3, 4, and 5 have seen no progress and with only 16 working days remaining in the contract it will be unlikely that the contractor will complete the work in the time allotted. A progress meeting with the engineer is set for February 3rd and McCartney Construction management is scheduled to meet with City staff later in the week to discuss their plans moving forward.

Brought before the Council is the upcoming bid openings scheduled for the month of February. The listed items will be on the agenda of February 19th for Council consideration.

City Manager Muenger informed the Council that there will be an Arbor Day Ceremony at Veterans Park on February 25. Citizens Baptist Medical Center will plant 19 trees for each hospice patient. He also wanted to thank the Library for hosting the training for the website.

Councilman Miller inquired about the status of the City flag. City Manager Muenger stated that a quote is still pending. Councilman Miller also asked about when the last time the Council pay was increased and City Manager Muenger stated that he would get that information out to the Council.

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 Monday, February 2, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.