

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL  
June 15, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing on nineteen (19) properties that are set for placement of weed abatement liens. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment or complain.

Representatives Amy Brewer, Terry Mills, and Demarcus Fomby from Judicial Correction Services (JCS) came before the Council concerning questions Council may have about their practices in the Municipal Court. JCS charges a probation fee of \$35.00 a month; this fee is set by the judge. There is a 30 day wait period with no interest. Judge Nelson was present and stated that he cannot discuss this subject in public, but would be affable to meeting with whoever has any questions.

Paul Johnson came before the Council requesting the Council to issue an Ordinance prohibiting indecent exposure, specifically sagging pants. Mr. Johnson expressed that the level of indecent exposure has reached a point where an ordinance is warranted. Councilman Miller concurred and stated that Atlanta has passed an ordinance pertaining to this type of issue and this problem should be visited again. Councilman Patterson stated that the Council would need to be careful about being on sound legal footing in case this ordinance is challenged and recommended community hearings. Council President Simpson commented that the incoming City Manager will need to handle this.

Mrs. Henrietta Lawler came before the Council concerning the lot across the street from her property and the vegetation over the sidewalk. Mrs. Lawler stated that she will not give up on this 2 year long fight and had requested the City Attorney be present. She stated that the sidewalk is overgrown with weeds. Councilman Patterson asked if she had notified the Community Appearance department because if it is a public sidewalk, the City needs to take care of the vegetation on it. As for Mrs. Lawler's other issue, Councilman Patterson deferred to Code Enforcement Officer Rawls. Code Enforcement Officer Rawls stated that the property in question is considered undeveloped woodlands and the Ordinance is not intended for that. Mrs. Lawler made the Council aware of the fact that because of the area being so dense people urinate there and drug deals are being made there as well. Councilman Patterson stated that it is private property so it is illegal to go on it, but maybe the matter could be handed to the City Attorney and let him suggest ideas such as maybe changing part of the ordinance.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
June 15, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 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 Donnie Miller, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Horace Patterson, Mayor Larry Barton, and Interim City Manager Theresa St. James.

Invocation by Tommy Strickland of Hepzibah Baptist Church.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 5/26/2015 to 6/12/2015** **\$610,278.21**

General Operating Account	455,136.91
Senior Nutrition	64,345.25
Corrections	44,062.81
CDBG Fund	7,767.21
Police Grant Fund	25,416.03
Cemetery Fund	7,250.00
\$.07 Gas Tax Fund	2,400.00
Capital Improvement Fund	3,900.00

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2015. AYES: All

Mayor Barton swore in George Hartsfield to the Talladega Heritage Commission.

City Clerk Cheeks gave an update on the applications for two Alabama Historical Commission grants which were approved in March 2015. Both grants have been awarded as \$10,000 with a \$2,500 matching funds for the Talladega Historic Courthouse Square and Silk Stocking District National Register update and \$2,000 with a \$500 matching funds for the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission training.

Council President Simpson deferred to Fire Chief Warwick concerning the firefighter grant award. The Council approved the application for the 2014 FEMA Assistance to FireFighters Grant in November 2014. The application was for the replacement of outdated self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs). The Fire Department was notified of the award from FEMA in the amount of \$121,905 with a 5% match by the City for a total project amount of \$128,000. The match amount has been budgeted in the CIP. This grant award was made possible through efforts of JMCM Consulting, who wrote the grant application, and Congressman Mike Rogers. A letter of thank-you to Congressman Rogers was requested from the Council.

Dr. Adia Winfrey came before the Council to request permission for a block party on McClellan Street on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-10pm. Event organizers will abide by the Consuming in Public/Open Container Ordinance and request to close McClellan Street. Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve the street closure request. AYES: All

Council President Simpson deferred to Public Works Director Phillips regarding an update on Public Work projects. In regards to the Avenue H detention study and design, Neel-Schaffer has provided a set of plans to review, along with legal descriptions of required easements needed for this project. The legal descriptions have been sent to the City Attorney. Once the easements have been prepared, the City will procure the property signatures and record the easements prior to bidding of this project.

The survey has been completed for the Haynes Street detention and is awaiting the final hydraulic analysis before moving forward.

Concerning the Isbell Circle Bridge replacement, Neel Schaffer has submitted the plans and specifications to ALDOT and the City is waiting on ALDOT to schedule the PS&E review. As required by FHWA the removal and release of the Historic Bridge has been advertised to qualified organizations.

The Coosa and West Bridge replacement plans have been submitted and a PS&E review was held. Several issues need to be address and the plans will be resubmitted. The deed descriptions for the required ROW and the relocation of utilities which were not included in the plans, are pending.

McCartney Construction is continuing work on the Fire Department Parking area. First Street and the recycling facility are complete. The remaining items are to be covered in a final punch list.

The field survey and no rise analysis for the Brignoli Street Culvert have been completed and at this point easement documents will need to be prepared and the contract, currently in the works, with Neel Schaffer will be needed to prepare the plans and specifications.

Concerning the Frazier Farm Drainage project, CDG Engineers and Waites Construction are preparing letters with time frames to address each of these citizens' concerns. Waites Construction also received a punch list of minor items that will need to be address prior to the public hearing and closing of this project.

Brought before the Council is an update on The Square Cup project by Interim City Manager St. James. The City was awarded a grant from the USDA in the amount of \$95,000 for renovations to the Kenwin-Waldrep building, which would house the proposed "The Square Cup" coffee shop. Matching funds were budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program for a total project amount of \$200,000. Bids were opened on June 9, 2015 and unfortunately, the low base bid was \$340,323. In addition, a 6" fire suppression line must be run to the building by the Water Department to meet fire code. Per the Water Department's bond covenants, they must charge for this service as this is work that would not be performed otherwise. Interim City Manager St. James stated that there were three options that can be taken. The first option is to rebid the project in hopes of receiving a lower bid. The second option is to abandon the project, in which case the grant funds must be turned down, the architect's fee and the "sweat equity" already provided by the lessee must be paid out of City's funds, and the City loses a potential business, or lastly, the project can be approved at the higher budget amount and the necessary additional funding provided by delaying or deleting another project currently approved in the CIP.

Council President Simpson suggested the project be put on hold until it could be re-bid and have the architect look over it again.

**Resolution #3512** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on Knox Street (Parcel ID# 1306233015010000)

**Resolution #3513** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on Knox Street (Parcel ID# 1306233015009000)

**Resolution #3514** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 720 Pulliam Street.

**Resolution #3515** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 629 Knox Street.

**Resolution #3516** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on McAlpine Street (Parcel ID# 1308281017034000)

**Resolution #3517** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on corner of Savory and College Streets (Parcel ID# 1308284002003000)

**Resolution #3518** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 205 Alexander Street.

**Resolution #3519** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 406 East Parkway.

**Resolution #3520** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 502 East Parkway.

**Resolution #3521** authorizing a weed abatement lien for Radio Station Highway 21 South.

**Resolution #3522** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 716 Coleman Drive.

**Resolution #3523** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 940 Brecon Access Road.

**Resolution #3524** authorizing a weed abatement lien for United Steel Workers Local 1522.

**Resolution #3525** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 413 East Sloan Avenue.

**Resolution #3526** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on Adams Avenue (Parcel ID# 1308272014001000)

**Resolution #3527** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 305 Adams Avenue.

**Resolution #3528** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on North Spring Street (Parcel ID# 1308272014007001)

**Resolution #3529** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 216 Court Street North.

**Resolution #3530** authorizing a weed abatement lien for 107 Woodland Drive.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolutions #3512-3530. Roll Call. AYES: All

**Resolution #3531** approving a contract with Cornerstone Masonry of Alabama to repair the Oak Hill Cemetery entrance gates for a cost of \$6,750.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3531. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3532** approving the City Manager contract with William Patrick Bryant.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3532. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson to excuse the absence of Councilman Ballow. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3533** approving a travel advance request for Ken Heath, Revenue Officer.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3533. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3534** approving the contract for July 4<sup>th</sup> entertainment with Larry Daniel for \$350.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3535** approving the contract with Neel-Schaffer Inc. for design and bid document preparation for the Brignoli Culvert Replacement at a cost of \$11,750.00.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3535. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3536** approving contract renewal for third year with Armstrong LLC for cutting and clearing of overgrown nuisance lots.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3536. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 6/3/15 to 6/11/15</b>	<b>\$ 611,328.62</b>
Operations & Maintenance	214,924.90
Revenue	392,951.92
Construction & Improvement	3,451.80

**Resolution #3537** approving the contract with Schmidt Environmental Construction for replacement chlorine leak detection equipment at the water and wastewater plants and all wells for a total cost of \$106,850.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3537. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3538** approving a contract renewal for the third year with Taylor Power Systems and Power Pro Tech Services for generator repair and service.

**Resolution #3539** approving contract renewal for the third year with Evergreen Lawn Care for lawn maintenance at the water and wastewater facilities per bid specifications.

**Resolution #3540** approving contract renewal for the third year with Alexander Construction for utility cut repairs and asphalt patches per bid specifications.

**Resolution #3541** approving contract renewal for the third year with Merrell Brothers to perform bio solid removal and disposal per bid specifications.

**Resolution #3542** approving contract renewal for the third year with WCA for roll-off container service per bid specifications.

**Resolution #3543** approving contract renewal for the third year with Advanced Disposal for dumpster service per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolutions #3538 to #3543. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Parks and Recreation Director Ammons came before the Council to announce that there would be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Veterans Park from 6 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. There will be a fireworks display and music.

Councilman Elston declared that there was a clean-up day scheduled for Saturday at the Knoxville Community Cemetery from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Miller 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, June 15, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.