

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL  
July 20, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing on twelve (12) properties that are set for placement of weed abatement liens. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment or complain.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
July 20, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 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, Councilman Joe Ballow, Mayor Larry Barton, and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Councilman Horace Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/6/2015 to 7/15/2015** **\$1,486,457.00**

General Operating Account	812,651.88
Senior Nutrition	52,700.75
Corrections	72,246.88
CDBG Fund	77,089.50
Oil Trust Fund	90,942.99
Capital Improvement Fund	380,825.00

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2015. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Miller, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Elston ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson

Council President Simpson deferred to City Manager Bryant. City Manager Bryant gave an update on the end date for qualifying for the elections, as the incorrect date was printed in the paper. The original date of July 21 still stands.

Keela Brown came before the Council requesting support and advice regarding the Save our Schools (SOS) movement. The SOS group is not here to hurt anyone especially the City, the group wants to help find common line with the Board of Education, which is in a controversial situation. It was requested that the City Manager schedule a meeting with the Superintendent concerning these issues. School Board member Ms. McClellan was present and stated that the School Board is not trying to separate themselves and want to help. School Board member Ms. Smith also agreed with Ms. McClellan.

Council President Simpson deferred to Public Works Director Phillips regarding project updates from the Public Works Department. The Frazier Farm Drainage project had the reconnection of the leaking water line completed by the contractor, Mr. Frazier and the contractor have come to an agreement regarding the issues concerning the fence posts, the options for ditch crossing is currently being reviewed by CDG and these options include changing the slope of the existing ditch at a crossing north of Frazier Street and reviewing existing culverts suggested by CDG. Concerning the dangerous ditch conditions, CDG has stated that these ditches are designed at a 3 to 1 slope and a two foot shoulder has been added to the roadway that was non-existent prior to this project. These improvements have created safer passage for the roadway. The Avenue H detention study and design plans are complete and the bid document preparation is in the finalizing state. Concerning the Haynes Street detention; survey has been completed and the preliminary hydraulic analysis is complete and cost estimates are

currently being prepared. The Brignoli Street culvert had the field survey complete and the final report has been submitted. Regarding the Isbell Circle bridge replacement, the PS&E plans have been submitted for review and are approximately 90% complete. The plan review will be delayed until the environmental documentation is approved. Tract sketches have been prepared for obtaining property owner signatures and Memorandum of Agreement has been signed by the Alabama Historical Commission. The Coosa and West Bridge replacement had its foundation report approved and the final report submitted to ALDOT. The materials report has been approved and the final report submitted to ALDOT. The property field survey has been completed and the legal description will be written after ROW has been finalized.

**Resolution #3551** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on 102 McClellan Street.

**Resolution #3552** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on East Sloan Avenue (Parcel ID# 1305223008001000)

**Resolution #3553** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on corner of Cobb and McMillian Street (Parcel ID# 1307263013057000)

**Resolution #3554** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on 411 Dumas Avenue

**Resolution #3555** authorizing a weed abatement lien for corner of Court Street and South Street (Parcel ID# 1308274017002001)

**Resolution #3556** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on Long Street (Parcel ID# 1308283008023000)

**Resolution #3557** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on Jackson Street (Parcel ID# 1308272034019000)

**Resolution #3558** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on corner of Mosley and Spring Streets (Parcel ID# 1308272002001000)

**Resolution #3559** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on Knox Street (Parcel ID# 1306233015005000)

**Resolution #3560** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on corner of Spring and Howard Streets (Parcel ID# 1305223012007000)

**Resolution #3561** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on 509 West Street (Parcel ID# 1305223010017000)

**Resolution #3562** authorizing a weed abatement lien for vacant lot on Neal Street off Howard Street (Parcel ID# 130522300503800)

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolutions #3551 to #3562. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3563** approving travel advances for Police Chief Busby to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Conference/CLEEP Training in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3563. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3564** authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to 722 Pulliam Street.

**Resolution #3565** authorizing removal of junk cars and assessing lien for cost of abatement to 380 Christian Street.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3564 to #3565. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3566** approving a Franchise Agreement with M<sup>2</sup> Connections for use of the Public Right-of-Ways.

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

**Resolution #3567** approving a maintenance agreement with ALDOT for signage and roadway markings for Rail Road Passive Warning Device at Avenue H.

**Resolution #3568** approving a maintenance agreement with ALDOT for signage and roadway markings for Rail Road Passive Warning Device at Stephen J. White Memorial Blvd.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3567 to 3568. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 6/17/15 to 6/25/15</b>	<b>\$ 355,348.71</b>
Operations & Maintenance	93,189.36
Revenue	215,466.80
North Talladega Water	6,840.00
Construction & Improvement	19,852.55

**Resolution #3569** approving a contract with Water Treatment & Controls Company of Pensacola, Florida for chlorine equipment service at a cost of \$30,721.50.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3569. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3570** approving Change Order #3 for the Harmon Park Well Rehabilitation Project with Mark Johnson Construction LLC of Tuscaloosa, Alabama for a cost of \$22,344.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3570. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Bryant commended the Police Departments fundraiser. Mayor Barton inquired about the sign ordinance being enforced for the elections. City Manager Bryant stated that the sign ordinance will be fully enforced as stated. Councilman Elston commented that the Back to School Party will be held August 8 at 3pm in Edythe Sims Park. He also wanted to read an open letter and have it recorded in the minutes concerning Councilman Ballow's allegations during the previous Council Meeting.

"I am writing this letter in response to Councilman Ballow's dissatisfaction of an alleged meeting with Judge Mark Nelson and myself. At least Council Meeting held on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Councilman Ballow falsely accused me publically, he simply lied-no meeting occurred. In fact, an email was sent to Councilman Ballow (including Interim City Manager and Judge Mark Nelson) on June 10, 2015 at 11:55 am. The meeting was tentatively scheduled at 5:30 pm on June 10, 2015. To date, I do not know why Councilman Ballow personally attacked me verbally, when in fact an email was sent cancelling the meeting. It is apparent that obtaining facts and exercising due diligence were not executed by Councilman Ballow. For one City Councilman to falsely accuse another City Councilman in an open Council Meeting is embarrassing. Also, I am certain the citizens of Talladega expect a better display of leadership. The next occurrence of such public behavior from Councilman Ballow towards me, I will take appropriate action which may include asking for his resignation."

Councilman Ballow commented that the City Manager has so far done an excellent job and in regards to Councilman Elston's open letter, he stated he doesn't have much to say in response other than that Councilman Elston could ask him right now for his resignation.

Councilman Patterson commented that there will be disagreements at times and that he didn't believe anyone intended to lie here. He also stated that they need to be able to say what is on their minds without making accusations.

Motion by Councilman Miller to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Recorded by: Joanna Medlen

#### **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, July 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

