

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL  
August 17, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Citizen Stephen Gudac came before the Council concerning water issues at their residence located in the Shocco Springs area. The issue has been resolved and Mr. Gudac wished to thank Water Department employee, Kenneth George, for his persistent investigation to solve the 2 ½ month mystery of the water turning off at inopportune times.

Citizen Henrietta Lawler came before the Council concerning a vacant lot adjacent to her home on Roosevelt St. Ms. Lawler stated that the vegetation has become so overgrown that rats have become rampant. She hopes the Council will be able to remedy this problem. Council President Simpson asked the City Manager and Code Enforcement Rowls to visit the lot to ascertain what can be done.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
August 17, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 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, and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 8/1/2015 to 8/13/2015** **\$591,007.65**

General Operating Account	430,655.14
Senior Nutrition	78,335.20
Municipal Court	8,360.39
Corrections	68,539.57
Brownfield Fund	5,117.50

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2015. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of a contribution request of \$1000 from Robert M. Herring IV the THS football head coach. AYES: All.

Council President Simpson defers to Public Works Director Phillips for a project update. The legal description for the Brignoli St. culvert has been sent to the City Attorney in preparation for easements and right of way documents. The Water and Sewer Department is contracting the design of the water line relocations necessary to begin the installation. Bidding for this will begin after the easements are acquired and utilities are relocated. Concerning the Isbell Circle Bridge replacement, the Federal Highway Association has directed the City in the removal of the bridge. The bridge will not be removed until the new structure is in place. ALDOT has scheduled the bidding of this project for late June to early July of 2016. The Coosa and West Bridge replacement has had its final plans and specifications reviewed last month and the Water and Sewer Department is contracting the design drawings for the utility relocation. The punch list items for the Frazier Farm Drainage project have been completed. The Grant Administrator is currently working with our engineer to set up a public hearing prior to closing the project. Roger Frazier came before the Council to address the fact that all the items needing attention has not been remedied. Council President Simpson requested City Manager Bryant and Public Works Director Phillips to see about the issues Mr. Frazier is referencing. The Fire Department lot has been paved and striped and the final punch list items are currently being addressed. The closing of this project is anticipated to be September 2015. Concerning speed bump requests, Pearl St. have had materials delivered and will be installed on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The traffic counts for Hill St. are complete and the final approval is being circulated through the Police and Fire Department prior to approval. The sign request for Crestwood St. has been ordered and should be installed in 3 weeks.

Concerning drainage issues at 306 Sloan Ave. East, Public Works has investigated the issue. The City does not have easement or right of way for this drainage ditch, however with a temporary easement signed by the property owner, the blockage and debris will be able to be removed. Community Appearance has cut the section of right of way on Freeman Drive and Public Works has cleaned the pipe ends. At the location of 108 Carol Circle, Public Works has reviewed the situation and will contact the property owner. The drainage structures at the intersection of West Damon and Charles St. appears to have grass clippings and debris partially obstructing the pipes. Public Works has scheduled to vector the pipes.

The request for closure of portion of MLK Drive and McAlpine St. for a community involvement/unity rally on August 29 has been denied because the requester has not reserved the park space.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller for the approval of the job descriptions for Mechanic I and Mechanic II jobs. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3596** approving a contract with Restoration Specialists of Talladega, for painting of the Mabra Recreation Center for a total cost of \$10,975.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3596. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3598** authorizing removal of junk cars, assessing lien for cost of abatement to 113 Lane St.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #3598. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3599** authorizing removal of junk cars, assessing lien for cost of abatement to 413 Shaw. *Tabled-Car has been removed.*

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 8/6/15 to 8/13/15</b>	<b>\$ 487,734.50</b>
Operations & Maintenance	147,889.82
Revenue	339,844.68

**Resolution #3597** approving a contract with Insite Engineering for design and inspection services for the water and sewer line relocation for the Brignoli Street, Coosa Street and West Street Bridge projects at a cost of \$39,850.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3597. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3600** authorizing the purchase of Toilet Leak Detection Strips to be distributed to Water Department customers who have excessive usage notifications.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #3600. Roll Call. AYES: All.

The Budget Work Session was scheduled for August 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. and the Canvassing Results Council Meeting was set for September 1, 2015 at 12 p.m.

City Manager Bryant commented that the surplus budget has allowed the Police Department to be fully staffed and the Library attained new interactive e-books through a grant. He also stated that the murder suspects on two recent homicides have been apprehended.

Councilman Miller also thanked the Police Department for apprehending the suspects. Mr. Miller also mentioned that the election results could be viewed at

[www.sonshinesatellitenet.com](http://www.sonshinesatellitenet.com). Councilman Patterson also saluted the Police Department for the recent arrests. Councilman Ballow thanked all Department Heads for their hard work. Councilman Simpson commended City employees on doing a great job.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. with no action taken.

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, August 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.