

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
August 8, 2016- 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing on (26) twenty-six 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
August 8, 2016-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016 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 Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman David Street, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Mayor Jerry Cooper, Sr., and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Council President Patterson.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to approve the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/25/2016 to 8/5/2016 **\$532,610.84**

General Operating Account	481,274.33
Cash Bonds	50,132.54
Capital Improvement Fund	1,203.97

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Cooper for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2016. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the contribution request by the Talladega High School Cheerleaders for ad space in the 2016 THS Football Program in the amount of \$130.00. AYES: All.

City Manager Bryant presented to the Council a project update on the Otts Building Stabilization, ATRIP Bridge Projects, Courthouse Square Improvements, Patrol Fleet Replacement, Brignoli Bridge Replacement, the purchase of a boom mower, park improvements, City Rebranding efforts, Downtown Revitalization, Big Springs Monument, SCBA Compressor, police Taser contract, classification study, sidewalk repairs, construction and design manual, HR office project, Court Square Traffic Pole Painting, and Davey Allison Park.

Council President Patterson recognized the presence of City Attorney Michael O'Brien.

Resolution #3898-#3923 authorizing weed abatement liens

Resolution #3924 approving a contract with InSite Engineering for professional services for the Traffic Control Plan on the Courthouse Square during the painting of traffic poles for a cost of \$2,400.00.

Resolution #3926 approving a utility relocation agreement with City of Talladega for the Isbell Bridge Project.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolution #3898 to #3926. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 7/27/16 to 8/5/16	\$ 567,273.10
Operations & Maintenance	183,829.05
Revenue	381,045.32
Construction & Improvement	2,398.73

Council President Patterson deferred to City Manager Bryant for an update on the Watts Lane water line replacement. City Manager Bryant stated that this project has been completed and all service lines for active customers have been connected to the new water line and two new fire hydrants have been installed. The entire project will be complete once the old water line is capped and repair is finished on the roadway.

Resolution #3925 approving a contract with Guardian Systems for a two-year Cryptosporidium & Giardia Monitoring and testing through September 12, 2018 for a cost of \$27,736.00.
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Councilman Simpson requested a tally of how many properties had been cited and cut at the City's expense and if there was anything the City could do to take ownership of those properties. City Attorney O'Brien stated that once the City cuts a property for weed abatement, the cost of that is added to the annual tax bill owed by the owner, however the ones owned by the State of Alabama are not taxed, but if someone were to purchase that property, then the City would be able to recoup that cost. Councilman Elston stated that other municipalities have fined property owners for such neglect. Council President Patterson requested that City Manager Bryant contact the League of Municipalities and work with City Attorney O'Brien on this issue.

Councilman Elston stated that the Back to School functions held in the City this past weekend were a success.

Councilman Street commented that three members of the Historic Preservation Commission attended a training seminar.

City Manager Bryant stated that Shocco Springs will be holding a public employee event on Sunday, September 11 from 2pm to 6pm and anyone wishing to attend will need to RSVP by the end of the month.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street 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 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.