

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2011

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Auditorium, the regular place for such meetings. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Councilman Eddie Tucker, Councilwoman Liz Grissett, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All.

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| Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/11/2010 to 1/07/2011 | \$ 2,028,583.29 |
| General Operating Fund | 1,041,514.02 |
| Corrections Fund | 38,792.44 |
| RBEG Grant | 327.11 |
| Brownfield Grant | 2,426.67 |
| Senior Nutrition Fund | 466.83 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 169,099.74 |

During the pre-council session Airport Board Chairman, Ray Miller, announced the dedication of an airport hangar in honor of Councilman Lance Grissett. Nancy Lutchendorf, Chairperson of the Historical Preservation Commission, presented the Council with a copy of the Commission's annual report which would also be presented to the Alabama Historical Commissions as part of the renewal packet for the City's Certified Local Government status.

Also, during the pre-council session, an engineer with Neel Schaffer made a presentation concerning the bridge replacement bids that came in severely over budget. The plan is to redesign the bridge as a concrete structure instead of steel and to remove the water line. These plans will then have to be approved by ALDOT again before going out to bid.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 11 and the called meeting of October 21, 2010. AYES: All.

Mayor Brian York swore in Leslie C. Jacobs and Thomas Lutchendorf to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board.

Terri Townsend Ferguson, Chairperson of the Cemetery Board, proposed a price increase in the grave plots at Oak Hill Cemetery to be more in line with private cemeteries in the area. The City Manager said he would do some more research and come back to the Council with a recommendation.

Ordinance #1684 amending the Business License Ordinance for itinerant sellers, fruit & vegetable road-side sales and door-to-door sales and reinstating the Retail Liquor/Package Store business category and fee.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1684. Roll Call. AYES: All

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1684. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1667 - THE BUSINESS LICENSE CODE OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE BUSINESS LICENSE YEAR 2011 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilwoman Grissett to approve Ordinance #1684. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2203 approval of the renewal of the City of Talladega Cafeteria Plan for 2011.

Resolution #2204 approval of a drug and alcohol testing policy for van drivers who operate the City's federally-funded transportation program.

Resolution #2205 approval of sludge disposal contract with Merrell Brothers.

Resolution #2206 approval of water tank rehabilitation contract with Robinson & Sons Construction Services for a total cost of \$398,800.

Resolution #2207 approval of Jemison Park tennis courts rehabilitation contract with Lower Brothers Company for a total cost of \$63,400.

Resolution #2208 approval of Kenwin Building change order with Metro D Construction for a total cost of \$12,822.45.

Resolution #2209 approval of a three-year postal meter lease with Pitney Bowes for a total of \$3,120.00 each year.

Resolution #2210 approval of an agreement with the Gadsden State Community College as part of the Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) for 100% funded salary for traffic enforcement/traffic safety overtime and equipment from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolutions #2203-2210. Roll Call.

Resolutions #2203-2207 AYES: All

Resolution #2208 Councilwoman Grissett abstained, all others AYES

Resolutions #2209-2210 AYES: All

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilwoman Grissett to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis and Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Grissett; NAY: Councilman Tucker

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| Water Department Expenditures for 12/16/10 to 1/06/2011 | \$ 404,406.91 |
| General Fund | 404,406.91 |

Councilman Davis deferred the nominations for the Talladega Heritage Commission until the next meeting.

There was discussion of the fund balance information presented. Councilman Tucker insisting that the fund balance could be dropped to 5% if necessary. There was also discussion of the furloughs required to keep the fund balance at 8% and its affect on employee morale. It was decided that a work session would be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 24, 2011 to discuss the issue further.

There was discussion on why buildings are sitting empty on the Courthouse Square. Councilman Miller stated that with low property taxes it was cheaper to let the building sit empty than to bring the building up to code so that it could be leased and occupied.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller to approve the Police Department hiring request. AYES: All

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Davis to present a letter of appreciation and commendation to Officers Stephens and Officer Harris for superior service to a stranded motorist.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Miller with a second from Councilwoman Grissett.

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, January 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk