

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
January 24, 2013 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2013 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 Donnie Miller, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson and City Manager Brian Muenger.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 1/7/2013 to 1/18/2013</b>	<b>\$ 835,444.57</b>
General Operating Fund	794,620.18
Senior Nutrition Fund	536.65
Corrections Fund	31,709.57
Cash Bond Fund	1,008.00
Cemetery Fund	7,570.17

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2013. AYES: All.

Council President Miler swore in Don Huddleston to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the appointment of Terry Hill to the Talladega Municipal Airport Board. AYES: All.

Mr. Ray Miller, Chairman of the Talladega Municipal Airport Board, requested that since Mr. Terry Hill was present, could he be sworn in tonight to ensure that Airport Board would have a quorum at its next meeting. Council President Miller approved the request and swore Mr. Terry Hill in as the newest member of the Talladega Municipal Airport Board.

Council was presented with the ALDOT Annual Inspection Report of the Talladega Municipal Airport along with an e-mail from Airport Engineer Ken Gilbert addressing the maintenance issues brought up in the inspection report. Airport Board Chairman, Ray Miller, was present and explained that several of the maintenance issues, such as removal of trees near the runway, relocation of flag pole and telephone poles, had already been completed or work had already been scheduled to commence. Mr. Miller indicated that he had met with Mr. Eagerton and that the Airport had already received its Airport Operating License for FY2013-2014 from the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau.

Council accepted Dr. Gerald Williams' resignation from the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission and were informed by City Clerk Cheeks that the vacancy would be advertised at least twice in the next month before a nomination could be made. The Talladega Historic Preservation Commission's annual report was presented to the Council.

Council was presented with the Ritz Theatre's quarterly report as required by the appropriation agreement.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to accept the recommendation of the Talladega Planning Commission to approve 108 Robins Circle as an acceptable site for a proposed daycare. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #2713** approving the agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for a Capital Assistance Project (15-passenger van) for Senior Citizens Transportation.

**Resolution #2714** approving a travel advance of \$150.00 for Alan Watson for the annual Chief of Police Conference in Montgomery.

**Resolution #2715** approving an agreement with RMC Center for Occupational Health & Wellness for the City's drug testing services at \$50.00 per visit, \$36.75 per drug screen and \$26.26 per BAT and revising the City Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy to reflect the change of service provider.

Council President Miller requested that Resolution #2715 be tabled until the next meeting.

**Resolution #2716** approving a contract with Terry Hogge Electric to replace four light poles at the Ben E. Bruner Sports Complex for a total cost of \$35,596.00.

**Resolution #2717** approving a contract with Neel-Schaffer for bridge inspections over the next three years at a rate of \$7,500 for 2013, \$5,800 for 2014 and \$7,500 for 2015.

**Resolution #2718** approving the surplus of six vehicles from the Police Department.

**Resolution #2719** approving a purchase agreement with Hometown Ford Dodge of Opelika for five 2013 Dodge Chargers for a cost of \$130,460.

**Resolution #2720** approving a purchase agreement with Stivers Ford Lincoln of Montgomery for a 2013 Ford Fusion for a cost of \$19,294.

**Resolution #2721** approving the surplus of two tractors in the Community Appearance Dept.

**Resolution #2722** approving the purchase of two John Deere tractors (5075M and 5085M) from State Bid Contract for a total cost of \$82,741.78.

**Resolution #2723** adopting a procurement policy for CDBG projects.

**Resolution #2724** approving an agreement with Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. for Workers Compensation Insurance for the City for a total cost of \$218,845.

**Resolution #2725** approving a contract with Online Utility Exchange to perform pre-employment background checks for the City at a cost of \$17.00 each and to change the City's job application "Authorization for Background Check" form to reflect this screening method.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson approving Resolutions #2713-2714 and #2716-2725. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 1/10/2013 to 1/17/2013</b>	<b>\$ 368,589.32</b>
Operations Fund	309,370.32
Bond Fund	59,219.00

**Resolution #2726** approving an agreement with Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. for Workers Compensation Insurance for the Water Department for a total cost of \$39,146.

**Resolution #2727** approving a contract with Online Utility Exchange to perform screening of applicants for Water Department services at a cost of \$2,600 for initial software setup and \$2.85 for each screening.

**Resolution #2728** approving the surplus of two vehicles of the Water Department.

**Resolution #2729** approving the purchase agreement for one 2013 Ford F150 4x4 from Stivers Ford Lincoln of Montgomery for a total cost of \$21,775.

**Resolution #2730** approving the purchase agreement for one 2013 Ford F350 from Ben Atkinson Motors of Tallassee for a total cost of \$42,823.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow approving Resolutions #2726 through #2730. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Miller asked that the Council Members complete the City Manager evaluation forms and return them to City Clerk Cheeks by January 31, 2013 so that they could be compiled and presented at the next meeting.

City Council Meetings in February were set for Monday, February 4, 2013 and Thursday, February 21, 2013 due to Washington's Birthday holiday on February 18, 2013.

City Manager Muenger presented a legal opinion on the request from School for Excellence for City Council funding that was tabled from the last meeting. Due to the number of citizens served and the fact that it was a private school, the School for Excellence was not suitable for City funding.

Karen Phillips informed the council that the damaged pedestrian crosswalk signals on the Courthouse Square should be operational by Tuesday (tomorrow). The signals had been non-functional since one had been damaged by a hit and run from a semi-tractor trailer over a month ago. Because all the pedestrians signals on the Courthouse Square are interconnected, when one was damaged all became inoperable.

City Manager Muenger announced that Veterans' Park had re-opened, that bids were out for the capital improvements projects of Fire Department building renovations, new roofs for Heritage Hall and B.N. Mabra Center, Kenwin building store front renovation and the Wastewater Treatment Plant flocculators. City Manager Muenger asked the Council to appoint a Council liaison to work on the City's energy audit project. Councilman Ballow and Council President Miller nominated Councilman Simpson to be the liaison. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger commented on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Honda supplier M-Tek that now occupies the Economic Development Board's spec building in the Coosa Valley Industrial Park area.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow that the City Manager write a letter requesting that the Economic Development Board began work on another spec building as soon as possible. AYES: All.

Motion by Council President Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson that the Council acknowledge the achievements and contributions of Coach Chuck Miller who recently won his 600<sup>th</sup> basketball game as coach at Talladega High School. AYES: All.

Motion for Adjournment from Councilman Simpson.

#### **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 Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk