

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2010

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010 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 Eddie Tucker, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Mayor Brian York and Assistant City Manager Brian Muenger.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 1/14/2010 to 1/22/2010		\$ 861,256.88
General Operating Fund	721,774.88	
Law Enforcement Account	40.00	
Capital Improvement Fund	110,883.81	
Corrections Fund	12,668.88	
Cemetery Fund	8,759.89	
\$.04 & \$.05 Gas Tax Fund	1,672.59	
Oil Trust Fund	5,456.83	

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2010. AYES: All.

Councilman Davis stated that he had met with Gloria Neilson, the new Ranger on the Talladega National Forest, and they had discussed setting up a short hike in the National Forest that the Council members and City employees could participate in to promote wellness and to promote the nature trails available, such as Porters Gap. The walk was tentatively set for 10:00 am on March 6, 2010 with weather permitting.

Councilman Davis stated that the weather was playing havoc with the conditions of the road in his ward and he requested that patching not be done on any roads that are slated to be paved this year. He requested an update on the paving schedule. Assistant Manager Brian Muenger indicated that there was a meeting scheduled with the engineer tomorrow. Councilman Miller requested that the first street to be paved should be Asbury Street which had a great deal of traffic on it on a daily basis and the rest of the Council agreed.

Mayor York presented the Community Appearance Horticulture Crew (Kendrick Calhoun, Anthony Coleman and Michael Garrett) with the Employees of the Month Top Guns award for January 2010.

Councilman Davis, as liaison to the Public Library, recommended Beth Lumpkin and Carol Moore for the vacant positions on the Library Board. Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Grissett for approval of Beth Lumpkin and Carol Moore to the Library Board. AYES: All.

Resolution #2025 approving participation in the Alabama Department of Education's Summer Food Service Program for 2010.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve the City's participation in the Summer Food Service Program for 2010. AYES: All.

Councilman Tucker commented that his predecessor, Ms. Sims, had started the program back in 1989 and that it was a very important and outstanding program to feed children during the summer months.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 12/14/09 to 1/21/2010	\$ 173,467.97
General Fund	169,905.82
Coleman Circle Project	3,562.15

Council members were reminded to file their annual reports for the Fair Campaign Practices Act by the end of the month (January 31st).

Assistant Manager Brian Muenger encouraged all council members and the public to attend the Opening Meeting for the Brownsfield Assessment Program which was to be held at the Ritz Theater on Wednesday, January 27th.

Councilman Miller asked for an update on the renovation of the City-owned buildings near the Ritz Theater. Chris Stone, Director of the Community Development Department stated that the advertising for bids was to occur in February.

Councilman Tucker stated that during rains the flooding was a lot less than in previous years. He commended the Water Department, Police Department, Parks & Recreation Department and the Public Works Department on doing a great job and that citizens' complaints to him had decreased a great deal.

Councilman Grissett asked about correspondence concerning Talladega College. Council Patterson updated Councilman Grissett about the situation at Talladega College and the Fire Marshall briefly closing down Shores Hall. Council President Patterson thanked the City Manager for sending letters requesting a meeting which was held between the State Fire Marshall, Councilman Tucker, President Billy Hawkins, the architect and contractors engaged in the work and how pleased he was with the tone of the meeting and the outcome of the meeting.

Councilman Grissett asked where the additional funds needed for Coleman Circle had come from. Cathy Fuller indicated that it was from the Water Departments construction budget line item that had been set aside for the Coleman Circle before the grant was obtained.

A work session was set for the first week in April to get accurate picture of finances up to end of March. Councilman Grissett requested that any financial data be furnished to the council members two weeks in before the meeting.

Council President Patterson asked Chris Stone, Director of Community Development, if a public meeting was set for the Coleman Circle program. Mr. Stone indicated there was not, but that almost all of the residents had signed up for the program.

Council President Patterson requested an update on the renovation work at Spring Street Recreation Center that would address safety matters. Parks & Recreation Director, Parvin Neloms stated that they were talking with an engineer and hopefully it would start in early April. Council President Patterson also asked about the safety issues at Veterans' Park. Assistant Manager Brian Muenger indicated that there was a meeting tomorrow with the engineer on that project and that they were still in the process of getting permits from FEMA.

Councilman Miller moved for adjournment.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, Acting 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 25, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
City Clerk