

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING  
2 February 2009**

Public hearing for citizens who have been notified that the cost of the City mowing their property will be assessed as a lien on their property. No one was present to contend the cost being assessed as a lien on their property.

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
2 February 2009**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, 2 February 2009 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: Councilman Eddie Tucker, Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Michael Stampfler.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 1/17/2009 to 2/2/2009</b>	<b>\$526,217.77</b>
General Fund	504,064.44
Corrections Fund	22,153.33

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2009 and the Called Meeting of January 26, 2009 with corrections. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve a 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and a 070-Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) alcohol license for Sunny Food and Tobacco Mart located at 423 East Battle Street. Ayes: All.

**Resolution # 1793** approving contracts with Brannons, Talladega Machinery, Alabama Paper, Service Printing and AIDB for office supplies per bid specifications.

**Resolution # 1794** approving contracts with Quality Supply, AIDB, Talladega Machinery, Vision Enterprises, Brannons, Alabama Paper, and Service Printing for janitorial supplies per bid specifications.

**Resolution #1795** to approve opening a separate bank account for funds from the CDBG for Coleman Circle.

**Resolution #1796** to approve and adopt a Standards of Conduct for employees as required for Community Development Block Grant programs and projects.

**Resolution #1797** to approve a contract with Stout Architecture for architectural and engineering services in connection with the renovation of the former jail facility for a cost of \$29,250.00 per proposal.

**Resolution #1798** to approve amending the agreement with Edgar & Associates to include preparation of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for a total cost of \$5,200.00.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to approve Resolutions #1793 to #1798. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

<b>Expenditures for 1/17/2009 to 2/02/2009</b>	<b>\$ 252,274.08</b>
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Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to approve the appointment of Brenda Brooks to the Talladega Heritage Commission. AYES: All.

City Manager Michael Stampfler commented on the audit done by Edgar & Associates for Water and Sewer Department that shows that, among other things, there is a low increase in departmental assets which indicates a lack of adequate revenue and a projected negative cash flow over the next five years. Mr. Stampfler further stated that no expansion of service would be prudent considering the financial restraints. Mr. Stampfler continued by reading from the auditor's letter "there are serious issues confronting the Utility as a result of many years of insufficient maintenance and attention which will require resolution in the very near term." Council President Patterson stated that it was obvious, according to the report, that the City is no in a position to adequately repair what we have and that instead of money being used for new sewer improvements it was used to pay off a previous debt. Councilman Davis commented on the differences in the Accounts Payable amounts from 2007 to 2008 and the increase in annual pension costs during the same time period as troublesome.

Councilman Miller commented on the memo concerning the McMillan Street Project and stated that he wanted to know that if this was a "comprehensive federal drainage improvement grant", and it was done under the process of FEMA, why couldn't a letter be done for the insurance company saying that this project was completed and approved by FEMA?

City Manager Stampfler presented a report on the Pitter Patter program which is a daycare that has been run by the City for over 20 some years. This program has now reached a cost of over \$80,000 a year with less than \$2,000 in revenue. This daycare currently is not accredited. Manager Stampfler requested that if there is no objection from the Council the Pitter Patter program would be closed at the end of the academic year and the two Pitter Patter employees would be moved to the library. Council President Patterson stated that he had a special feeling for Pitter Patter as his children went through this program, but he understood that over the years there was a lack of guidance over the program and agreed it was time to close it down.

Councilman Tucker yielded his time to Councilman Grissett for comments about the Coosa River Annex property. Councilman Grissett indicated that "it is a work in progress and that there has been a lot of telephoning and letter writing from numerous groups and organizations to help the City in this matter and endorsing our efforts to acquire the Coosa River Annex."

Councilman Miller requested that in the future if ALDOT has to close one of our main roads that there be better coordination and attention to directing and controlling the traffic down alternate streets so that problems don't occur like the "nightmare" during the Battle Street railroad crossing closure.

Councilman Miller also commented on the problems Friday night with two major restaurants locking their doors and requiring all customers to go through the drive-thru. Council President Patterson passed the matter on to the City Manager to document and report to Council.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to enter Executive Session. AYES: All.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:00 pm and returned at 7:15 pm.

Council President Patterson stated that in relation to the land acquisition it will move forward and perhaps there will be something concrete in the next couple of weeks

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #1799 concerning exemptions to the Civil Service System. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #1800 that requests that the County of Talladega transfer the Coosa River Storage Annex property to the City of Talladega. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Request by the Council to have a letter written to our District Congressmen explaining the issues and our opposition to awarding the Coosa River Storage Annex property to the City of Lincoln. Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Tucker to have such letters prepared. AYES: All.

Request by the Council to have the City Manager proceed in whatever direction most appropriate to obtain necessary letters of support concerning the acquisition of the Coosa River Storage Annex property and to develop a master plan. Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Tucker to proceed with obtaining letters of support and method of developing a master plan for the property. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson stated that it is this Council's intention to NOT become a subdivision of any other city and that this Council is committed to seeing the City of Talladega grow. Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #1801 which deals with annexation of certain properties. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson wished to make a public statement expressing the deep appreciation for those in our community who have responded to our request to contact officials and also to encourage the rest of our community to continue being involved in this process.

Adjournment at 7:30 pm.

### **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, 2 February 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks  
Acting City Clerk