

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL AGENDA
February 4, 2013 – 5:00 pm**

Teri St. James, Finance Director, and Kim Davidson, Revenue Officer, presented the City's financial report for the first quarter of 2013, explaining the City's long-term debt and how changes in the Alabama tax law would affect the City.

Slappey Communications, low bidder on the City's integrated phone and internet system, made a presentation to the Council on the scope of the work to be done, maintenance of the system, training of employees and displayed the new desk phone units included in the bid.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 2013 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 4, 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 Elston with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 1/21/2013 to 1/31/2013	\$ 697,898.51
General Operating Fund	650,434.29
Senior Nutrition Fund	18,489.45
Corrections Fund	5,473.92
Brownfield	3,677.50
Capital Improvement	19,823.35

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Elston for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2013 with one correction. AYES: All.

Ms. Evelyn McGehee, Talladega Pilgrimage Council, came before the Council asking for support of the April in Talladega festivities for April 2013. Ms. McGehee requested waiving of the vendor fees for those participating in the Friday night Courthouse Square celebrations and to suspend the open container ordinance so that beer could be served at the event. Ms. McGehee also requested that the roadway around Courthouse Square be closed for the festival. The Council directed Ms. McGehee to get with the Chief Watson concerning the road closure.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston to provide Talladega Pilgrimage Council with \$5,000 and waive the vendor fees and the open container ordinance for the festivities of April in Talladega, 2013. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the request for a street light for West Street. AYES: All.

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. (*tabled from last meeting*)

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for approval of Resolution #2715. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2731 rescinding Resolution #2724 and approving an agreement with Associated Insurance Administrators (AiA) for workers compensation insurance at a cost of \$206,543.

Bill and Boyd McGehee of Talladega Insurance Agency were on hand to answer any questions concerning the Workers Compensation Insurance policy.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of Resolution #2731. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2732 approving User Agreements with AIDB and Talladega High School for use of their gyms during the District Basketball Tournament on Feb. 23, 2013.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Elston for the approval of Resolution #2732. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2733 approving a contract with CDG Engineers of Albertville, Alabama for design and site inspection for the CDBG Frazier Farms Drainage Facilities Improvement at a total cost of \$45,350.00.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow for the approval of Resolution #2733. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Patterson to approve the amended agenda that included the addition of Resolution #2735 and the City Manager's evaluation score. AYES: All.

Resolution #2734 approving a phone system and network services equipment lease and three year maintenance contract with Slappey Communications for a total cost of \$130,416.69.

Resolution #2735 approving a contract with Slappey Communications for phone services (network services) for City Hall, Water Dept., Spring Street Rec. Center, Water Service Center, Public Works Building, and Fire Station 2 at a monthly cost of \$7,794.36 plus a one-time installation fee of \$1,983.00.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for the approval of Resolutions #2734 and #2735. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 1/24/2013 to 1/31/2013	\$ 256,946.82
Operations Fund	256,946.82

Chuck Thomerson, Director of Water and Environmental Services Department, presented an update on the Forest Hills Plan of Action. Mr. Thomerson stated that the project was mostly finished except for some cosmetic issues that needed to be addressed. There would be some needed flushing of the system but that door hangers would be distributed to alert the residents. Once the project was complete, Mr. Thomerson stated he would again talk and interview all clients.

Ms. Karen Phillips informed the Council that ALDOT would not be able to address any additional signage on the bypass until they took custody of the roadway from the contractor. No date was given as to when ALDOT would have custody of the roadway. There was some discussion as to the delivery trucks from Precision Strip being properly advised on the new route or road configuration.

Council President Miller stated that the City Manager's evaluation had been completed and that City Manager Brian Muenger had scored 149 out of a possible 150 points. Council President Miller further stated that for the last 4.5 years Brian Muenger had been a pleasure to work with and that he felt the administration had done so much more in the last four years because of his leadership. Councilman Patterson agreed stating that the City was fortunate to have Mr. Muenger's education, commitment and loyalty and that he was proud to have him as our manager. Councilman Elston stated that his questions were always answered and that Brian Muenger had definitely helped him do his job as Councilman. Councilman Simpson stated that they may not always have agreed on everything, but they were always able to work things out in the middle. Councilman Ballow echoed that sentiment. Brian Muenger thanked the Council for their kind words and stated that he looks forward to coming to work every day.

City Manager Muenger announced that the three bridges the City had applied to ALDOT for ATRIP funding (Isbell, West and Coosa) had all been approved for a total of \$842,000.

Councilman Simpson asked that the City Manager get with Sally Flowers, County Revenue Commissioner, concerning relief for property owners who owed back taxes due to the coding mistake that had their property listed as in the county instead of within the city.

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 Monday, February 4, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.