

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 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 and City Manager Brian Muenger.

City Manager Brian Muenger introduced the new City Planner, Joel Wiggins to those present.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2011. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 3/7/2011 to 3/18/2011	\$ 545,666.80
General Operating Fund	386,603.92
Corrections Fund	31,219.27
RBEG Grant	5,769.39
Brownfield Grant	515.00
Capital Improvement Fund	121,559.22

Mayor Brian York swore in Nancy Lutchendorf and Joseph Power to the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission.

Resolution #2224 approving the surplusing of HVAC units from the Community Appearance Department building and various transformers and power components from the former Wehadkee properties.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Davis for the approval of Resolution #2224. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Miller, Councilman Tucker, Councilwoman Grissett and Councilman Davis, ABSTAIN: Council President Patterson.

Resolution #2225 approving the surplusing of timber on 105 acres of the Talladega Municipal Airport Property so that it may be harvested and sold.

Resolution #2226 approval of the pavement/sidewalk plan for 2011 as stated in Exhibit A.

Resolution #2227 approval of contract with Neel-Schaffer Engineering for design and inspections services for the paving project not to exceed \$88,800.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilwoman Grissett for approval of Resolutions #2225-2227. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 3/10/2011 to 3/17/2011	\$ 292,286.40
General Fund	292,286.40

Councilwoman Grissett noted that when the paving totals were redistributed among the Wards that her Ward received the smallest portion. City Manager Muenger indicated that hopefully when the bidding for the paving went out and the actual cost of asphalt was calculated that more roads could be added and that Ward 5 would get it first to equal out the amount of roadway paved in each ward.

City Manager Muenger stated that redistricting of the wards using the 2010 Census data could not be completed before the current 2011 election in August and would therefore be in effect for the 2015

elections. Manager Muenger reported that four tennis courts had been resurfaced at Jemison Park in time for the first match of the season for the Talladega High School tennis team tomorrow. He also stated that the Spring Street Recreation Center was now at the point where punch list items were being finished up.

Councilman Davis indicated that he had met with School Superintendent Campbell concerning a joint meeting but that it had as of yet not been set up. Councilman Davis expressed his concern over recent burglaries, especially the one at the Community Appearance building, and the apparent increase in crime overall. Chief Watson verified that there had been an increase lately, especially in robberies. Manager Muenger indicated that he was working on a plan to move the Community Appearance Department facilities to a more secure location. Councilman Miller suggested the Wehadkee property, but Manager Muenger indicated that that location was not be considered because it was not cost effective to replace all the stolen copper to make it usable for employees and that it was the City's plan to have the property on the main thoroughfare to be used as a business district. Councilman Tucker agreed that it would be inappropriate to store the City's tractors and mowers on the main road.

Councilwoman Grissett congratulated Officer Jason Busby as being selected as the Officer of the Year during the Kiwanis Banquet. Councilwoman Grissett also indicated that when the meeting with the City School Board was set up, she would like to see more financial accountability and facility planning before giving them any part of the sale tax increase revenue.

Councilman Miller asked for a review of the ordinance concerning establishments serving alcohol on the Courthouse Square. Councilman Miller asked for a status on the bridge on Stephen J. White Boulevard. Chris Seller, engineer with Insite Engineering, was present and commented that the advertisement for bids was started over the weekend and the bids would be opened April 12.

Councilman Davis commented that the renovated Kenwin Building on the Courthouse Square was gorgeous. Manager Muenger indicated that the open house for the Kenwin Building was to be held during April in Talladega weekend.

Councilman Tucker stated that the moratorium on mobile homes came out of a request from a group of citizens from Knoxville and not because he was against trailers and mobile homes.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Tucker.

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, March 21, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk