

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING**

4 May 2009, 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Property owners for ten properties scheduled for condemnation may come before the Council to voice any concerns before their property is declared a public nuisance and authorized for demolition.

Mr. Dates Jr., owner of property at 124 Long Street, requested an extension to do repair work.

Ms. Barbara Reynolds, owner of property at 905 West Coosa Street, requested an extension to remove contents of house and hire someone to demolish the house.

Deidre Butler, owner of property at 1290 Davis Street, requested an extension to demolish the house.

Diane Whitson , owner of property at 128 Long Street, requested an extension to do repairs to the house. Council President Patterson requested that she get expert advice before putting money into the structure to make sure it was even possible to get the house up to code. The house was damaged by fire and currently has no plumbing or wiring.

Chris Stone, Community Development Director, presented a request from the out-of-state owner of the property at 919 West Battle Street for an extension of time to make arrangements.

Tina Patterson, recently purchased 2203 Ashland Highway and lives next door to it, requested an extension to contact and negotiate with adjoining owner to remove structure that encroaches across property line.

**CITY OF TALLADEGA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

4 May 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, 4 May 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 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 4/20/2009 to 5/01/2009</b>	<b>\$ 508,165.36</b>
General Operating	463,267.12
Capital Improvement Project	16,894.40
Corrections Fund	25,172.82
Senior Nutrition Fund	503.59
Police Department Grants	2,327.43

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2009. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to excuse Councilman Miller's absence from the Special Called Meeting of April 9, 2009. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller to waive the \$500.00 rezoning fee for the property at 1509 Allen Street. AYES: All. Community Development Director, Chris Stone, indicated that his department has no problem with this waiver due to the fact that there will be a City-initiated rezoning in the area to residential in the near future and the rezoning of this parcel is necessary now so that a burned house can be rebuilt.

Petition signed by residents on Moorfield Drive was presented to the Council requesting additional street lighting on the street.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Grissett to have the City Manager proceed with arrangements to install more street lights on Moorfield Drive. AYES: All

**Resolution #1857** authorizing demolition of structure at 1290 Davis Street. Deidre Butler, owner of property at 1290 Davis Street, requested an extension to demolish the house. *Council granted a 30-day extension.*

**Resolution #1858** authorizing demolition of structure at 1785 Taylor's Mill Road

**Resolution #1859** authorizing demolition of structure at 919 West Battle Street. *Council granted a 30-day extension to out-of-state property owner.*

**Resolution #1860** authorizing demolition of structure at 502 College Street

**Resolution #1861** authorizing demolition of structure at 905 West Coosa Street. Ms. Barbara Reynolds, owner of property at 905 West Coosa Street, requested an extension. *Council granted a 60-day extension.*

**Resolution #1862** authorizing demolition of structure at 108 Jackson Street

**Resolution #1863** authorizing demolition of structure at 127 Lane Street

**Resolution #1864** authorizing demolition of structure at 124 Long Street. Mr. Dates Jr., owner of property at 124 Long Street, requested an extension to do repair work. *Council granted a 60-day extension.*

**Resolution #1865** authorizing demolition of structure at 128 Long Street. Diane Whitson, owner of property at 128 Long Street, requested an extension. *Council granted a 30-day extension.*

**Resolution #1866** authorizing demolition of structure at 202 Savory Street.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller approving Resolutions #1858, #1860, #1862, #1863, and #1866. AYES: All.

**Resolution #1867** approving contracts with Griffin Excavating Company Inc. for construction of the North Street Parking Lot per bid specifications for a total cost of \$173,818.80 with an alternate contingency bid of \$15,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker approving Resolution #1867. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #1868** approving an agreement with InSite Engineering to provide construction inspection services for an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Grissett approving Resolution #1868. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #1869** authorization to apply for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) from the United States Department of Agriculture for \$199,999 with no local match required.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis approving Resolution #1869. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1656. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilman Grissett, Council President Patterson, Councilman Miller, NAY: Councilman Tucker. (This is the second consideration of Ordinance #1656)

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1656. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO MARCUS CABLE OF ALABAMA, L.L.C. 1/k/a CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN;

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis for adoption of Ordinance #1656. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilman Grissett, Council President Patterson, Councilman Miller, NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Tucker explained that his dissention was because he felt that Charter Cable was giving the City less service and that the City should not award a company for giving less service, thought he understood that the City needs the franchise agreement . Councilman Grissett thanked Finance Director Teri St. James and Attorney Christina Poff for the work done on the agreement, which included 36 free cable drops to municipal buildings and an increase in the franchise fee from 4% of basic cable to 5% of gross revenue from all cable services.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 4/23/2009 to 5/01/2009      \$ 319,180.94**

Councilman introduced property owners, Mr. McBride Sr. and Mr. McBride Jr. They have property on Highway 77 near the 275 Bypass and requested that the water and sewer lines be extended about 600 feet past the current hotel on Highway 77 so that they can develop the property (Land Bank wishes to relocate on the property). Councilman Grissett indicated that he had previously sat in on meetings with the Water Department and a developer (Sara Gray) so that such an extension and its related costs would be in the budget for this year. Councilman Grissett also indicated that the Council had the authority to enter into an agreement with a developer to share the cost of extending water and sewer services to the area.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to authorize the City Manager to enter into discussion with the McBride family to share the cost of extending water and sewer services to their property. AYES: All.

Councilman Davis indicated that downtown revitalization was moving forward with such actions as applying for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant and the construction of the parking lot to get more business on the square. Councilman Davis also commented that with the hiring of Chris Stone as Community Development Director there has been more organization in getting information to businesses on and off the square. Councilman Davis further stated that the City has major challenges with buildings in bad shape and absentee ownership, so there is a great need for a good marketing plan to bring people into the area.

City Manager Stampfler comments included the following:

- City's website was in the process of being revamped and upgraded with new information.
- Completion of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is a milestone that will put the City in good standing if the need arises to obtain bonds. A copy for the public is available in the City Clerk's Office or at the Public Library.
- Stimulus Grants are still pending and the City is ready to move on any that become available.
- Presented the monthly Departmental reports.

Council President Patterson requested an update on the contract for nautilus equipment at the next meeting.

Councilman Miller stated that the Parks & Recreation maintenance person was still out on medical leave and asked if the maintenance of the AC/heating units was under contract. Purchasing Director Hanner indicated that a local vendor was checking the units. Personnel Director Cathy Fuller stated that Workers Compensation administrator indicated that the Parks & Recreation maintenance person would be out for another two months. City Manager indicated that a report would be put together on the maintenance of AC/heating units for a future meeting.

Councilman Miller commented that the Talladega College graduation was a fantastic event and that it was unfortunate that the Sunshine Saturday festivities were basically rained out.

Councilman Tucker also commented on the Talladega College graduation and his cousin's (comedian Chris Tucker) speech as keynote speaker.

Councilman Grissett thanked Jerome Curry, Parks & Recreation and his ground maintenance crew for the fine job of preparing Veterans' Park for Sunshine Saturday. He also thanked Terry Hanner, Safety Director and the City Manager for following up on safety issues at the park. Councilman Grissett made comments for items listed in departmental monthly reports and stated that the City had many employees who are doing a good job and they deserve a "pat on the back."

Councilman Grissett mentioned that Thursday, May 7 was National Prayer Day and that at 11:00 am there would be a gathering on the Courthouse lawn.

Councilman Davis commended School Superintendent Dr. Horton for getting Dr. Condoleezza Rice as a speaker for the Talladega High School graduation. Councilman Davis also asked of the City Manager if herbicides were still be used on the ditches in the City or if other methods were being used. The City Manager indicated that there was discussion about the issue and that coordination of a different kind of method was forthcoming. Councilman Davis also commented on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of R.L. Young Elementary School.

Council President Patterson requested an update on the joint projects for beautification of school properties and the City Manager indicated a report would be presented at the next meeting. Council President Patterson also asked for an update on the new signage at the entrances to the City and the Manager responded that it will happen a little later in the year as it was a part of the Capital Improvements Program and that the administration was committed to completing all the capital improvements outlined in the program.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Grissett to go into Executive Session to discuss good name and character. AYES: All.

The Council came out of Executive Session and Council President Patterson stated that good name and character was discussed and that the matter has been referred to the City Manager.

Motion for adjournment.

#### **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, May 4, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk