

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
CALLED MEETING  
May 14, 2013 – 3:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a called meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2012 at 3:30 p.m., at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Police Chief Alan Watson presented a proposal to the City Council to compete for the COPS Hiring Program grant to obtain two School Resource Officers and then to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Talladega City School Board to share the cost of matching funds during the three years of the grant. Chief Watson stated that he felt this was a perfect match for the COPS Hiring Program and that providing SROs was more important at this point than obtaining patrol officers. Councilman Simpson asked what happened to the SROs at the end of the three year grant period and Chief Watson stated that another grant would be applied for at that time to keep the program going.

City Manager Muenger stated that once approved by Council the Memorandum of Understanding would then be presented again at the School Board for their approval. Councilman Patterson indicated that he was discouraged to see that the City Council appeared to be more concerned about obtaining SROs than the School Board and that he was puzzled by their lack of enthusiasm. Councilman Elston stated that when it comes to education and safety of kids there should be no compromise.

**Resolution #2810** approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Talladega and the City School Board to compete for a COPS Hiring Program grant for 75% salary funding of two School Resource Officers and sharing the cost of the remaining salary, equipment and training.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of Resolution #2810. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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 called session on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk