

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
June 8, 2011 – 4:30 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a called meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2011 at 4:30 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, Councilwoman Liz Grissett, Councilman Eddie Tucker and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Main purpose of the called meeting was to update the Council and public on the measures being taken to locate the leak in the City's water system and to sign a Local Disaster Declaration that would allow the use of any needed resources offered by the Talladega County EMA or the National Guard.

Resolution #2261 requesting a Local Disaster Declaration for the City of Talladega due to a severe main water line break that has caused critically low water pressure.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for approval of Resolution #2261. Roll Call. AYES: All.

City Manager Muenger indicated that within the last hour there was an encouraging development in the Water Department's search for the water leak. Bryan Shannon, the Water Department's consulting engineer, was present and updated the Council on the newest findings. On Sunday, June 5th, the consulting engineering firm was called in to assist the Water Department personnel in locating the main water leak. Sections on of the water system were looked at to narrow down the location of the leak. The City's water wells were increased to full capacity to maintain as much water pressure to residents as possible. During last night one of the wells went down, but was again up and operational as of 6:00 am this morning. Within the last two hours the engineers still have not found a visible leak but believe they have isolated which line the major leak is in. That section of line contains no households and is on private land (MasterBrand Inc.). The section has been valved off and the rest of the water system is currently in recovery mode as water pressure increases.

City Manager Muenger stated that until ADEM gives an all clear, the City would continue to distribute bottled water and that for those residents with low pressure, the boiling of tap water is required. Council members discussed that this crisis was a "wake up call" that the old way of doing things is not sufficient. City Manager Muenger indicated that a mapping project is going forward for the Water Department to map out all water and sewer lines so that it would not take as long to locate pipes, so forth, as it did during this crisis. Insite Engineering, the Water Department's consulting engineers, are working on a proposal for the mapping and this could take two years.

Council thanked all those involved in correcting the water situation: the citizens helping out their neighbors, the Water Department personnel and consulting engineers for their determination to work until the problem was solved, and the City Manager for his leadership during the City's difficult time.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Miller.

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 Thursday, June 8, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
City Clerk