

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
15 June 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, 15 June 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, Mayor Brian York, 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 6/1/2009 to 6/12/2009</b>	<b>\$ 604,024.27</b>
General Operating Fund	537,561.92
Capital Improvement Project	24,234.02
Corrections Fund	33,776.75
Municipal Court Fund	5,095.75
Law Enforcement Fund	45.00
Senior Nutrition	665.66
Police Department Grants	2,645.17

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2009 with corrections. AYES: All.

Mayor Brian York presented a proclamation to Mr. Bryan L. Gaither in honor of Talladega Radio Amateur Club Inc. (TRAC) declaring the week of June 21-27, 2010 as TRAC Week.

**Resolution # 1877** authorizing an agreement with FitnessZone for seven pieces of nautilus equipment to be leased/purchased over three years for a total cost of \$13,442.00.

**Resolution # 1878** authorizing an agreement with Nichols Contracting Company Inc. for construction of the Coleman Circle Area Sewers for a total cost of \$496,533.00.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve Resolutions #1877 and #1878. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution # 1879** authorizing an agreement with Krebs Engineering for inspection and construction administration services on the Coleman Circle Area Sewers for a total cost of \$95,300.00.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the \$95,300 quoted by Krebs Engineering for inspection and construction administration services. Council President Patterson indicated that he felt the amount was entirely too high. Mr. Terry Hanner indicated that the quote was within normal range for a project this size. Council President Patterson repeated that the amount was excessive. There was

more discussion concerning whether a full-time inspector needed to be on site or if only part-time inspection services were required. Councilman Miller asked if perhaps there was someone on staff who could work as a part-time inspector. City Manager Stampfler voiced his concerns on holding up any part of the Coleman Circle project that may delay its completion and interfere with next year's CDBG grant applications. Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Tucker to table Resolution #1879 and send it back for re-negotiation. AYES: All.

**Ordinance # 1657** declaring certain municipal property surplus and approving lease agreement with Complete Car Wash Systems Inc. for municipal property located at the Talladega Municipal Airport.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Tucker for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1657. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Tucker for the reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1657. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**An ordinance declaring certain municipal property surplus and not needed for public purposes and approving and ratifying lease agreement with Complete Car Wash Systems, Inc., a corporation for municipal property located at the Talladega Municipal Airport.**

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Tucker for approval of Ordinance #1657. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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 6/4/2009 to 6/11/2009                      \$ 347,276.04**

Council President Patterson stated that the Council was tardy in evaluating the City Manager and that he took some responsibility for that. Dr. Patterson requested Councilman Grissett and Councilman Davis compile an instrument for evaluation. Councilman Tucker requested that he also have some input on putting together the evaluation instrument. It was requested that the City Clerk look for the evaluation format that was done on the previous City Manager, Thomas Christie.

City Manager Stampfler announced the resignation of the Public Works Director Mark Patrick. Council President Patterson requested that in the future he get an e-mail on such matters so that he didn't find out about them from reading the newspaper. The discussion then turned to whether the Director should be replaced immediately or allow the Assistant Public Works Director supervise the department until the financial situation improved. City Manager Stampfler stated that he felt it was very important to fill the position as quickly as possible to handle the critical issues of ditches and other conditions around the City and that he disagreed with putting a hold on filling the position. The Council consensus

was to wait four months and review the City's financial condition before filling the Public Works Director position.

A map of the new City Limits was presented to the Council by the Director of the Community Development Department.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Grissett to approve the Speed Hump Policy as presented. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilman Grissett, Council President Patterson and Councilman Miller. NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Tucker objected to some of the wording in the policy such as: cul-de-sacs aren't allow to have a speed hump, everyone on the street must sign a petition, street has to be 500 ft long, and the police department has approval to install instead of the City Council. Councilman Tucker stated that it should be up to the residents if they want a speed bump and not a policy dictating whether a speed bump was allowed.

Teri St. James presented Charter Communications' response to the additional free connections which stated that additional municipal buildings would be assessed a \$4.99 monthly administrative fee. Council President Patterson directed that Charter Communication be written a letter requesting that they live up to the commitment they made in the Council chambers when their representative was here.

Council was informed that the Police Department had applied for another equipment grant totaling \$10, 250.00 with no match required from the Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) program.

Council was informed that the Employee Recognition Program (Top Guns) was re-instated with no changes. Council President Patterson asked when the program would be started and City Manager Stampfler indicated that it would perhaps be ready by the first of August. Cathy Fuller, Personnel Director, described the program as follows: a committee consisting of employees from every department would review nominations from other employees and from those nominations would select an employee or team to be recognized before the Council and awarded a day off with pay.

Councilman Tucker commented on houses along 17<sup>th</sup> Street that were in bad repair and needed to be looked into by Code Enforcement. Councilman Tucker also commented on a bit pot hole on Knox Street that needed attention.

Councilman Davis commented on a need to focus on the goals set when the Council first took office. He further stated that progress has been made not only downtown but with the houses that have been condemned and cleaned up and that despite the concern about money don't forget the need to improve the quality of life in our community.

Council President Patterson stated that he believed in letting people do their jobs and that it matters to him how employees are treated and about employee morale. Council President Patterson stated that he was deeply concerned that current employees could not be given raises because of the financial situation. Dr. Patterson again stated that he felt strongly about how the employees were treated and that "we need to treasure our employees."

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, June 15, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk