

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
July 12, 2010

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 12, 2010 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 Eddie Tucker, Councilman Jimmy Davis, and Mayor Brian York.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 6/28/2010 to 7/9/2010</b>	<b>\$ 565,018.55</b>
General Operating Fund	523,152.10
Corrections Fund	34,322.74
Senior Nutrition Fund	643.80
Capital Improvement	6,899.91

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2010, called meeting of May 18 and called meeting of May 24, 2010. AYES: All.

**Resolution #2069** to support the Talladega County Commission, City of Lincoln and the Coosa Valley Recreation Board to become a Public Park Authority for the Coosa River Annex property.  
Councilman Miller explained the background on Resolution #2069, stating that the City currently has two representatives on the Coosa Valley Recreation Board. Councilman Tucker wanted it made clear what part the City would have in the Public Park Authority. It was agreed by the Council to table this Resolution until next meeting when the matter could be clarified and the wording changed.

**Resolution #2070** to approve a Change Order for the Spring Street Renovations with Clements Dean Building Company not to exceed \$40,000.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #2070. AYES: All.

During the Pre-Council, Ms. Lynn Bonner came before the Council and stated that she receives phone calls from citizens concerning the Historic Preservation Commission ordinance. Council President Patterson requested that all issues be placed in writing and submitted to Councilman Davis who will then try and work out the issues with the assistance of Councilman Miller.

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

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 7/1/10 to 7/8/2010</b>	<b>\$ 158,597.18</b>
General Fund	158,597.18

There was discussion of the numerous trees that were damaged during recent storms and whether the City should be pro-active about removing the older trees. Community Appearance Director Mitch Bast indicated that over \$50,000 had been spent so far this year on trimming and removal of public trees and that these trees needed to be replanted. So far only 22 trees had been planted as replacements. Councilman Tucker requested that money be placed in the budget for next year to cover removal of these older, damaged trees. Councilman Miller offered a coupon for a free meal to all who assisted with the cleanup after the last storm. Council President Patterson stated he would help pay for these meals.

Chief Watson discussed the Citizen Survey done on the Police Department. One thousand surveys were sent out with 200 in each Ward. About 32% of the surveys were returned and though there was a lot of positive feedback there were also areas of concern. Reading from a memo by Chief Watson to Interim City Manager Chris Stone:

*"In reviewing the results as it pertains to the perception of crime in Talladega, there are three areas of concern: 1) 54% believe we are not adequately protecting their neighborhoods; 2) 50% believe we are not adequately protecting the business district; 3) 68% do not see police cars in their neighborhoods often enough."*

To respond to these concerns Chief Watson further stated in his memo:

*"...I am requesting, if not all the 20% reduction in force from 2007 be re-allocated, at least some be added for the protection of our citizens. Just to put in perspective the Talladega Police Department responds to about 2000 calls for service each month. When you add the reports, arrests, traffic accidents, and traffic citations that are required, it does not leave a lot of time to have proactive and preventative patrols that are needed."*

Paving update stated that bids had been sent to ALDOT and that they should be ready within 30 days.

Councilman Miller wanted to know if the water leak at 304 Brignoli had been addressed. Councilman Miller also brought up his concern on whether water would be available for commercial businesses along the By-pass. He wanted the issue address before paving of the By-pass began. Councilman Miller further asked if the Water Department Bond would be sufficient to get water lines out to the By-pass.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to appoint Shellia Cotney as temporary City Clerk for this meeting in Ms. Cheeks' absence. AYES: All.

Other items discussed at the meeting included:

- Brick column at the Bemiston entrance that were damaged by a vehicle wreck need to be repaired.
- Masterbrand is increasing their workforce and will have a job fair at the plant on July 20, 2010.
- Councilman Tucker wished to ride around with a Water Department employee to point out spots where there is damage.
- Complaint from a couple in Mt. Olive area about cleaning water lines. Ms. Fuller indicated that currently lines are not being flushed and that there were no complaints.
- Budget meeting planned for Thursday (July 15) has been cancelled. Next scheduled regular meeting is July 26, 2010.
- Finance Director, Ms. St. James, requested that if Council Members had special projects for the upcoming fiscal year that they be submitted to Interim City Manager Chris Stone to be added into the budget.
- Appreciation to Ray Miller and the Municipal Airport Board for naming the new hanger after Dr. Lance Grissett.

Motion by Councilman Davis with as second from Councilman Miller to accept the resignation of Keela Brown from the Historic Preservation Commission. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Miller, Councilman Davis, NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Tucker moved for adjournment with a second from Councilman Miller.

Minutes recorded by Shellia Cotney.

#### **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, July 12, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks  
City Clerk