

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 27, 2009

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Auditorium. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Eddie Tucker, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Michael Stampfler.

Invocation given by Pastor Darryl Thomas, Kingdom Life Ministries.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/13/09 to 7/24/09	\$847,062.63
General Operating Account	795,819.52
Capital Improvement Project	17,086.36
Corrections Fund	25,104.71
Law Enforcement Fund	5,260.14
Oil Trust Fund	1,197.26
Police Dept. Grant	2,594.64

Lynn Bonner and Keela Brown of the Talladega Merchants Association asked to have the Market Day vendor's fee waived.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Tucker to waive the fee until October, 2009. AYES: All.

Mack Ferguson and Tom Wofford came before the Council to request that the previous \$4,000 approved by the Council be deferred until a complete budget could be set up for the Celebration of Talladega's 175 Birthday.

Discussion of a groundbreaking ceremony for the Coleman Circle project and a ceremony for the opening of the new playgrounds.

Resolution #1910 authorizing the Municipal Airport Board to make application for a \$25,000 airport improvement funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #1910. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #1911 authorizing the City's participation in the Broadband for East Alabama Region Program.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #1911. AYES: All.

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

Expenditures for 7/13/09 to 7/23/09	\$ 275,038.39
General Fund	267,038.39
Coleman Circle Project	8,000.00

The next City Council meetings were scheduled for August 10 and August 24, 2009.

The Talladega City School Board transferred what is considered to be Edythe Sims Park (baseball field, basketball court, and walking track) to the City of Talladega during their July 20th meeting.

Councilman Miller requested an update on the dam evaluation reports. Terry Hanner indicated that the safety reports had been received but there were no hydraulic reports yet.

Councilman Tucker asked for an update on his request for street lights on Russell Drive.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Miller that a recommendation to the City Manager by a Council Member is sufficient to proceed with installation of a new street light.

AYES: Councilman Tucker, Councilman Miller, Council President Patterson, Councilman Grissett,
NAY: Councilman Davis

Councilman Grissett requested an update on the Talladega Crossings project. Terry Hanner indicated that the project would be starting soon. Councilman Grissett then requested an update on the Stone Hill pump station repair project. James Brasher indicated that returned bids on the project were all extremely high and that after reviewing the project it was decided that the project would be done in-house. Councilman Grissett stated that he was all for saving money but was the City at risk for fire suppression services in the area of the pump station? Mr. Brasher indicated that the City is not assuming any more risk than when the pump was operable. Councilman Grissett asked for a timeline for project completion and Mr. Brasher stated that it would be completed by the end of next month.

Councilman Grissett then asked for an update on the Veterans' Park ditch project. Mr. Stampfler indicated that the administration had met with the Neel Schaffer representative several times and in August a report will be coming forward to the Council for their review. Councilman Grissett requested an update on the Census Committee work. Mr. Stone stated that an application had been made for the grant to pay for publication of Census materials. Mr. Stone also indicated that the County had a Complete Count Committee of about 45 members.

Councilman Grissett asked for an update on the 275 Bypass rezoning update. Chris Stone indicated that there would be a public meeting on August 20, 2009 before the Planning Commission and that a recommendation would then be made to the Council.

Councilman Grissett asked if a report on the monthly cost of current temporary employees could be presented at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller for an immediate hiring freeze for the City. AYES: All.

Councilman Davis commented that he was glad that several professional management employees had been hired in the last two years.

Council President Patterson commented on the option of burning some condemned houses as a training program for the Fire Department.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Tucker to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to purchase the property of Wehadkee Textile Mill at a value of \$140,000 and authorize our attorney to execute the bankruptcy documents which should be finalized on August 3rd. Purchase of the property is for the intent of economic development. AYES: All.

Geneva Coleman was present and she requested more time (until Friday) to resolve her problem with the payment for the easement on her property.

Councilman Davis moved for adjournment.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, Acting 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 27, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
City Clerk