

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA  
PRE-COUNCIL  
August 5, 2013 – 5:00 pm**

Terri Wheldon, Government Account representative of Charter Communications, came before the Council to offer assistance with the Charter Communications for connection and technical help. Councilman Miller told of some complaints he received from his constituents about the availability and connection of Charter's service. Ms. Wheldon offered her business card and stated that if there were any problems they would address them. Also present with Ms. Wheldon was Taylor Vice, Government Relations Manager and Darron Hill, Manager of Technical Operations.

Lance Armbruster and Chuck Chitwood of CDG Engineers came before the Council to discuss the Frazier Farms Drainage Project.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
August 5, 2013 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 5:30 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 Jarvis Elston, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Cal McIntire of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 7/22/2013 to 8/02/2013</b>	<b>\$ 478,798.85</b>
General Operating Fund	357,867.35
Corrections Fund	5,916.52
TPD	28,444.38
Capital Improvements	79,059.00
Oil Trust Fund	7,511.60

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2013. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton, alongside Casey Ramey, Director of Business Development for MDA, presented the Talladega Fire Fighter Appreciation Month proclamation to the Talladega Fire Department for their fine work protecting citizens and fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy. Mayor Barton also presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. James Heacock for his many decades as a business owner and his volunteer and civic service to the City of Talladega.

Mayor Barton swears in the new members of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals:

Mr. Brian Gann  
Dr. Zachary Dollar  
Reverend Hugh Morris  
Ms. Laura Beavers

Ann Spell presented a report regarding the Harvest Center Group's recent activities. Ms. Spell mentioned that the Harvest Group's computer courses are always filled to capacity and may consider offering evening courses.

Public Works Director Phillips informed the Council regarding the guard rail request on Old Shocco Road, that after further study, the best course of action would be the installation of new speed limit signs, high visibility object marker signs, high visibility stop signs, installation of chevron alignment signs, and the removal of undergrowth surrounding the road to increase visibility. Public Works Director Phillips also stated that the site would be monitored and if more accidents were to occur the issue would be revisited at a later date.

**Resolution #2845** renewing the Section 5311 Grant Application for the Public Transportation Program with 50% matching funds of \$36,546.

**Resolution #2846** increasing the Public Transportation Program fares to \$3.00 round trip for Seniors and the Disabled and \$5.00 round trip for the General Public starting September 1, 2013.

**Resolution #2847** approving the purchase of a 2013 F150 from Stivers Ford of Montgomery for a total cost of \$23,579.

**Resolution #2848** approving a contract with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for administration of the CDBG Frazier Farms Drainage Project.

Motion by Councilman Ballows with a second by Councilman Miller for approval of Resolutions #2845- #2848. Roll call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

<b>Water Department Expenditures for 7/25/2013 to 8/2/2013</b>	<b>\$ 362,895.87</b>
Operations Fund	71,271.28
Revenue	291,624.59

Brought before the Council by City Manager Muenger is the closure of Highway 21 due to a sinkhole repair. The repair will commence on August 12, 2013, causing both lanes of the road to be shut down. There will be placing of all necessary signage on August 7<sup>th</sup> to mark the detour route. The blockage of Highway 21 is expected to last a minimum of 21 days.

An update on the Trane Energy Retrofit project was brought before the council; the major work completed thus far is the installation of new HVAC system at Heritage Hall, a new HVAC unit at the Mabra Center, replacement of a failing pool heater at the Spring Street Recreation Center and widespread lighting replacement. Items that are still ongoing include the installation of new bay doors in the Fire Department, HVAC controls at various facilities, and some lighting modifications at Heritage Hall.

Last item to be brought before the Council is an update on the Veteran's Park improvement project. Preliminary City work is complete, which includes the removal of utilities, examination of drainage facilities, and the removal of the crossing road. A preconstruction hearing was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> with contracts expected to be signed between August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Council members were presented with a preliminary budget and appropriation requests by Teri St. James, Finance Director.

Meeting adjourned.

#### **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, August 5, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.