

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
September 20, 2010

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 20, 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 Jimmy Davis, Councilman Eddie Tucker, Councilwoman Liz Grissett, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Brian Muenger.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 8/30/2010 to 9/17/2010</b>	<b>\$ 1,086,049.71</b>
General Operating Fund	877,722.05
Senior Nutrition Grant	822.83
Corrections Fund	61,132.26
CDBG Grant	94.40
Police Department Grant	29,878.97
Brownfield Grant	19,180.00
Cemetery Fund	7,199.20
Capital Improvement Fund	90,020.00

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Davis to approve the application for an alcohol license 010-Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 for The Rock Bar & Grill LLC owned by Linda Norred in the building at the Municipal Golf Course. AYES: Councilman Davis, Council President Patterson and Councilman Miller, Abstain: Councilwoman Grissett, NAY: Councilman Tucker.

**Resolution #2104** to approve Alexander Construction LLC for street cut patching per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2105** to approve the contract with Sullivan Termite & Pest Control for pest control in City buildings per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2106** to approve the contract with A-1 Tree Services for tree topping, tree and stump removal per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2107** to approve a contract with Vellano Brothers Inc. for plastic storm pipe per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2108** to approve a contract with Service Chemical Industries, Inc., Industrial Chemicals, Inc., Geo Specialty Chemicals and Harcros Chemicals for chemicals used in Water and Wastewater Treatment per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2109** to approve a contract with Coosa Valley Propane Inc. for propane per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2110** to approve a contract with Michael's Men's Wear, G&K Services and Screenprint Plus to supply City work uniforms per bid specifications

**Resolution #2111** to approve a contract with In The Swim, Harcros Chemicals and Industrial Chemicals, Inc. for swimming pool chemicals per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2112** to approve a contract with B&S Sporting Goods, LLC and Riddell/All American for sports uniforms per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2113** to approve a contract with R.K. Allen Oil Company and McPherson Oil Company Inc. for petroleum products per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2114** to approve a contract with Armbrester Electric for HVAC service per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2115** to approve a contract with McCartney Construction Company Inc. and Webb Concrete & Building Supplies for stone/gravel per bid specifications

**Resolution #2116** to approve a contract with Evergreen Lawn Care for grounds maintenance of Water & Sewer Department properties per bid specifications

**Resolution #2117** to approve a contract with McCartney Construction Company, Inc. for slag cold mix per bid specifications

**Resolution #2118** to approve a contract with Waites Concrete Company, Inc. and Webb Concrete & Building Materials for concrete products per bid specifications

**Resolution #2119** to approve a contract with Armstrong LLC, for removal of vegetation on nuisance overgrown lots per bid specifications

**Resolution #2120** to approve a contract with Garing Business Machines/Nohab Business Products, LLC for computers per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2121** to approve a contract with Vellano Brothers, Inc., Empire Pipe and Supply Company, HD Supply Waterworks, MSC Waterworks, Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Inc., and Summit Pipe & Supply Company Inc. for construction materials per bid specifications

**Resolution #2122** to approve a contract with Brannon's Office City, Service Printing & Office Supply, AIDB, Pitney Bowes, Triplanet Pricing and Talladega Machinery & Supply for office supplies per bid specifications.

**Resolution #2123** to approve a contract with Brannon's Office City, Grainger Industrial Supply, Talladega Machinery & Supply, and All American Poly for janitorial supplies per bid specifications

**Resolution #2124** to approve a contract with Vulcan Signs, Custom Products Corporation, Allied Municipal Supply and ALLMAC Signs for traffic signs and posts per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Davis to approve Resolutions #2104-#2124. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Council President Patterson and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Billy Russell, lives on Watts Lane – just off of Mt. Olive Circle, addressed the Council about the continued flushing of his water lines. His residence is at the end of the water line and a fire hydrant is also being left open along with his outdoor faucet to flush the line as quickly as possible. Council President Patterson stated that he understood Mr. Russell's frustration but that everything possible was being done to remedy the problem. After further discussion it was decided that the Water Department's engineers from InSite Engineering would be invited to come to the regular council meeting on October 4, 2010 to address any questions on the continuing problem.

**Resolution #2125** to approve contract with Pro-Fire Equipment LLC to purchase a fire truck per bid specifications with a total cost of \$329,588.00.

**Resolution #2126** to approve contract rates with Coosa Valley Officials Association for officiating services for sporting events pending final negotiations for the specific scope of services.

**Resolution #2127** approving the application and appointing two members to the Board of Directors of The Public Park Authority of the Cities of Lincoln and Talladega.

**Resolution 2128** to adopt a method of payment of municipal funds pursuant to Code of Alabama, 1975 11-43A-31 for fiscal year 2010-2011.

**Resolution 2129** to surplus owned by the City of Talladega and not needed for public or municipal purposes.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolutions #2125 through #2129. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Miller discussed the officiating services contract and requested that the option of having officiating done by local officials to eliminate the travel cost and perhaps there would be some at Talladega College Athletic Department who would be interested in such a part-time job. Councilman Miller also spoke on the Public Park Authority which made the Coosa River Annex property project a joint effort between the two Cities of Lincoln and Talladega.

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

**Water Department Expenditures for 9/1/10 to 9/16/2010 \$ 375,545.35**  
General Fund 375,545.35

City Manager Muenger stated that a meeting with InSite Engineering had been conducted to ask for options for additional safety at the North Street Parking Lot. Even though the original design met safety standards, it was decided to go beyond the minimum requirements and include convex safety mirrors and additional signage at the parking lot entrances and exits.

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to have a budget meeting on Monday, September 27, 2010. AYES: All.

The Council's Goals for FY2010-2011 will be discussed and compiled at the next Council meeting or the first meeting in October 2010.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve the FY 2010-2011 Appropriations as follows:

Antique Talladega (Ritz Theater)	45,000
Boys & Girls Club	7,500
Chamber of Commerce	25,000
Community Action Agency	8,500
Community Life Institute	4,000
Talladega Heritage Commission	50,000
Talladega Economic Development Board	25,000
Isaiah House	8,500
RSVP Program	4,000
Senior Rx Program – East Alabama Regional Planning	25,000
Talladega City Board of Education	90,000

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

City Manager Muenger presented a reorganization plan for the Community Appearance Department and the Parks & Recreation ground maintenance crews and stated that this reorganization would not eliminate any positions or personnel but the intent was to make both departments more efficient and cost effective.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the reorganization plan as presented. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Council President Patterson and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker

City Manager Muenger presented a proposal to close the Bemiston and Brecon Recreational Centers for a period of six months as a cost cutting measure. Manager Muenger further stated that all staff would be transferred to the Spring Street Center and that this would not occur until the renovations at Spring Street Center were far enough along to transfer all activities currently at the Brecon Center. Councilwoman Grissett stated that the cost of personnel in the Bemiston and Brecon Center should not be added in to the operating loss for the Centers or as a savings for closing the Centers because the positions are not being eliminated but moved to other areas. Councilwoman Grissett stated that she was opposed to closing the Bemiston Center. Manager Muenger clarified that adding the personnel cost into the justification for closing the two centers was more for efficiency reasons than to indicate a large loss. Councilman Miller questioned the utilities cost listed and Financial Director St. James verbally provided more accurate amounts which were also higher than those listed. Manager Muenger also indicated that there were negotiations with the gymnastics instructor, Tanya Ingram, for a sharing of the utilities cost at the Mattie Simmons Center in order to keep that center open for the gymnastics program. Councilman Miller indicated that his vote on the closures was with the stipulation that this issue be re-evaluated in six months and that the Parks & Recreation Department work on programs for these recreation centers when they do re-open.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the closure of the Bemiston and Brecon Recreation Centers for a period of six months. AYES: Councilman Davis, Council President Patterson and Councilman Miller; NAYS: Councilman Tucker and Councilwoman Grissett.

Council President Patterson requested a sign be posted at the Spring Street Recreation Center informing the public of the renovation and that the Center was still open with limited activities.

**Resolution #2130** approving the City Manager's recommendation for a hiring freeze on the basis that it is warranted by economic conditions and in the interest of the economy of city government.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis for the adoption of Resolution #2130. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Council President Patterson and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker

**Resolution #2131** approving the City Manager's recommendation for a reduction in force of City employees on the basis that it is warranted by economic conditions and in the interest of the economy of city government.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis for the adoption of Resolution #2131. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Council President Patterson and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker

Councilman Tucker commented on the need for minority supervisors in the Police Department and stated that he felt there were minority employees currently employed who should be promoted. Councilman Tucker stated that he hated to see the consolidation of the Community Appearance Department and the grounds maintenance from the Recreation Department and felt that it was a farce that money is going to be saved. Manager Muenger commented that this was combining like services without having to fill vacant positions and that he did not believe any services would suffer in any way. There was further discussion concerning the maintenance of the ball fields. Council President Patterson commented that the City was going to have to do a whole lot more with a whole lot less.

No further business before the council, meeting was 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, September 20, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks  
City Clerk