

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING**  
**Canvassing of Election Results**  
October 11, 2011 – 12:00 noon

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a called meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 12:00 noon, 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, Councilwoman Liz Grissett, Councilman Eddie Tucker, City Attorney Michael O'Brien and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Meeting was called to order by Council President Horace Patterson.

City Attorney Michael O'Brien stated that this meeting was a purely ministerial operation to declare candidates who have received a majority vote, issue certificates of elections for candidates who qualify, and announce any vacancies.

City Clerk Beth Cheeks completed the counting of provisional ballots after receiving the decision from the Talladega County Board of Registrars. Final count of all votes cast in the October 4, 2011 Runoff-off Election were declared in Resolution #2349.

**Resolution #2349** to ascertain and determine the results of the City of Talladega Municipal Runoff Election held on October 4, 2011.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2349. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #2350** to certify that Larry H. Barton was duly elected to the Office of Mayor for the term commencing on the first Monday in November 2011 and that a Certificate of Election has been issued.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2350. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #2351** to certify that Horace L. Patterson was duly elected to the Office of Council Member for Ward 1 for the term commencing on the first Monday in November 2011 and that a Certificate of Election has been issued.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #2351. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, Councilman Tucker and Councilman Miller, ABSTAIN: Council President Patterson

**Resolution #2352** to certify that Jarvis Elston was duly elected to the Office of Council Member for Ward 2 for the term commencing on the first Monday in November 2011 and that a Certificate of Election has been issued

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #2352. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Tucker's letter was read into the minutes.

"I concede the election Jarvis Elston who ran an outstanding and clean campaign. I thank all those wonderful people who voted for me and those who volunteered their time to help me in my failed attempt to win. I also want to thank the extraordinary people of Ward 2 who have allowed me to serve as your City Councilman since 1995. It was an amazing ride and it was a tremendous pleasure to serve as your City Councilman. I worked hard for you and I voted what was in your best interest.

Now I pass the torch to Councilman Elect Jarvis Elston. Citizens, if you go to jail call Jarvis, if you are being put out of your project home, if your trees need cut or you need a ditch cut, if you need your road paved and if need advise, call Councilman Elect Elston. He is an outstanding and highly intelligent young man who will continue the legacy that Ms. Edythe Sims and Eddie L. Tucker have perpetuated since there has been a Ward 2.

I pledge to assist Councilman Elect Elston in a smooth transition of governance and I will join with him as he serves the people of Ward 2 and Talladega as a whole. Should he need my advice or for me to join with him in his endeavors to bring services and equality to our district, I will be there to help him. After all it is not about me or him it is about our community and the people whose lives we have an opportunity to serve.

I plan to stay active in City Government as I am committed to serving our community and assisting Councilman Elect Elston in achieving the goals he has for our community and to continue the work that I started as Your City Councilman such as housing projects, sidewalks on Avenue H, assisting the poor, Stadium Lights for Edythe Sims Park, a grant to fix erosion and walking track in Edyth Sims Park, piping drainage ditches on Russell Drive and on Jackson Trace Road, etc.

I would like to thank the City Council, City Manager and all the City workers for the exceptional level services you provide and for the work you have allowed me to deliver to our citizens. I am proud of our exemplary unparalleled accomplishments we have made together.

Again, Congratulations to all the winners and especially to Mr. Elston on the fine campaign he ran and should he need me I am here to serve the people of Talladega.”

Mayor Elect Larry Barton stated that he has been on both sides of an election and it is better to win for it is a major process that goes on to put on an election. He further stated that he just needed to be told where the line is and “I will not cross it and that I look forward to working with you (Council).”

Mayor Brian York stated that it was one of the cleanest elections he had ever seen. Councilman Miller congratulated all the winners as did the City Manager Brian Muenger and Councilman Davis.

Council President Patterson thanked those who had voted for him, congratulated all the winners and stated that he “loved Talladega City and the people.” He further stated that he felt this council had been “extremely productive despite the economy” and that he felt Councilman Tucker’s speech was a “class act.”

Councilwoman Grissett stated she was thankful for the Council term that she and her late husband Dr. Lance Grissett were able to serve.

Outgoing Council members (Councilwoman Grissett, Councilman Davis and Councilman Tucker) were presented with plaques of appreciation from City Manager Brian Muenger and with their portraits from the Council Chambers.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Miller.

#### **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 called session on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 12:00 noon at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk