

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
October 21, 2013 – 5:00 pm**

The Mayor presented the Talladega High School Girls' Volleyball Team with Certificates of Recognition for their tournament win. For the first time in 13 years the THS Volleyball Team will host an area-wide tournament.

Mr. Williams came before the Council to address a concern regarding deteriorating houses in the Silk Stocking District despite there being an Ordinance to dissuade such disrepair. There was a great deal of discussion as to the effectiveness of the Ordinance. The Council requested a follow-up on this issue from the City Manager at one of the upcoming Council meetings in November.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2013 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 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 Patterson, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Tim Thomas of Munford Baptist Church.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson to appoint Joanna Medlen as Acting City Clerk. AYES: All.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/01/2013 to 10/18/2013	\$ 272,792.22
General Operating Account	251,528.22
Cash Bonds	191.00
Brownfield	13,087.00
Capital Improvement Fund	7,986.00

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2013. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve the Alcohol License for The J Café on 100 Haynes Street (former Diamond Lil's location).

City Manager Muenger presented the Trane Project Update. The vast majority of the project has been completed and is on schedule to be completed in November 2013.

City Manager Muenger also presented an update on the railroad crossing improvements. Court Street and East Street have been composite crossings have been completed. Discussions are being made with ALDOT regarding the East Street approach and a cost estimate to improve the approach from Court Street is being prepared. The crossing on Stephen J. White Memorial Boulevard will have the panels installed and asphalt replaced by October 25, 2013.

City Manager Muenger informed the Council of various Halloween events that the City and the Talladega Activities Committee . The Bemiston Recreation Center is being used as a haunted house for five nights. The Trick or Treat on the Square event will take place on October 31st from 5:30-7:00p.m.

Resolution #2952 authorizing an appropriation agreement with Talladega City Board of Education for a total sum of \$90,000. *Tabled from October 7, 2013 meeting.*

Resolution #2976 approving contract with Talladega County Commission for maintenance services of the 10 warning sirens with the city limits for fiscal year 2014 for a total cost of \$15,249.00.

Resolution #2977 approving a procedural policy for credit/debit card transactions in the Finance Department and the Municipal Court office.

Resolution #2978 approving the surplus of abandoned rail track in Bemiston.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #2952 to #2978. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Simpson presented to the Council a letter requesting that the School Board Appropriation be divided to help The Pre-K Program, the ACCESS Lab Program, The Talladega High School Football Program, the Talladega High School Band Program, and repairs and upgrades for the A.R. Decatur Field.

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

Water Department Expenditures for September 2013	\$ 83,408.14
Operations & Maintenance	83,408.14

Water Department Expenditures for October 09-18, 2013	\$ 251,892.69
Operations & Maintenance	52,550.42
Revenue	199,342.27

Resolution #2979 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for survey, design plan specifications development and contract review for a lime feeder at the Water Treatment Plant for a total cost of \$39,500.00.

Resolution #2980 approving a contract with CDG Engineering for engineering, construction and construction inspection services on the North Talladega County Water Project for a total cost of \$261,000.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #2979 to #2980. Roll Call. AYES: All.

In other business City Manager Muenger deferred to Karen Phillips regarding an update on the Highway Paving Proposal. Director Phillips stated that Howard St., which affects Wards 1, 2, and 5, need complete resurfacing and the Old Shocco Springs Road needs to be restriped. Regarding Long Street, there are two proposals: completely resurface and an asphalt overlay or a nice patch with a chip seal. The chip seal would prolong the life of the road for 5-7 years before it would need to be resurfaced. The City Manager suggested calling for a work session regarding the paving. Council President Patterson scheduled a work session for October 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

City Manager Muenger deferred to Chuck Thomerson for the Mt. Olive Water System Update. Director Thomerson stated that there are 5 projects scheduled. The first of the projects is water storage tank surfacing and the second project as line replacement. The third project would be to take care of the dead end lines and streets without any lines. The fourth project consists of a new water storage tank and the last one consists of constructing a new booster pump station to feed the Mt. Olive system through a new 10" line connected to the General Level system at the intersection of Highway 21 and Ironaton Cutoff Road.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. to discuss sale/lease of City-owned property and reconvened at 6:53 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion by Councilman Simpson to adjourn the meeting.

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, October 21, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.