

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
1 December 2008, 5:30 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, 1 December 2008 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 Eddie Tucker, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Councilman Donnie Miller, and City Manager Michael Stampfler.

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

<b>Total Invoices &amp; Expenditures for 11/21/08 to 11/28/08</b>	<b>\$143,593.15</b>
General Fund 10	\$140,462.04
Corrections Fund	\$ 3,131.11

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Grissett to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 24, 2008. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Grissett to accept the donation by the Talladega Pilgrimage Council of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of hardwood trees to be planted in the downtown historic district in memory of Billy Bliss. AYES: All.

**Resolution # 1780** honoring Virgil Chappell for his service to the City of Talladega.

Councilman Grissett stated that it was a privilege to be a part of honoring Mr. Virgil Chappell. Councilman Grissett related an incident when Mr. Chappell arranged for his family to be united for Christmas after a medical necessity had them separated across several states. Mr. Chappell had somehow managed to get the Governor's airplane to pick them up in a snowstorm and return them to Alabama.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #1780. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #1781** approving the City's participation in the East Central Region's Community Traffic Safety Program grant (Click-It or Ticket).

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve Resolution #1781. Roll Call. 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 Grissett, Council President Patterson, Councilman Miller; NAYS: Councilman Tucker.

<b>Expenditures for 11/21 to 11/27/08</b>	<b>\$ 61,038.58</b>
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Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second by Councilman Davis to approve the appointment of William Baylor to the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission. AYES: All.

The City Manager presented an update on the issue of the Tinney Street intersection with Highway 21 and indicated that he would make further inquiries. Councilman Miller suggested that ALDOT construct pillions for routing traffic at the intersection and warned that something needed to be done to avoid a tragedy. Councilman Grissett also indicated that something needed to be done and that painting arrows on the pavement was not doing the job. City Manager Stampfler agreed that previous actions were insufficient.

Councilman Miller congratulated Mr. Chappell on his being the Honorary Grand Marshall for Christmas Parade tomorrow night. Councilman Miller also congratulated Councilman Tucker on the success of the "Stop the Violence" March.

Councilman Tucker thanked all who had participated in the "Stop the Violence March" including Councilman Davis and his wife, the Mayor, the City Manager, Council President Patterson, and the *Daily Home* for the media coverage of the event. Councilman Tucker also recognized William Baylor for his work on the March and thanked the Talladega Police officers, especially Chief Alan Watson, for their involvement in the event.

Councilman Tucker noted the tragic house fire that claimed the life of Raven Morris. There will be several fundraising events to help the family. Councilman Tucker also asked about any proactive fire prevention initiatives that were being done by the City, including distribution of smoke detectors.

The Community Development Director will start work on January 5, 2009 and Councilman Tucker thanked the City Manager for putting together a team to handle the planning for the City.

In the past there was no charge for use of the indoor basketball courts and other facilities for school age children during the Christmas vacation and Councilman Tucker requested an update as to whether this was going to be continued this year and how it was going to be advertised.

Councilman Grissett thanked the *Daily Home* for the front page story on the Small Town and Downtown initiative that the City was participating in. Councilman Grissett also thanked the Community Appearance Department for their outstanding work on decorating the Courthouse Square, the Big Springs Monument and other areas of the City for the holidays. Councilman Grissett also commended the Water Department personnel for a quick response to a water main leak during the night.

Councilman Davis congratulated Virgil Chappell on well deserved recognition tonight and also echoed the thanks to the Water Department and Community Appearance Department employees for their work.

During the pre-council there was a presentation by Mr. H. Henderson, a housing developer, who wished to construction an apartment complex in Talladega, but the proposed property in the Park Circle/ Summit Avenue area was not approved for rezoning to R-6 to accommodate apartments. The Council indicated to Mr. Henderson that the City very much wanted such development in the City, but not in the location requested. The Council also indicated that the Community Development Department and the City Manager would be more than willing to meet with Mr. Henderson to find a suitable location for apartments. In reference to that presentation, Councilman Davis indicated that Ward 4 had a great deal of available land but he was unsure as to whether there was the infrastructure to support an apartment complex.

There was some discussion concerning a method of notification when trash was not picked up by the contractor and City employees were on holiday and unavailable to take complaints.

Councilman Grissett motioned for the meeting to adjourn.

#### **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, 1 December 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks  
Acting City Clerk