## CITY OF TALLADEGA CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING October 19, 2015

Public Hearing concerning the closeout of the CDBG Frazier Farm project. Diane Glenn, Grant Administrator, with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission presented to the attendees of the Public Hearing information pertaining to the Frazier Farm project. The CDBG project constructed drainage improvements in the Frazier Farm neighborhood to alleviate flooding on Baker Street, Moon Street, Elbert Davis Street, Lang Street, Long Street, and Frazier Street. The grant application requested \$362,490 in CDBG funds with a local cash match of \$45,000 for a total project cost of \$407, 490. The actual project cost was \$489,751 with \$362,490 in CDBG funds and the remaining \$127,261 in local funds which is \$82,261 over the required local match of \$45,000. Ms. Glenn stated that this project served 124 persons in 79 households. Of these 124 persons, 90 are low and moderate income persons. The CDBG program requires that at least 51% of the project beneficiaries be low and moderate income persons. 73% of people benefitting from this project are low and moderate income persons. Ms. Glenn also stated that all construction activities have been completed and the project closeout documents are being prepared. The project should be closed out by the end of March 2016 and the City will be eligible to apply for grant funds next year.

Mr. Roger Frazier of 201 Frazier Street came forward to refute the number of persons benefitting from this project. Mr. Frazier stated that only 3 or 4 people have benefitted. Ms. Glenn told him that the neighborhood was surveyed, but Mr. Frazier stated that he has also spoken to the neighborhood and those people do not agree to that. Ms. Glenn clarified that the purpose of the project is that the program benefits those that live on a road that is being improved by any service such as drainage, water, etc. If their home is on that road then they are benefitting. Mr. Frazier went on to complain that many people needed pipe and they did not receive it.

Ms. Willie Braxton of 110 Lang St. also came forward to state that the pipes are still showing in her driveway. She mentioned that pictures were taken but nothing else was done to remedy this issue. She also mentioned that the ditch is so deep that she can't cut her grass.

Diane Glenn deferred to Lance Armbrester of CDG for further explanation of the project. Mr. Armbrester explained to the attendees as to why the project existed to begin with. There were noted extensive flooding issues in the Frazier Street area and there is inadequate draining throughout the entire neighborhood in general. Since there is a lack of funding to address problems of this magnitude; when the opportunity came from CDBG, it was a great match for the City. Since this is a competitive and lengthy grant, the City was fortunate to find itself to get these grant funds. The scope of the project was to improve the flooding problem along Frazier Street; which has been well documented, and address some of the other drainage capacity issues, most in the form of driveway types. This did not include roadway widening or gutter repairs, or piping or filling in ditches.

Councilman Patterson stated that he has been through the neighborhood and feels that the roadway is dangerous due to the narrowness and the deep ditches. Mr. Armbrester stated that they worked within the existing right of way because if not they would have ended up in citizen's yards. There were some easements but that was limited due to budget constraints.

There was more discussion regarding storm water runoff. Dr. Trescott of 129 Baker Street came forth to further address the dangerous situation that the deeper ditches present to the neighborhood. She stated that the condition of the streets were left in an unsatisfactory state and would like to see these issues remedied. Councilman Patterson stated that Baker and Frazier Street may be included on the paving list. The request of guardrails was brought forth for discussion and Mr. Armbrester stated that the assessed shoulder and speed limit did not warrant the need for a guardrail according to highway and design standards.

Councilman Patterson requested that a survey be circulated to the neighborhood regarding what needed to be addressed and be returned in one week. It was asked of the attendees if the area was still flooding and the reply was that it was not. Councilman Miller then stated that the project did its job then. There was much discussion, but it was decided that guard rails, having streets paved, and the possibility of making one way streets in this area would be looked into.

## CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA PRE-COUNCIL October 19, 2015- 5:00 pm

Public Hearing on twenty one (21) properties that are set for placement of weed abatement liens. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment or complain.

Public Hearing on amendment to the Talladega Zoning Ordinance changing permitted uses under C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District to include R-6 High-density Multi-Family (Ordinance No. 1805). City Planner Buyher came before the Council to explain that by changing the permitted use from C-3 to C-1 it will change the neighborhood zoning district to high density where it is less stringent and can do more. City Manager Bryant commented that this will allow for legal conforming residential uses. There are homes currently non-conforming and if the home owner tries to sell the home, the interested parties cannot get financing so by doing this it will be a huge win for property owners. There were no citizens present to comment or complain.

Public Hearing on amendment to the Talladega Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning three parcels from M-1 Limited Industrial Zoning District to R-1 Agricultural Zoning District (Ordinance No. 1806). City Planner Buyher came before the Council to explain that it is taking a specific area that is irregularly shaped into conformance with the rest of the area. There were no citizens present to comment or complain.

Public Hearing on amendment to the Talladega Zoning Ordinance by rezoning a subdivided parcel from R-2 Rural Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District (Ordinance No. 1807). City Planner Buyher and Paige Lewis, a representative from the Broadway Group came before the Council addressing this issue. The purchased piece of property is on Highway 77 on Mountain View Rd. The owners wish to make it all C-1 to place a small retail establishment on the lot. There were no citizens present to comment or complain.

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING October 19, 2015-5:30 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015 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 Ricky Simpson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Larry Barton, and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Clinton Hobbs of Calvary Temple.

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

# Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/1/2015 to 10/15/2015 for FY 2014-15 \$373,154.24

\$508,941.11

General Operating Account	226,564.72
Senior Nutrition	781.50
Corrections	33,622.00
CDBG Fund	2,407.42
RBEG Fund	675.04
Oil Trust Fund	18,158.42
Capital Improvement Fund	90,945.14

#### **Total Invoices & Expenditures for 10/1/18 to 10/15/15 for FY 2015-16**

General Operating Account 491,535.06 Municipal Court 12,641.97 Corrections 4,764.08 Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow for approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2015 and Canvass Runoff Election meeting of October 13, 2015. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to excuse the absence of City Clerk Cheeks. AYES: All.

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

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Simpson to excuse the Councilman Miller and Councilman Ballow from the Canvass Runoff Election meeting. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve an Alcohol License application for 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for LE Group LLC located at 35350 Highway 2. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Ballow, Councilman Miller, and Councilman Simpson NAYS: Councilman Elston

A petition brought forth from Citizen Kenneth Green to have his properties along Alabama Highway 77 de-annexed from the City was brought to the Council. Mr. Green requests that the Council de-annex his properties from the City limits so he will be able to install a mobile home on his property. There was much discussion upon this matter. Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to table this item. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Patterson, Councilman Ballow, Councilman Miller, and Councilman Simpson ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

Keela Brown came before the Council concerning the Halloween activities requested during the previous Council meeting. An event was requested to be in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot from 12pm-5pm for families. The planned activities would include inflatables which would be free for everyone. However the issue of liability insurance was a concern because the donated inflatables lack the required insurance; in order for the group to obtain this insurance it would be an added cost of \$750 which has not been budgeted. Ms. Brown also mentioned that they could take donations and book a group that has liability insurance. However City Manager Bryant brought out that it would not cover whatever damages or other injuries that may occur on the property. It was decided that the event would be cancelled and Council would look into putting it in the budget in the future. The Trick or Treat on the Square will go forward as planned from 5pm-7pm October 31.

**Ordinance No. 1805** amending Ordinance No. 1120, the City of Talladega Zoning Ordinance, to allow R-6 High-Density Multi-Family Zoning uses in C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1805. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1120, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, SAID ORDINANCE, AND THE AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO, BEING ENTITLED "TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, ZONING ORDINANCE", AS FOLLOWS, AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow for the adoption of Ordinance #1805. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance No. 1806** amending Ordinance No. 1120, the City of Talladega Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning three parcels from M-1 Limited Industrial Zoning District to R-1 Agricultural Zoning District.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Ballow for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1806. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second from Councilman Patterson for reading of the heading only. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1120, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, SAID ORDINANCE, AND THE AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO BEING ENTITLED "TALLADEGA, ALABAMA ZONING ORDINANCE", AS FOLLOWS, AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson for the adoption of Ordinance #1806. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Ordinance No. 1807** amending Ordinance No. 1120, the City of Talladega Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning a subdivided parcel from R-2 Rural Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller for Immediate Consideration of Ordinance #1807. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson for reading of the heading only. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1120, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, SAID ORDINANCE, AND THE AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO BEING ENTITLED "TALLADEGA, ALABAMA ZONING ORDINANCE", AS FOLLOWS, AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller for the adoption of Ordinance #1807. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3680 to #3699 authorizing weed abatement liens for 21 properties.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Patterson for the approval of Resolution #3680 to Resolution #3699. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3700** to support the National Fraternal Order of Police as they ask to expand the Federal hate crimes law to protect police, to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program and to fully fund the State and local law enforcement assistance programs.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller for the approval of Resolution #3700. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #3701** approving the purchase of a table at Talladega College's Founders Day Luncheon on November 5, 2015.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Ballow for the approval of Resolution #3701. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3702 assigning terms to the three members of the Public Building Authority.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for the approval of Resolution #3702. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 10/7/15 to 10/15/15 FY 2014-2015

\$210,566.67

# Water Department Expenditures for 10/7/15 to 10/15/15 FY 2015-2016

\$ 522,661.13

Operations & Maintenance 52,575.00 Revenue 462,307.88 Construction & Improvement 7,778.25

City Manager Bryant commented that construction for the Square Cup begins today with a 90 day calendar period to finish construction. However the Contractor feels he will be able to finish prior to Christmas.

City Manager Bryant also commented that it has been a pleasure working with the two out-going Council members and wished to extend his gratitude for the opportunity to be City Manager.

Mayor Barton commented that this will be his last public meeting as Mayor of Talladega. He also thanked the citizens for electing him for his last terms as Mayor. Mayor Barton also thanked the Council members, City Manager, City Clerk, and other employees. He also extended his gratitude to his wife of 59 years. He also commented that he has enjoyed being the Mayor of Talladega and does not plan on going anywhere.

Councilman Miller commented that he has enjoyed serving the City these last 8 years and that a lot has been done since that time. He thanked the employees for their excellent work and the City Manager for taking on the hard task of being City Manager.

Councilman Patterson wished the out-going Councilmen well and would be honored if they were to serve on Board positions. He also wished to thank the employees for their hard work and is looking forward to the next four years.

Councilman Ballow commented that it has been a great honor serving as the Councilman for Ward 5 and wished to thank all City employees.

Councilman Elston also wished the out-going Council members well and stated that it has been a honor and privilege to work alongside them. He also wished to thank Ward 2 for entrusting him with another four years.

Council President Simpson stated that he has learned a lot from the two out-going Councilmen and stated it was an honor to serve with them.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Elston to surplus the Council portraits being of negligible value. Roll Call. AYES: All.

The out-going Councilmen and Mayor were presented with their portraits.

Motion by Councilman Patterson with a second from Councilman Miller to excuse Councilman Elston from the CDBG Frazier Farm Public Hearing. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Patterson to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Recorded by: Joanna Medlen

## **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 19, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.