

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
November 16, 2015- 5:00 pm**

Public Hearing on eighteen (18) properties that are set for placement of weed abatement liens. There were no citizens or property owners present to comment.

Citizen Gail Thomas came before the Council requesting that Stone Hollow Lane be maintained by the City. Councilman Simpson deferred to City Manager Bryant who stated that the City would need right of way easements from each property owner in order to maintain the roadway. It was also stated that it would have to be of unanimous consent by all property owners.

James Beavers came before the Council to request adopting Stephen J. White Blvd. Mr. Beavers stated that he was the brother of Stephen J. White and would like to adopt the street in his honor. This matter was deferred to City Attorney O'Brien; who stated that the PALs program was limited to Federal and State highways and county roads. There was some discussion about this issue; Council President Patterson requested City Attorney O'Brien to contact the agency who administers the PALs program to request more information for municipalities who wish to join the program. City Attorney O'Brien reiterated that the program is strictly for Federal and State highways and County roads.

Councilman Elston informed the Council that he had received a call from a concerned citizen. Lois Hall came before the Council to address the recent shootings that have occurred in the City and what the City is planning to do about it. City Manager Bryant deferred to Captain John McCoy. Captain McCoy stated that he has spoken to Ms. Hall regarding this issue. Captain McCoy stated that many of the victims have refused to file a police report and witnesses also have refused to cooperate with the Police. Councilman Simpson then stated that there was an anonymous tip line that victims could call to give information. Council President Patterson mentioned that perhaps a reward might bring forth some information.

Jason Daves from the Chamber of Commerce came before the Council to discuss the annual Christmas Parade. Mr. Daves stated that the parade will follow the usual route down Battle Street. The Mayor will be the Grand Marshall and the Talladega College band will be participating. The application deadline for a float is November 23 with the application fee of \$25 per vehicle. He also noted that if anyone wants a professional float, the Chamber could connect them with a professional float company for a cost of \$400. There was some discussion of whether using public funds would be of any issue. City Manager Bryant stated that since this would put forth a public face to the community; showing a united front, it would not be of any issue. Council President Patterson noted that he was not comfortable in spending public funds for this but he is willing to donate personally to have the professional float. The decision was made that Council Members would personally provide the \$400.00 for the float.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2015-5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 17, 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 Horace Patterson, Councilman Ricky Simpson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Gerald Cooper, Councilman David Street, Mayor Jerry Cooper, and City Manager Patrick Bryant.

Invocation by Reverend Hugh Morris.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper to approve the amended agenda. AYES: All.

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

**Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/1/2015 to 11/13/2015
FY 2014-15**

\$10,044.12

General Operating Account

2,044.12

Corrections Fund 8,000.00

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 11/1/2015 to 11/13/2015 **\$745,078.73**
FY 2015-16

General Operating Account	644,702.29
Senior Nutrition	50,097.27
Municipal Court	8,103.19
Corrections	38,455.58
RBEG Fund	250.00
Capital Improvement Fund	3,470.40

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Cooper for approval of minutes of the organizational meeting and regular meeting of November 2, 2015. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to continue advertising for the Library Board. AYES: All

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to approve moving the first Council Meeting in December to Thursday, December 10, 2015 to accommodate for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. AYES: All.

Councilman Elston requested that the approval of the Human Resource Director Job description and the approval of the revised job descriptions for Purchasing & Safety Director, City Planner, Code Enforcement Officer, and Building Inspector be tabled until he has had a chance to look over the pay scale for these positions. Councilman Elston also stated that he would like to see minorities in leadership positions. Council President Patterson voiced his concern about the hiring practices of the City. He questioned why someone with a higher education background would be looked over for a position in the City for someone with minimal education. City Manager Bryant stated that once the applicant has passed all the necessary tests, it is up to the Department Head to subjectively select the applicant that would be the best fit for their department. There was further discussion upon this matter, with Council President Patterson requesting that City Manager Bryant share with the Council the applicants that were hired and those that were not in the last 6 months.

City Manager Bryant presented to the Council an update concerning the structural repairs for Big Springs Monument. To repair this monument it would cost at a base cost of \$298,000 or to remove the structure and leave the springs monument uncovered would cost \$60,500. It was decided to bid out the project for repair and for demolition.

Resolution #3706 to 3723 approving weed abatement liens on 18 properties.

Resolution #3724 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on Heath St. (Parcel ID 1307353003006000)

Resolution #3725 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on West Battle St. (Parcel ID 1308284013022000)

Resolution #3726 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars at the intersection of W. Coosa St. & Jackson St. (Parcel ID 1308272034001000)

Resolution #3727 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on North Street East (Parcel ID 1306243006011000)

Resolution #3728 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on Hollingsworth Rd. (Parcel ID 1306232001053000)

Resolution #3729 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on Lide Rd. (Parcel ID 1306231002045000)

Resolution #3730 approving nuisance abatement for junk cars on 19th St. (Parcel ID 1305224024011000)

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to approve Resolution #3706 to Resolution 3730. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3731 every year designating February 25th as Arbor Day in the City of Talladega in order to maintain the City's Tree City USA status.

Resolution #3732 approving the Municipal Airport Board's annual application for state matching funds for an airport improvement project during fiscal year 2016.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street to approve Resolution #3731 and #3732. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3733 approving the annual 800 MHZ Radios System agreement with the Talladega County Commission Emergency Management Agency for a total cost of \$69,660.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Street to approve Resolution #3733. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #3734 authorizing the City Manager to enter a hold harmless agreement with Alabama Power Company for installation of two anchors at the intersection of South Street and Asbury Street

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Street to approve Resolution #3734. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Street, and Councilman Cooper ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston

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

Water Department Expenditures for 11/4/15 to 11/13/15 FY 2015-16	\$599,216.98
Operations & Maintenance	159,299.31
Revenue	380,851.53
Construction & Improvement	59,066.14

Water Department Expenditures for 11/4/15 to 11/13/15 FY 2014-15	\$10,264.83
Operations & Maintenance	10,264.83

Council President deferred to Councilman Simpson concerning the liaison positions for the Council members.

- Ward 1: Community Appearance and Police Department
- Ward 2: Ritz Theatre, Water & Sewer, and Public Works
- Ward 3: Planning Commission, Top Trails, and Historic Preservation Commission
- Ward 4: Airport Board, Fire Department, and Board of Education
- Ward 5: Heritage Commission, Parks and Recreation, and the Chamber of Commerce.

City Manager Bryant thanked local businesses and the Daily home for their support on the October Pet Adoption page. He also presented to Mayor Cooper framed pieces of ribbon from his first ribbon cutting ceremony held at Standard Furniture. Mayor Cooper thanked the City Manager and noted that it was evident that there are challenges to be met, but it can be done.

Councilman Cooper stated that he was proud to be a member of this commission and concurred with the Mayor that if we work together, we can do miracles.

Councilman Simpson thanked all the employees for their hard work.

Councilman Street thanked everyone for coming out and for the support.

There was further discussion concerning the recent rash of shootings and violence. Council President Patterson requested Captain McCoy contact the FBI for assistance.

City Manager Bryant provided to the Council an update on the City's rebranding project. The project remains in Phase 1. Following the formation of the Rebranding Steering Committee, which is a committee consisting of a diverse group of community stakeholders, Telegraph distributed an online questionnaire to each committee member designed to help gather information generated by each

participant's flash bias. Questions sought to identify the participants' thoughts on the City's strengths and weaknesses, assets available, current challenges, future growth potential, and the like. The results of this questionnaire helped inform the committee's focus group discussions, which convened on October 27th. Members of this committee were split into two separate groups and each group discussed various aspects of the City. Those sessions were filmed to develop a strategy deck that will be presented in the coming week. Phase 1 of the project is expected to be completed before the end of November with the project ending in spring 2016.

Motion by Councilman Street with a second from Councilman Simpson 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, November 16, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall Council Chambers in the City of Talladega, Alabama.