

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2014 – 5:30 pm

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 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 Rick Simpson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by Minnie Bailey of First United Methodist Church.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 01/06/2013 to 01/17/2014	\$ 781,000.16
General Operating Account	620,675.74
Senior Nutrition	109,640.90
Municipal Court	5,333.30
Corrections	32,166.36
Capital Improvement Fund	13,183.86

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2014. AYES: All.

Mayor Larry Barton presented the Top Gun Employee Award to Detective Jimmy Thompson for his dedication and role as the most successful police investigator in Talladega County.

An update regarding TOP Trails/Public Park Authority Applications was given by City Manager Muenger, with five applications having been collected over the last six months.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson to excuse the absence of Councilman Elston and Councilman Ballow. AYES: All.

Registration for baseball and softball was brought forth with the dates for all Cal Ripken age groups and ASA Softball being held from January 30, 2014 to February 26, 2014. Babe Ruth Baseball will register from March 8, 2014 to April 5, 2014, as its season can't commence until the end of school baseball leagues.

Presented to the Council is a memorial for Diane Orsini, a member and President of the Talladega Public Library Board. Ms. Orsini worked tirelessly to raise funds for The Imagination Library and get books into the hands of preschoolers. The Library Board and the City Administration have planned to honor her with a bench located at the Library on February 18, 2014 at 4:30p.m.

Talladega College President Billy Hawkins came before the Council to give an update on the progress of the College and future events. On February 12, 2014 a Spring Convocation with guest speaker Reverend Jeremiah Wright will be held. President Hawkins also informed the Council that the Talladega College Men's Basketball team was nationally ranked #8 with the Women's Basketball team being ranked at #10. The Talladega College Marching Band, which is in its second year, was invited to New Orleans to participate in eight Mardi Gras Parades. There is also growth on the campus, with the Board of Trustees approving three new buildings to be constructed. The first one being a new dormitory, a new art museum for the homecoming of the Amistad Murals, which are currently on tour, and lastly a recreational facility for students to associate and unwind; in the new recreational facility there will also be an arena with a capacity of 3,000 for large events and convocations. Foster Hall is also being renovated for possible administrative offices.

Resolution #3076 honoring Art Bacon, artist, scientist, educator, and Talladega College graduate.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve Resolution #3076. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Mayor Barton presents Art Bacon with a framed copy of Resolution #3076 honoring his contribution as an artist, scientist, and educator.

Resolution #3077 approving the Senior Nutrition FY 2014 Grant Agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Developing Commission.

Resolution #3078 approving a travel advance for Eric Dean and Alan Kelly to attend a 3-day ASP Baton/Cuffing Instruction Course in Helena, Alabama totaling \$165 each.

Resolution #3079 rescinding Resolution #3071 and approving a new contract with Tillman, Allen, & Sizemore for appraisal services in the amount of \$13,500.

Resolution #3080 approving a contract with J. Cordell & Associates to conduct review appraisals on the Frazier Farms CDBG Drainage Project for a total cost of \$5,850.

Resolution #3081-A approving the sale of surplus Wehadkee property (Parcel ID No. 1308272007009000) for the bid price of \$7,670.00

Resolution #3081-B approving the sale of surplus Wehadkee property (Parcel ID No. 1308272007009000) for the bid price of \$5,011.00

Councilman Simpson had some ethical concerns regarding his vote on Resolution #3078 as it involves a relative. All agreed that this would not be a conflict of interest because the training was mandatory.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve Resolution #3077 to Resolution #3081-B. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 01/09/14 to 01/16/14	\$ 482,542.20
Operations & Maintenance	208,150.68
Revenue	274,391.52

Resolution #3082 approving the agreement with Merrell Brothers for collection of testing of samples from the abandoned Nikki Lu lagoons at a cost of \$3,000.

Resolution #3083 approving a contract with Schmidt Environmental for replacement of the Influent Screen and Grit Removal System at the Brecon Wastewater Treatment Plant for a cost of \$264,000.

Resolution #3084 approving a contract with Mark Johnson Construction LLC for rehabilitation of the Water Treatment Plant Filters 5-8 for a cost of \$254,750.

Resolution #3085 approving a contract with Insite Engineering for the cleaning of the Mt. Olive water tank for a cost of \$8,500.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Simpson to approve Resolutions #3082 to #3085. Roll Call. AYES: All.

James Cassady from InSite Engineering was present to answer any questions regarding Resolution #3084 and #3085. It was made note that a door to door notification will be done 5 days before the test is to proceed in the Forest Hills, Mt. Olive, and Ironaton Rd. area.

In other business, a joint work session with the City Board of Education was requested to discuss various issues. It has also been proposed that this meeting be followed up with a public hearing on the City school system. There was a request for funding a nationwide search for the next Superintendent, with the area hospital chipping in \$2,000, the First National Bank \$2,000 and the City to provide \$2,000 as well. A consensus was taken of the Council and all were in agreement.

Council President Patterson stated that he will give up the gavel to Councilman Miller at the next Council meeting as dictated by the Council President Rotation policy.

Mayor Barton praised Fire Chief Danny Warwick for being awarded the Talladega/Munford region Public Servant of the Year for his leadership in the fire department and his completion of 34 years of military service including multiple deployments in Iraq.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second 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 Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.