

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PUBLIC HEARING
24 April 2008
5:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing to discuss the City of Talladega's application for Community Development Block Grant funds. The City Council is considering a project involving sewer extensions to the Coleman Circle neighborhood.

Public Hearing was called to order in the City Hall Auditorium, and the following were present: Council President Pro-tem Lance Grissett, Councilman Eddie Tucker, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Jimmy Davis and Acting City Manager Teri St. James.

Mr. Herman Terrell, 903 Coleman Circle, was present to comment on the community's ongoing struggle to get City sewer services installed. Mr. Terrell stated that Coleman Circle was only 10 to 11 blocks away from City Hall and that it was well within the city limits and deserved to have access to City sewer services. He further stated that he had with him over 30 citizen surveys to add to the City's application for the CDBG funds.

Ms. Ellen Austin was also present and spoke to the Council on the final amount requested in the grant and the City's matching funding.

Cost of construction	\$ 493,235.00
Inspection cost	\$ 23,812.00
Grant administration	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 557,047.00
Grant amount (-)	<u>\$ 350,000.00</u>
City's Match	\$ 207,047.00

Ms. Austin indicated that the deadline for filing the application was May 15th and that a council resolution needed to be completed before then. With the council's approval, Ms. Austin stated that she would bring an appropriate resolution before the council at the regular meeting on May 5, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing was adjourned.

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
24 April 2008
5:30 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Thursday, 24 April 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 Pro-tem Lance Grissett, Councilman Eddie Tucker, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Jimmy Davis and Acting City Manager Teri St. James.

Invocation given by Becky Davis, Chaplain, Citizens Baptist Hospital Pastoral Care.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker to excuse Council President Patterson's absence from the meeting. AYES: All.

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

SUMMARY OF INVOICES & EXPENDITURES

Transfer of Funds	253,993.00
Payroll Deductions, Benefits & Taxes	189,912.26
City Council	4,342.28
Finance Department	53.46
City Clerk's Office	981.02
Police Department	33,175.03
Animal Control	2,059.71
Municipal Court Office	5,788.48
Fire Department	14,452.61
Public Works Department	23,459.10
Community Appearance Department	11,095.90
Parks & Recreation Department	35,494.80
City Building Expenditures	2,277.79
Non-Departmental Expenditures	115,744.37
Debt Service	1,246.56
CDBG Fund	3,993.00
Total Invoices & Expenditures	698,069.37

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to approve the minutes of April 7 and 16, 2008. AYES: All.

Resolution #1652 rescinds Resolution #1650 for a contract/agreement and replaces it with a general obligation warrant of \$94,209.00 with RBC Centura (formerly First American Bank) for the purchase of three (3) backhoes

Resolution # 1653 rescinds Resolution #1651 for a contract/agreement and replaces it with a general obligation warrant of \$105,748.45 with First National Bank of Talladega for the purchase of five (5) vehicles for the Police Department.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second by Councilman Miller to adopt Resolutions 1652 and 1653. AYES: All.

Councilman Tucker stated that he felt leasing vehicles would be more cost effective and requested that in the future a lease program be considered for the acquiring of new police cars.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Davis to approve invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: Councilman Davis, Councilman Grissett, and Councilman Miller. NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Expenditures for April 4-30, 2008 **\$ 254,156.38**

Council President Pro-tem Grissett asked Mr. Terry Hanner of the Water Department to comment on the lifting of the Water Restrictions. Mr. Hanner started by thanking of the citizens for their efforts during the Water Restrictions and to stress that water conservation was still needed. The rainfall for last year was 30" below normal and so far this calendar year it was 4" below normal and the area was listed on the National Weather maps as an "extreme drought" area. The lifting of the overall Water Restrictions and the restrictions that still apply for water conservation were printed in the newspaper (Daily Home). Councilman Davis requested that the information also be placed in the water bills. Cathy Fuller indicated that it could not be printed directly on the bill, but would be included as an insert. Acting City Manager St. James also indicated that the restrictions would be posted on the City's website. Councilman Tucker asked if converting water resources to surface water were being investigated. Terry Hanner stated that such long term solutions are being researched.

Council President Pro-tem Grissett also asked about the telemetry unit installation at the Mt. Olive tank. Mr. Hanner indicated that it would most likely be completed in four to six weeks.

Councilman Miller's comments included:

- Part of the City's image is the condition of the streets. The Public Works Department does their job but other companies such as Alagasco and Alabama Power who cut into the pavement or leave limbs along the street after trimming are not cleaning up and repairing fast enough. Requested that a letter be sent to these companies, including Veolia, stating that those projects on the city streets needed to be picked up and repaired in much more timely manner.
- Disappointed with the condition and state of completion of the Bemiston Recreation Center. Requested that estimated costs be obtained for completing the downstairs. There was to be a Bemiston group reunion in October and wanted work completed by then. Council President Pro-tem Grissett requested Beth Martin, Rec. Department Head, obtain bids and quotes to finish work and present it to the City Manager.

City Manager was asked by Council President Pro-tem Grissett to get with Ms. Trammell and the attorney concerning free labor insurance issue for work done on the grant money received by the Bemiston group.

Councilman Tucker's comments included:

- Thanked the Public Works Department for sidewalk work ongoing in his Ward.
- Spoke with the Warden at FCI about the water pressure problems near the prison. Stated the Warden was unaware of the problem and that city water was very hard.
- Wanted revisions done to the contract offered to a new incoming City Manager.
- Requested increase police patrols in Knoxville and Stephen J. White Blvd. areas.
- Requested garbage contract discussion at next meeting.
- Requested cable company representatives at the next meeting.
- Asked the City Manager to investigate Alagasco office coming back.
- Some railroad crossings are starting to be repaired within the City.

Councilman Davis stated that the Courthouse Square Revitalization Task Force had met last week. The meeting included presentation from a representative of East Alabama Planning and Development Commission. The issue of parking had been discussed among other topics.

Councilman Davis also commented that he felt the City Manager interviews had gone well and that the three candidates were excellent.

Council President Pro-tem Grissett's comments included:

- Water Department had the East Street and Hill Street water cuts paved within 48 hours.
- Letter had been sent to ALDOT requesting a six month extension on the South Street Sidewalk grant from the current deadline of May 23, 2008.

Councilman Davis motioned for adjournment.

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 Thursday, 24 April 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
Acting City Clerk