

CITY OF TALLADEGA
Energy Audit Presentation
August 1, 2011 – 4:00 pm

Jim Wren presented the City Council with the City's Energy Audit that was paid for through a WRATT grant. As part of this grant the City was given solar energy panels that are to be installed on the roof at Spring Street Recreation Center. The panels will provide a percentage of the power for the Center but not enough to cover the entire building or the needs of the heated swimming pool. There is a 25-30 year life expectancy for the solar panels. City Manager Brian Muenger stated that through WRATT the City now has an energy improvement plan for the next five years.

PRE-COUNCIL
August 1, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

Rick (Skip) James, Charter Communication Representative, was present to discuss service issues and take comments from the public. Mr. James explained that the interruption of service in the last few months was due to damage to some central transmitting cables (due to traffic accidents on Highway 280) and to vandalism of major cable lines. Complaints from Council members included: Councilwoman Grissett – rate increases; Councilman Miller – poor internet connections and the removal of the Golf Channel; Councilman Davis – unfriendly customer service; Councilman Tuckers – rates going up without new channels being added, poor service.

Public Hearing – zoning of south side of South Street West between West Street South and George Holdridge Lane as C-3 Commercial (Ordinance 1700 below).

Carey Summers was present to comment on the foundation expense imposed by the new manufactured home regulations on people who already were unable to afford housing.

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011 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 Donnie Miller, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Councilwoman Liz Grissett, Councilman Eddie Tucker and City Manager Brian Muenger.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 7/6/2011 to 7/28/2011	\$ 1,511,881.60
General Operating Fund	1,452,513.64
Senior Nutrition	840.62
Corrections Fund	50,958.45
RBEG Fund	130.22
Capital Improvements	550.00
Cemetery Fund	6,888.67

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 regular meeting. AYES: All.

Resolution #2266 approving a Special Use Permit for Open Range's co-location facility located at 460 Stonehill Drive in accordance with City of Talladega's Telecommunication Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution #2266. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Resolution #2267 declaring Shirley Simmons-Sims as duly elected to the office of City Board of Education Ward 1 in the City of Talladega, Alabama for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November 2011.

Resolution #2268 declaring Bonnie Miller as duly elected to the office of City Board of Education Ward 3 in the City of Talladega, Alabama for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November 2011.

Resolution #2269 declaring James Braswell as duly elected to the office of City Board of Education Ward 5 in the City of Talladega, Alabama for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November 2011.

Resolution #2270 declaring the appointment of Election Officers for the 2011 Municipal Election for the City of Talladega.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for the approval of Resolutions #2267 through #2270. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ms. Shirley Simmons-Sims was presented and addressed the Council on her re-election to the City's Board of Education. Ms. Simmons-Sims stated that she did not take the responsibility lightly and would try to always be fair and ask God for guidance in developing the best possible image for Talladega.

Resolution #2271 assessing lien against property at 519 West Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2272 assessing lien against property at 621 Knox Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2273 assessing lien against property at vacant lot next to 621 Knox Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2274 assessing lien against property at corner of Jackson and College Streets for weed abatement.

Resolution #2275 assessing lien against property at 304 Westwood Circle for weed abatement.

Resolution #2276 assessing lien against property at 308 Westwood Circle for weed abatement.

Resolution #2277 assessing lien against property at 114 Jackson Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2278 assessing lien against property at vacant lot on Sloan Avenue for weed abatement.

Resolution #2279 assessing lien against property at 102 McClellan Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2280 assessing lien against property at 413 East Sloan Ave. for weed abatement.

Resolution #2281 assessing lien against property at WNUZ Radio Station Hwy 21 South for weed abatement.

Resolution #2282 assessing lien against property at vacant lot at Spring & Howard Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2283 assessing lien against property at S904 Summer Street for weed abatement.

Resolution #2284 assessing lien against property at corner of Savory & College Street for weed abatement.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for approval of Resolutions #2271 through #2284. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Councilman Tucker asked for an amended weed abatement ordinance with stiffer fines for violations and a speedier timeline for the property owners to remedy the problems on their property. City Manager Muenger stated that it would be prepared in time for the next weed abatement season.

Resolution #2285 approving an amendment to the Employee Compensation and Benefits section of the Employee Handbook (approved 12/17/2009) that designates compensation for employees assigned to the duties of a higher classification.

Resolution #2286 to call upon the President of the United States, our State of Alabama Congressional leaders and the Director of Federal Emergency Management to restore federal disaster assistance to at least the 90% level, retroactive to July 13, 2011.

Resolution #2287 to appoint the Manager of the Wastewater Treatment Plant as the Ethics Compliance Officer (ECO) for the City of Talladega, which includes the Talladega Water & Sewer Department, and thereby amending Resolution #1926.

Resolution #2288 to approve a contract with Davis Builders for repair of the Golf Course Maintenance Building and Pro Shop for a total cost of \$22,150 per bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for approval of Resolutions #2285 through #2288. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1696 adopting regulations for Manufactured Homes and Manufactured Home Parks as part of the Talladega Zoning Ordinance. (*tabled from July 7th meeting, blocked for immediate consideration at the July 14th meeting*)

Motion by Councilman Tucker for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1696. There is no second – motion dies.

Ordinance #1699 implementing an extension of the moratorium for four months on the issuing of permits for placement of manufactured homes within the city limits. (*City Manager requests this to be considered if Ordinance #1696 is not approved*)

Motion by Councilwoman Grissett for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1699 for a moratorium for **ONE** month only on issuing permits for placement of manufactured homes with the City limits with a second from Councilman Davis. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for a reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1699. Roll Call. AYES: All

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1683 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE PLACEMENT OF MOBILE/ MANUFACTURED HOMES IN AREAS CURRENTLY ZONED MHA (MOBILE HOME ZONING DISTRICTS) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA FOR ONE ADDITIONAL MONTH OR UNTIL AN AMENDMENT IS APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR ORDINANCE #1120 “TALLADEGA, ALABAMA ZONING ORDINANCE” CONCERNING MHA ZONING DISTRICTS, WHICHEVER MAY COME FIRST.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis for adoption of Ordinance #1699. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Tucker clarified his vote by stating that he wanted manufactured homes allowed now and not to wait any longer.

Ordinance #1700 amending the Talladega Zoning Ordinance #1120 and rezoning six properties from R-3 Single Family Residential Zoning District to C-3 General Commercial Zoning District.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for the immediate consideration of Ordinance #1700. Roll Call. AYES: All

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Miller for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1700. 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 Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for adoption of Ordinance #1700. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1701 reducing the speed limit from 25 MPH to 15MPH on Elm Street between the intersections of Cedar Street and McMillan Street East.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for the immediate consideration of Ordinance #1701. Roll Call. AYES: All

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1701. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE SPEED AT WHICH ANY PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON ELM STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA AND TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT FOR THE VIOLATION THEROF. Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Tucker for adoption of Ordinance #1701. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1702 to provide for compensation for the Absentee Elections Manager for City of Talladega Municipal Elections starting with the 2011 Municipal Election and continuing for all subsequent municipal elections until repealed or amended.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilman Miller for the immediate consideration of Ordinance #1702. Roll Call. AYES: All

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1702. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE ABSENTEE ELECTIONS MANAGER FOR CITY OF TALLADEGA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS STARTING WITH THE 2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND CONTINUING FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS UNTIL REPEALED OR AMENDED.

Motion by Councilman Tucker with a second from Councilwoman Grissett for adoption of Ordinance #1702. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Water Department Expenditures for 7/7/11 to 7/27/2011	\$ 427,392.62
Operations Fund	427,392.62

Resolution #2289 approving the purchase of two tractors on State Bid Contract for the Water Department.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis for approval of Resolution #2289. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Resolution #2290 approving surplus of three Water Department tractors.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Davis for approval of Resolution #2289. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Grissett, and Councilman Miller; NAY: Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Tucker received an update on the sidewalks for Avenue H. Councilman Tucker requested more work be done along 18th Street for mowing of right of ways and the grass around the detention pond.

Councilwoman Grissett commented on the repair Oak Hill Cemetery fence. Councilwoman Grissett also asked if finance charges on the water bills could be delayed for those on a fixed income who do not get their first of the month check in time. Cathy Fuller indicated that the Water Department regularly delays finance charges for those waiting for their monthly check.

Councilman Davis asked for more answers as to the water quality in Forest Hills. City Manager Muenger stated that more answers would be forthcoming from the engineers.

Motion for adjournment from Councilman Miller.

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, August 1, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk