

CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 12, 2009

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2009 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 Eddie Tucker, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Michael Stampfler.

Invocation presented by Brother Oran Thomas, Kingdom Life Ministries.

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

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 9/28/2009 to 10/09/2009	\$ 701,480.86
General Operating Fund	427,012.35
Capital Improvement Project	33,887.36
Corrections Fund	32,816.11
Municipal Court	409.58
Senior Nutrition	559.91
Oil Trust Fund	147,126.91
Police Department Grants	119.70
Cemetery Fund	6,548.94
\$.07 Gas Tax Fund	53,000.00

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Davis for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2009 with corrections. AYES: All.

Mayor Brian York presented the City's proclamation for "Pro-Bono Week" to Ms. Jeanne Rasco. Mayor York also presented Mr. Robert C. Weaver with a City Council Plaque of Appreciation for his years of community service and volunteer work.

Mr. Johnny Byrd of the Boys and Girls Club came before the Council concerned about the reduction in the City's appropriation to his organization for fiscal year 2009-2010. The Council agreed to review Mr. Byrd's request for an increase in February 2010 after analyzing the City's revenue.

Mr. Chris Stone, Director of Community Development Department, presented updates on the condemnation process of several properties.

Resolution #1889 authorizing demolition of structure at 412 16th Street – Council approved an additional 60 day extension to complete repairs.

Resolution #1890 authorizing modifications of structures on Costner & Thornton Streets and

Resolution #1891 authorizing modifications of structure on Costner Street - Modifications had been completed as requested by City Council.

Resolution #1893 authorizing demolition of structure at 902 Grant Street – Owner was present at meeting and a 30-day extension was granted.

Resolution #1895 authorizing demolition of structure at 407 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #1895. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Miller, Councilman Davis, Council President Patterson, Councilman Grissett. NAY: Councilman Tucker

Resolution #1896 authorizing modifications of structures (2) on Naff Avenue – Modifications were made as requested.

Resolution #1899 authorizing demolition of structure at 113 Jemison Street – Council approved a 30-day extension.

Resolution #1900 authorizing demolition of structure at 801 Pulliam Street – Council approved a 60-day extension.

Resolution #1973 approving a one year extension option of the agreement with Evergreen Lawn Care for a per cutting price of the Water Department properties of \$1,308.00 with pruning of hedges at the Main Water Office at \$36.00.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve Resolution #1973. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Miller, Councilman Davis, Council President Patterson, Councilman Grissett. NAY: Councilman Tucker

Resolution #1974 approving a change order on the contract with Griffin Excavating for North Street Parking Lot project for a cost of \$9,800.00.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Grissett to approve Resolution #1974. Roll Call. AYES: Councilman Tucker, Councilman Davis, Council President Patterson, Councilman Grissett. NAY: Councilman Miller

Resolution #1975 approving a contract with Neel Shaffer for topographic survey, construction plans and documents, bid tabulation and other services for the City's paving projects of 2010.

Motion by Councilman Davis with a second from Councilman Grissett to approve Resolution #1975. Roll Call. AYES: All.

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

Expenditures for 8/29/09 to 10/8/09	\$ 86,958.70
General Fund	\$ 86,958.70

Dr. Billy Hawkins, President of Talladega College and Ms. Jackie Paddio, Dean of Student Affairs, made a presentation to the Council outlining the activities at the College. Enrollment has increased to 710 students, partnership with Talladega High School to offer college courses for advancement placement for high school students, and the numerous renovation projects on campus including the Arthur Shores dormitories and the Department of Interior grant for Foster Hall. Talladega College recently received its accreditation for the next 10 years. Ms. Paddio made requests for the following items: striping of crosswalks, speed bumps for Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and help on the dog problem. City Manager Stampfler indicated that the items would be addressed.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Miller to approve out of state travel for Toni Kilgore to attend a one day session in Atlanta for JAG and Recovery Act Grant training. AYES: All.

Councilman Davis suggested that the "no out-of-state travel" policy be amended to no travel beyond a certain distance in or out of the state.

Mr. Chris Sellers of Neel Schaffer presented the proposal for the Veterans Park stream restoration and improvement project proposal. Mr. Sellers indicated that the Corps of Engineers has approved the plan on the blue-line stream. The current ditch would be sloped at a 3 to 1 ratio so that it was more manageable. The road that runs next to the new playground would be taken out, two new pedestrian bridges would be installed and a permanent erosion control plan would be in place. Proposed completion date would be April 2010.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Grissett to approve the Veterans' Park stream restoration and improvement proposal as presented by Neel Schaffer. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to approve the lease agreement with The Rock Bar & Grill in the building at the Talladega Municipal Golf Course. AYES: All.

Councilman Tucker expressed his disapproval over the extension given the property owners of 113 Jemison Street to continue to make improvements when he believed the house could never be brought up to code.

Councilman Miller asked about when the concession stand at the complex would be bid out. City Manager Stampfler indicated that it would be done for the Spring sports season.

There was a great deal of discussion over the issue of City entrance signage. It was agreed by the Council that it was an important priority for the City, though Councilman Davis did state “only if it did not break the budget.”

Councilman Grissett pointed out several highlights in the departmental monthly reports, including the national certification for traffic signal maintenance for Michael Gurley and Jason Mitchell of the Public Works Department.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second from Councilman Davis to acknowledge these employees and any future certifications that City employees may obtain with some document of appreciation from the Council. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson asked that the Council be updated on the plans for a monument on Stephen J. White Memorial Blvd and other festivities planned for Memorial Day. Council President Patterson also requested an update on the Personnel Policy Manual. Cathy Fuller, Human Resource Director, indicated that it would be ready by the end of the year.

Councilman Grissett moved 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 Monday, October 12, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

Elizabeth Cheeks
City Clerk