

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
April 12, 2018

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 5:30 P. M., in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City Hall.

Mayor Paxton J. Branch called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and gave the invocation.

Police Patrol Officer, Stephanie Harden, presented rules of order/etiquette that were to be observed during the meeting.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Houston	Present
Watson	Absent
Day	Present
Hayden	Present

Mayor Branch allowed time for comments or questions from the public regarding items on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were made by Councilmembers Hayden and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Mayor Branch stated that the latest activities from Public Works involve patching streets as well as filling many potholes along with improving drainage areas.

Section 8 administrator, Merunda Brown, reported that there were no changes or new business to report currently.

Selection of council members to serve on the Budget Committee for the City's fiscal 2019 budget year were made with motion and second from Councilmembers Hayden and Finlayson respectively for the appointment of Councilmembers Houston and Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember reports/comments regarding their respective districts were primarily: drainage problems needing correction especially in hospital area along with the need to clear culverts; street repair needed on DeSota and Hudson Streets; drainage problems in Ethel Street areas; abandoned church needs removal; University Street in need of repair; flooding on West Askew and Second Streets; dumpster needed for neighborhood clean-up in District 4; large pile of debris along 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 80 needs to be removed; culverts need cleaning in District 5; and

driveway culverts are owners' responsibility for drainage; fire hydrant needed on Magnolia Street.

Mayor Branch stated that the City was maneuvering through \$14,722,000 in grants from the State from which about 6.7 million dollars would go toward a new water plant in the near future. He said that the grant process was currently with the House Ways and Means Committee and funding during the current session looks favorable. He also answered questioners regarding T/Plant and Water Service operations.

Before adjournment, public comments were heard regarding the stray dog menace, the need for removal of abandoned housing, and the presence of cloudy, city water at a residence on Louisiana Street. Freddie (Birdman) Carter presented Fire Chief Harold Allen with an elaborate, firefighting theme bird house for the Chief's outstanding leadership and firefighting performance.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on motion and second of Councilmembers Hayden and Day respectively which carried unanimously.

Attest:

April 26, 2018.

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Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

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Paxton J. Branch, Mayor