

City of Tallulah
Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 2018

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, August 9, 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 Councilmember Whitney gave the invocation.

A roll-call is listed in the following:

Finlayson	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Mayor Branch allowed a brief public comment period in which comments would be limited to the agenda items and would be no more than three minutes in length. Councilmember Whitney asked that an item concerning city personnel be placed on the agenda. Subsequent motion and second to amend the agenda were made by Councilmembers Sims and Robinson respectively, but the motion did not carry due to the requirement that an item added to the agenda must receive a unanimous approval vote from the Council which did not occur.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the July 26th meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Finlayson respectively and carried unanimously.

City Superintendent, C. J. Oney reported to the Mayor and Council that recent efforts in public works included; removal of abandoned houses, filling of pot holes, resurfacing portions of some streets; cleaning parks, clearing street gutters, and removing fallen trees. He also noted that the Harlem Street Project was coming along successfully and is currently awaiting the installation of cement culverts.

Councilmember Finlayson moved for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Tallulah and the Foundation of Louisiana Students, d/b/a, University View Academy, a Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation (“UVA”). Councilmember Day seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Motion and second by Councilmembers Robinson and Whitney respectively to approve a Corporate Endeavor Agreement between the City of Tallulah and Step by Step Performing Arts Academy, Inc., carried unanimously.

Up for approval was a Resolution Approving Mayor Paxton J. Branch to Make Application to the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development Community Water

Enrichment Fund for Funds in the Amount of \$26,900, to Supplement DRA Funds in the Amount of \$150,000 for Repairs to Clarifier No. 1 at the Existing Water Treatment Plant. A representative of McManus Engineering firm, Monroe, Louisiana explained the utmost importance of replacing the one remaining water plant clarifier and the dire consequences should the one in use fail. Subsequent motion for approval of the Office of Community Development grant application was made by Councilmember Finlayson, seconded by Councilmember Day, and a roll-call vote is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Nay
Sims	Nay
Day	Yea
Whitney	Nay

Motion did not carry.

Appointments by the Mayor for his new administration consisted of the following individuals receiving corresponding individual votes:

Gerald Odom, City Clerk and Fiscal Manager: Motion for appointment by Councilmember Finlayson with second from Councilmember Day; Roll-call:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Nay
Sims	Nay
Day	Yea
Whitney	Nay

Motion did not carry.

City Attorney, Josh Leonard: Boles, Shafto, Leonard Law Firm LLC, Motion for appointment by Councilmember Finlayson with second from Councilmember Day: Roll-call:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Nay
Sims	Nay
Day	Yea
Whitney	Nay

Motion did not carry.

Special Attorney, Raymond L. Cannon: Raymond L. Cannon Law Firm, LLC, Motion for appointment by Councilmember Finlayson with second from Councilmember Day: Roll-call:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Nay

Sims	Nay
Day	Yea
Whitney	Nay

Motion did not carry.

Joy Jackson, Attorney at Law, Magistrate for Mayor's Court; Motion for appointment by Councilmembers Day and Finlayson respectively, and roll-call vote:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion and second to enter Executive Session were made by Councilmembers Finlayson and Day respectively and a roll-call vote is shown in the following:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Nay
Sims	Nay
Day	Yea
Whitney	Nay

Motion did not carry.

In Executive Session, the topics that would have been discussed were:

Village of Richmond vs City of Tallulah; and
City of Tallulah vs Village of Richmond.

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

Attest:

August 23, 2018.

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Paxton J. Branch, Mayor

