

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
February 8, 2019

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, February 8, 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.

Patrol Officer Stephanie Harden presented the rules of order and etiquette to be followed 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 the public to make comments or ask questions regarding items on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with corrections were made by Councilmembers Houston and Day respectively and carried notwithstanding a “nay” vote from Councilmember Hayden along with her request for an audio recording of the previous meeting.

No action was taken on the occupational license for Isaac Guy, Sr., due to his absence.

Mayor Branch stated that the Superintendent’s report was primarily the all-out effort of the Street Department and Street Fund to get streets back into shape as much as possible, and that great progress was being made.

City Clerk Gerald Odom gave a financial overview of the City’s General Fund Operations as of November 30, 2017, or the first 5 months of Fiscal 2018. He stated that the City was entirely on target and that revenue and expense goals are being realized. He also described the \$375,000 short-term loan the City received during the month as a kind of cash flow loan in that the purpose of the loan was to tap into funds in the present that would not be available to the City until Ad Valorem taxes were collected several months later, at which time, the loan would be repaid.

Motion and second to enter Public Hearing were made by Councilmembers Hayden and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

In Public Hearing, the topic of discussion was: An Ordinance Authorizing an Ambulance Service Agreement to Provide That Northeast Louisiana Ambulance Service, LLC Shall Be the Exclusive Sole Provider of All Ambulance Service Originating in the Incorporated Areas of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana And To Provide For The Regulation Of Ambulance Service Throughout The Incorporated Areas Of The City Of Tallulah In Accordance With L.A. R.S. 33:4791 And Related Law.

Motion and second to adjourn Public Hearing and re-enter Regular Session were made by Councilmembers Hayden and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve the ambulance service agreement were made by Councilmembers Hayden and Finlayson respectively and carried unanimously.

Councilmember reports/comments regarding their respective districts included: discussions with Superintendent C. J. Oney on which streets should be repaired; and expressed appreciation by the Mayor and Council for city clean-up success as well as drainage improvements.

Motion and second to enter Executive Session were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

In Executive Session, topics of discussion were:

- A) Camo Construction Company Inc. vs City of Tallulah, No. 2018-17, on the docket of the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Madison, Division "A", filed 1/8/2018;
- B) Sheena Robinson, Survivor of Lamont Davis (Deceased) vs City of Tallulah, Larry G. Cox in his capacity as Madison Parish Sheriff, Patrick Brown, Robert E. Sims, Jr., and American Alternative Insurance Corporation No. 18-08, Division "B" on the docket of the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Madison, filed 1/11/2018.

Motion and second to adjourn Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session were made by Councilmembers Hayden and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Mayor Branch stated no decisions had been made in Executive Session.

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

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Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

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Paxton J. Branch, Mayor

