

City of Tallulah
Regular Council Meeting
January 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, January 11, 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 the invocation was given by Councilmember Tommy Watson.

Patrol officer, Stephanie Harden gave the council meeting etiquette/conduct that was to be followed during the meeting.

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

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Houston	Present
Watson	Present
Day	Present
Hayden	Present

Motion and second to approve minutes of the December 14th meeting were made by Councilmembers Hayden and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve the occupational license of Michael Fortenberry, dba, TZKM Skating Rink, were made by Councilmembers Hayden and Watson respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion to amend the agenda to add an additional item of occupational license approval was made by Councilmember Houston, seconded by Councilmember Watson and carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve the occupational license of Brandon Welsh, dba, B & T Auto, were made by Councilmembers Watson and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Tallulah Water Service plant manager, Marvin Johnson, reported on the status of the water plant and moves that were being made to correct problems and restore full service to all residents and businesses. He reported that normal water flow pressure was stabilizing after all necessary repairs and adjustments had been made; a minimal amount of time would be needed for the system to reach normal capacity in all areas he stated.

Motion and second to accept Mr. Johnson's report were made by Councilmembers Houston and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Section 8 administrator, Merunda Brown, reported on the month's activities and stressed the availability of a scholarship program previously mentioned and urged young members of Section 8 households to apply. She encouraged interested students to get in touch with her for more information, details, etc. The program is sponsored by NAHRO, Louisiana Housing Council.

Councilmember reports/comments regarding their respective districts included: maintenance of street signs and or replacement; appreciation to Plant Manager, Marvin Johnson, for perseverance in bringing the water plant back on line; need for additional ditch cleaning for better drainage; and continued emphasis on lot cleaning.

Mayor Branch noted that the Harlem Street Drainage Project was ready to commence as soon as weather permits.

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

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Paxton J. Branch, Mayor