

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
January 25, 2018

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, January 25, 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 Tommy Watson gave the invocation.

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

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Houston	Present
Watson	Present
Day	Present
Hayden	Present

Mayor Branch allowed a period of time for members of the public to ask questions or make comments regarding items on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the January 11th meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Hayden respectively and carried unanimously.

The Superintendent's report consisted of the announcement of Mayor Branch that the City was currently aggressively working on streets throughout the town filling pot holes and laying asphalt.

Councilmember Watson moved for the introduction of An Ordinance Authorizing An Ambulance Service Agreement To Provide That The 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. Councilmember Hayden seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember reports/comments regarding their respective districts consisted of: street repair that had been arranged with Superintendent Oney; abandoned house at the corner of Tank and McCall Streets needing removal; continued ditch cleaning for better drainage; and large amounts of debris in lot located at 100 block of Askew Street where a house is being remodeled.

Mayor Branch addressed the public concerning the prior two week period of serious water issues, concerns, and the problem of some areas being without for short periods of time along with low water pressure and boiling initiatives. He explained the problem, including how it developed due to the unusually prolonged cold weather and what had been done to correct the situation. He announced a public press conference briefing on the problem to be held on the following Saturday, January 27th at the local TA Truckstop, 11:00 A. M., where the issue would be open to the public for explanation and input. He also stated that work would soon begin on the Harlem Drainage Project weather permitting.

A period of time was allowed for the public to voice concerns, suggestions, and criticisms of the water shortage issue. Several citizens expressed their views, and each was heard and acknowledged by the Mayor and Council.

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Paxton J. Branch, Mayor