

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
June 28, 2018  
(Officially Continued from June 14, 2018)

A regular meeting of the City Council on June 14, 2018, and officially continued to June 28, 2018 by the City Council, was subsequently held on that established date, Thursday, 5:30 P. M., June 28, 2018, in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City Hall. The continuation by the City Council of the June 14<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting resulted from the lack of a quorum at a Special Meeting, June 12<sup>th</sup> at a time when City Budgets were scheduled for Public Hearing and adoption. No time was available to announce a public hearing on the scheduled date of June 14<sup>th</sup> and hence the continuation of that meeting for later.

Police Patrol Officer Robert Thompson presented the etiquette/conduct that would be observed during the meeting.

Mayor Branch allowed time for members of the audience to make comments or ask questions regarding items on the agenda, but there was none. However Councilmember Watson stated that an occupational license application was missing from the agenda.

Subsequent motion and second to amend the agenda were made by Councilmembers Watson and Day respectively and carried.

Motion to approve minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve the occupational license application of Jerry Williams, DBA, and Jerry Williams Trucking were made by Councilmembers Watson and Day pending a successful background check by the Police Department.

Mayor Branch reported on public works in progress consisting of street repairs consisting of filling pot holes and paving street sections where possible.

City Clerk Gerald Odom presented a financial over view of General Fund operations as of April 30, 2018, or ten months into the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2017. In his summation remarks, he noted that the City showed a very favorable revenue variance to projection for the month with revenues of \$293,000.00 compared to budget projections of \$210,000.00, which carries over he stated to a year-to-date favorable revenue variance of \$66,000.00, with total revenues at \$2,248,000.00 compared to a budget projection of \$2,181,000.00. Total expenses for the ten month period rose to \$2,422,000.00 compared to a budget of \$2,370,000.00 for an unfavorable variance of \$52,000.00. However, he noted that the rehabilitation upgrade to the Police Department amounting to about \$66,000.00 which had not been budgeted for the year puts the City in a somewhat over budget situation though not serious.

Motion and second to accept the financial report were made by Councilmembers Day and Watson respectively and carried notwithstanding the "nay" vote from Councilmember Hayden.

Councilmember Finlayson moved for the adoption of a Resolution to Authorize the City of Tallulah through It's Mayor to Make Application to the FY 2018-19 Louisiana Community Development Program for a Grant in Order to Make Improvements to the Water System (Demonstrated Needs). Councilmember Hayden seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Finlayson moved for adoption of a Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Election to be Held by the City of Tallulah, State of Louisiana, to Authorize the Levy and Collection of a Special Sales And Use Tax Therein; Making Application to the State Bond Commission and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith. Councilmember Day seconded, and a roll-call vote is shown as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Houston	Yea
Watson	Nay
Day	Yea
Hayden	Nah

Motion carried.

Motion and second to enter Public Hearing were made by Councilmembers Finlayson and Watson respectively and carried unanimously.

In Public Hearing, the topics of discussion were:

A) An Ordinance To Amend The Current Municipal Budget For The City Of Tallulah For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 And Ending June 30, 2018; and

B) An Ordinance To Adopt The Municipal Budgets For The City Of Tallulah For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 And Ending June 30, 2019.

The current year's budget was amended by adding \$60,000.00 to Capital Outlay for rehabilitation of the Police Department. General Fund only received \$23,000.00 over the current year's budget, and that amount goes to the Police Department.

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

Motion and second to amend the current year's budget by an additional \$60,000 were made by Councilmembers Watson and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt the new 2019 fiscal budget was made by Councilmember Finlayson, seconded by Councilmember Houston, and a roll-call vote is shown in the following:

Finlayson	Yea
Houston	Yea
Watson	Nay
Day	Yea
Hayden	Nay

Motion carried.

Councilmember comments/questions regarding their districts consisted primarily of the need for street repair in special areas of their districts with the use of asphalt as much as possible. Councilmember Watson summed up his tenure on the council by expressing his gratitude in serving and wishing the best to the new incoming members.

In his closing remarks, Mayor Branch stated that the outgoing Council Members had been an interesting group he enjoyed working with and said he was always very willing to listen to their input and wished them well in their future endeavors.

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

Attest:

July 12, 2018.

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Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

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Paxton J. Branch, Mayor