

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
March 8, 2018

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on March 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 code of conduct/etiquette that was to be observed during the meeting.

A roll-call is as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Houston	Absent
Watson	Late Arrival
Day	Present
Hayden	Present

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

Motion and second to approve minutes of the February 22nd meeting with corrections were made by Councilmembers Day and Finlayson respectively and carried unanimously.

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

No action was taken on the application of Markita Washington for an occupational license due to her absence, and it was tabled to a later date.

Public Works activities as the Mayor noted were confined primarily to asphalt repair and pot hole filling of the city streets due to heavy rains and normal wear and tear.

Section 8 Administrator Merunda Brown presented a current overview of the Section 8 Program and cited slight over payments to housing occupants of \$825.00 due to income adjustments. The money in question is in process of being repaid.

Motion and second to accept Ms. Brown's report on Section 8 were made by Councilmembers Hayden and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Councilmember reports/comments of their respective districts were primarily: pot hole and drainage issues due to heavy rains; trash dumping on side of streets; and an abandoned house at

807 West Darrow that should be removed; mention of the Harlem Street Project that is about to begin; costs of repair to the water plant due to the freeze and loss of running water. Councilmember Hayden inquired as to the status of the construction project in the Police Department, which is complete, and asked about the legitimacy of the Mayor traveling out of state without Council approval.

Mayor Branch gave a briefing on the water plant summing up the operation as being under close supervision, increased water pressure, and back-up pumps on standby. He stated that one of the two aerators needs overhaul or replacement in order for the system to be operating at peak capacity. That repair is scheduled for the near future and will be financed by state grants he noted.

Public comments consisted primarily of citizen Richard Wright inquiring about the City having a dog pound in order to control the growing population of stray dogs. Mayor Branch replied that such an issue should be placed on the agenda at a later date in order to fully explore it from all angles thereby educating the public as to the various factors involved.

Councilmember Tommy Watson brought attention to the situation where a household might have brown water that is attributable to old galvanized water pipes within the home instead of system water lines. He stressed that the water company should verify the source of brown water in each case reported, and the Mayor verified that the water company is currently following that practice.

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

Attest:

March 22, 2018.

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Paxton J. Branch, Mayor

