Regular Council Meeting City of Tallulah September 13, 2018

A regular council meeting of the Mayor Pro-Tem and the City Council was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 5:30 P. M., in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City Hall.

Due to the untimely death of Mayor Paxton J. Branch, Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Sims called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation was given by City Attorney Raymond L. Cannon.

A roll-call vote is listed as follows:FinlaysonPresentRobinson1PresentSimsPresentDayPresentWhitneyPresent

During the time allowed for comments from the public regarding items on the agenda, there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes from the August 9th meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Robinson respectively and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robinson reported on his tour of the Water Plant and the urgent need for upgrades and improvements. Councilmembers Finlayson and Whitney respectively motioned for acceptance of the report, and motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent C. J. Oney gave a briefing on the current status of the Water Plant in which he emphasized the pressing need for repairs and upgrades for the system allowing it to function dependably for the foreseeable future until a new plant can be constructed. Two large operating items he mentioned were a new clarifier, including work on the present one, and a new aerator. Both pieces of equipment he stated, including installation, would amount to about \$350,000, consisting of grants from the state and federal government. He called attention to one of the items on the agenda, number 9 to be exact, dealing directly with one of these grants.

Motion and second to accept the Superintendent Oney's report were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Finlayson respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve A Resolution to Levy the Ad-Valorem Tax Authorized for the Tax Year 2018 for the City of Tallulah were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Day respectively, and a roll-call vote is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea

Day	Yea
Sims	Yea

Motion carried.

Councilmember Whitney moved for approval of A Resolution for Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, As Amended. Councilmember Finlayson seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Day moved for approval of A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Sims to Make Application to the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development Water Enrichment Fund for Funds in the Amount of \$26,900, to Supplement DRA Funds in the Amount of \$150,000 for Repairs to Clarifier Number 1 at the Existing Water Treatment Plant. Councilmember Whitney seconded, and a roll-call vote is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea
Motion carried.	

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

In Executive Session, topics of discussion were:

- A) Village of Richmond vs City of Tallulah, et al, No. 14-104, 6th JDC, Parish of Madison:
- B) City of Tallulah vs Village of Richmond, No.15-229.

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

In Regular Session, Councilmember Finlayson moved to authorize City Attorney to proceed with the suit utilizing whatever negotiations necessary. Councilmember Day seconded, and motion carried unanimous.;

There being no further information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on motion and second of Councilmembers Finlayson and Robinson respectively which carried unanimously.

Attest:

September 27, 2018.

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Andrew Sims, Mayor Pro-Tem