

Special Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
September 18, 2018

A special meeting of the Mayor Pro Tem and the City Council was held on Tuesday, September 18, at 5:30 P. M., in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City hall.

Due 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 is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Councilmember Day moved for approval of a resolution which was read orally by Attorney Raymond Cannon as stated thusly: A Resolution Declaring the Office of the Mayor of the City of Tallulah Vacant Effective September 1, 2018, Appointing an Interim Mayor of the City of Tallulah, and Calling a Special Election for the Fall 2019 Gubernatorial Election,, Primary Election Date October 12, 2019, and General Election Date November 16, 2019, to Fill The Unexpired Term of Paxton J. Branch Pursuant to R. S. 18.402 (E) and 18:602 and All Pertinent Laws. Councilmember Whitney seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Nominations for the position of Mayor were given as follows:

District 1: Arthur Lee  
District 2 Gloria Hayden  
District 3 Arthur Lee  
District 4 Paxton J. Branch, II  
District 5 Gloria Hayden

After a discussion of qualifications, etc., of the nominees, it was decided to have a roll-call vote to see if a winner would surface. The roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Arthur Lee
Robinson	Gloria Hayden
Sims	Gloria Hayden
Day	Arthur Lee
Whitney	Gloria Hayden

A clear majority vote for Gloria Hayden was given, and she was declared the winner with subsequent motion and second to that effect by Councilmembers Finlayson and Robinson respectively which carried unanimous.

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

Shortly after the meeting was adjourned, Clerk of Court, Marion Hopkins performed the Swearing In Ceremony to Mayoral Appointee, Gloria Owens Hayden.

Attest:

September 27, 2018.

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Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

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Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor