

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
February 28, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City Hall.

Mayor Gloria Hayden called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Police Office Darryl Skinner read the Courtroom/Council Meeting Etiquette and Conduct to the Council and all the citizens present.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Mayor Gloria Hayden passed out a copy of the ordinance concerning the order of a council meeting for public comments to all council members.

Mayor Gloria Hayden requested an item be added for Mr. Stewman was motion by Councilwoman Day and second by Councilman Whitney

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

There were no public comments to the agenda.

Councilman Whitney motion to approve the February 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes and it was second by Councilman Robinson and carried unanimously.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mr. Sammy Guice gave a superintendent report on the projects going on in the City. Mayor Gloria may a statement to the Council and the citizens that the City of Tallulah does not have a City Superintendent and Mr. Guice is acting in the stead of City Superintendent to move the City of Tallulah forward.

Mr. Michael Goods gave an update on the water plant and the maintenance of the pump that failed that caused low water pressure in the City of Tallulah earlier this week. Councilwoman Day asked Mr. Goods when the boil advisory would be lifted and Mr. Goods said that he would take sample on Friday morning, March 1,2019 and meet the guy from Shreveport, La with the samples at Monroe, La and hopefully the boil advisory will be lifted on Friday evening.

Mrs. Cinnamon Gooding gave an update on the clarifier project that one of the parts is in which is the squeegee and the contractor with the squeegee will call Mr. Good and coordinate with him to put the squeegee in place at the water plant while waiting for other parts for the clarifier to come in. Mrs. Cinnamon informed the Mayor and the Council and the public as well that the tanks will have to be drained to put the squeegee in since it is at the bottom of the tank. The public will be informed when the tanks will be drained.

Mayor Gloria Hayden gave a presentation and certificate to Mrs. Aki Summers living in Vicksburg, Mississippi for returning a check for a residence in Tallulah, Louisiana and Mrs. Summers brought her children to the council meeting and admonished them to always do the right thing.

Mayor Gloria Hayden recognizes the Madison High School Girls Basketball team and Coach Brandon Gultery for a successful season. Mayor Gloria Hayden told them that she would be giving them all plaques but they were not ready at this time. The Council members took pictures with the Madison High School Girl Basketball team.

Mr. Keith McFarland residing in Monroe, La. requested the occupational application be approved for GiGi's Kountry Kitchen, LLC based at the community center in Tallulah. Motion was made by Councilman Robinson and second by Councilman Sims.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mr. Adrian Nelson requested the occupational license for A&D Helping Hands, LLC be approved to be located at 109 South Chestnut in Tallulah, La. Motion was made by Councilman Robinson and second by Councilman Whitney.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mr. Reginald Stewman made a presentation for Brooklyn Heights Housing Project which was originally for housing veterans but have since changed to house inmates recently released to be transition back into society. The plan is to house them for 90 days and then get them employed. Councilman Finlayson question did the council have to act on this now.

Councilman Andrew Sims moved to table the Brooklyn Heights Housing Project until Attorney Buddy Caldwell can look over the legality. Attorney Caldwell said on the abundance of caution he would have to look at the project since it was his first time seeing at this council meeting and it will take some time about two weeks. Councilman Charles Finlayson seconded the motion to table this project.

A roll call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden informed Mr. Reginald Stewman that he would be informed about the Brooklyn Heights Housing Project after Attorney Buddy Caldwell check the legality of the project.

Mayor Gloria Hayden requested a Resolution authorizing the opening of A United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Construction Account in Conjunction with the USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service Grant and Identifying Signers for the Account. Motion was made by Councilman Finlayson and second by Councilwoman Day.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

District 1 Councilman Charles Finlayson thanked Mr. Sammy Guice for taking care of the drainage ditches and for getting the lime out in a timely manner.

District 2 Councilman Robinson said he had to check in the morning on some limbs to be removed by Mrs. Lemelle Ewell house and other than that everything is fine in District 2.

District 3 Councilman Sims reported that he talked to the project manager for the Ethel Street Project and was informed by the project manager that he would tear driveways on both sides of the road to place culverts but that they would fix them exactly as they found them. Councilman Sims said he would let everyone know on both sides about their driveway being moved and replaced as they was found after completing the work by the project managers. Attorney Caldwell recommended that pictures be taken before they tear up the drive ways on both side of the road.


District 4 Councilwoman Day said she received complaints about a mechanic in the neighborhood causing an disturbance with noise up into the night late disturbing the neighbors and she did not know if he have license or not and he is also painting and the fumes are coming out in the neighbor's house and she wanted to know what can be done to solve this problem. Mrs. Helen Davis made a public comment that Mr. Ewell have set up a shop on 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Darrow and the fumes are affecting her and the neighbors and Councilwoman Day was called by Mrs. Davis to witness the fumes coming over to her house. Mr. Ewell is sanding, grinding and beating cars well into the night and he has cars on the wrong side of the road. Traffic cannot turn on 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Darrow and Mr. Terry Singleton is working on cars in the road with cars jacked up on the road. Mrs. Davis only wants Mr. Ewell to stop work at a normal hour around 7PM so the neighbor can get proper rest and not keep the neighbors up late hours with banging and knocking on cars. Mayor Gloria Hayden said she talk to Police Chief McCoy and turned it over to him to take care of the complaints. Councilwoman Day thank the public works for cleaning the ditches and cutting the grass around the stop signs and a lot of other things in district 4 and she appreciate it.

District 5 Councilman Whitney did not report anything in his district.


Mayor Gloria Hayden gave her Mayor Report and thought the City of Tallulah was eligible for \$30,000 grant for healthy schools and the City of Tallulah was not eligible for the grant. Mayor Gloria Hayden passed an invoice from the Secretary of State for elections for March and April 2018 in the City of Tallulah that was passed due for \$32, 565.75 that the City of Tallulah have to pay to the Councilmembers. Attorney Caldwell made a point that this bill occurred before Mayor Hayden arrived as well as the \$94,000.00 debt to the Internal Revenue Service. Mayor Gloria Hayden also made a comment that Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Sims and City Clerk Alfred McClodden and she made \$159,000.00 payment for the water reserve debt on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Capital One Bank. Mayor Gloria Hayden let the public know that the City of Tallulah is moving forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Robinson and Second by Councilman Whitney and was unanimously approved by the Council.

Attest:

  
Alfred McClodden, City Clerk

February 28, 2019

  
Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor