

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
January 24, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was on Thursday, January 24, 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.

Harold Allen 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	Absent
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Mayor Gloria Hayden requested that a new item be added to the agenda that two council members be added to the financial committee by volunteering. Motion was made by Councilman Whitney and second by Councilman Finlayson.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden requested that another item be added to the agenda that Mr. John Murray, auditor from LaPorte be allowed to present audit findings. Motion was made by Councilman Day and second by Councilman Finlayson.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden requested that a final item be added to the agenda that Mr. Carlton Whitaker be allowed to come back to the City of Tallulah as the sprayer for mosquitoes since it is required to have a certified person for mosquitoes that is licensed. Motion was made by Councilman Day and second by Councilman Whitney.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

There were no public comments on the Agenda.

Councilman Day requested that a correction be made for District 4 that Mrs. Travis should be the name for the citizen who culverts need to be cleaned. Mayor Gloria Hayden assured the council new corrected minutes for January 10, 2019 would be included in the next council meeting package.

Councilman Day motion to approve the January 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes and it was second by Councilman Whitney and carried unanimously.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mr. John Murray, LaPorte, CPA's made a presentation to the council for City of Tallulah from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 of his audit findings.

Motion was made by Councilman Day and second by Councilman Finlayson to accept Mr. John Murray report on his audit findings on the City of Tallulah.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Motion was made by Councilman Whitney and second by Councilman Day to allow Mr. Carlton Whitaker to be employed as the mosquitoes abatement for the City of Tallulah until someone else is certified.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden let the Councilmembers know the C.J. Oney, Marvin Johnson and Charles Fines have all resigned and turn into her resignation letters and there were no questions about the resignations.

Mr. Mike Rome from the Madison Voluntary Council on Aging discusses parking on Scott St (between Elm Street and Walnut Street). Police Chief Buster McCoy assured Mr. Mike Rome he would take care of the parking situation.

Mayor Gloria Hayden and the Councilmembers on behalf of the City of Tallulah presented a plaque to Coach Johnny Ford, Coach Robert Gultery, Coach Mitchell Riggs and Coach Levi Washington for their commitment to the youth and students in Madison Parish and the City of Tallulah.

Mayor Gloria Hayden presented the Council a picture of the Property at 201 Oak Street and she told the councilmembers she is in touch with the property owner about the demolishing of the house.

Mr. Raimon Broughton made a presentation to maintenance on all City of Tallulah Vehicles for free and also to provide parts for the repairs from his company for free. He wanted to give back to the City of Tallulah where he was raised. Mr. Broughton said he had a million dollar insurance for any liability on the cars he would be working on.

Mayor Gloria Hayden told Mr. Broughton she would get with the City Attorney and City Council and would let him know the final decision on him working on the city vehicles and thanked Mr. Broughton for coming making a presentation to the council.

Mayor Gloria Hayden told the Councilmembers to take the next two weeks to think about volunteering to be on the finance committee for the budget.

Mayor Gloria Hayden gave the Councilmember application to join the Chamber of Commerce and encourage them to join the Chamber of Commerce.

District 1 Councilman Charles Finlayson made a report that some culverts needed to be cleaned out and he would give Mayor Hayden the list of the addresses and that the trucks are breaking the waterline by McDonalds and that the work to repair it was very expensive. The trucks are having difficulty making the turn. Councilman Finlayson said something have to be done to stop this issue.

District 3 Councilman Sims allowed Coach Riggs to tell about trees being left for about a month or so in the ditch from the corner of his house to the neighbor house Ann Willis on the next street. Coach Riggs said he thought it was because it was the bad weather and they would return to move it but they have left without moving the trees.

District 4 Councilman Day said nothing new but from West Darrow to West Craig from Sixth street to Eighth street culverts need to be cleaned out and there are big holes in the road and it was filled up by city workers but as soon as it rain the rain wash away the fill in holes.


District 5 Councilman Whitney reported that same issue from last council meeting about when it rain heavy if floods the walkway on 313 Pecan Street and culverts needs to be cleaned out.

Mr. Anthony Coleman made a public comment and requested from Mayor Gloria Hayden to work in District 3 because he lives in District 3. Mayor Gloria Hayden gave permission to Mr. Coleman to start working in District 3 in the morning. Mr. Coleman also reported that citizens were also complaining about stray dogs sitting at the door of Doug's IGA and some customers are afraid of dogs according to Mr. Coleman but he had no answer for them at the moment.

Mr. Anthony Coleman told the Mayor he would start work in District 3 on Monday, January 28, 2019 as he had an appointment on Friday, January 25, 2019.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Whitney and second by Councilman Sims.

Attest:

  
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Alfred McClodden, City Clerk

January 24, 2019

  
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Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor

Regular Council Meeting  
 City of Tallulah  
 April 11, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was on Thursday, April 11, 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 Officer 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 made a request to the Council to add an agenda item for Mrs. Donna Fountain occupational license because she was not present at last Council Meeting. Councilman Robinson motioned the item be added to the agenda and it was second by Mayor Pro Temp Sims

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden read the overview of how the City of Tallulah Council Meeting Public Comments will follow the law and how Public Comments will be conducted as established by ordinance by the City of Tallulah starting tonight as this Council Meeting. Mayor Gloria Hayden said City of Tallulah Council Meeting will not be hi-jacked or used for political reasons by any citizen.

Mayor Gloria Hayden allowed time for the public to make public comments on the agenda and no one made any comments on the agenda.

Councilwoman Day made a request for corrections be made on the agenda that she did not second the motion on the approval of the March 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes and that Mr. Smith name should be in the minutes instead of Mr. Spencer. Mayor Gloria Hayden assured Councilwoman Day that the minutes will be corrected and prepared for the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Robinson motion to approve the March 28, 2019 regular meeting minutes and it was second by Councilwoman Day and carried unanimously.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden called Interim Supervisor Sammie Guice to do the Superintendent's Report and Mr. Guice greeted the Council. In Mr. Guice report he said that he was patching holes in District 1 and digging ditches in District 1 as well. In District 2, Mr. Guice said they patching holes and doing culverts. In District 3 at least 4 houses have been torn down. District 4 at least 2 houses was torn down in the last week. Only work in District 5 in the last week was the street department removes some bricks on Rev Tolson place and cleaned up the corner. Mayor Gloria allowed time for the Council members to ask Interim Supervisor Sammy Guice any questions they may have. There were no questions for Mr. Guice. Mayor Gloria allowed for questions from the public for Mr. Guice and there were no questions from the public.

Mayor Gloria Hayden made the Council and the Public that there was a breakdown in the water system at Richmond and Mr. Goods and the workers and water operators are over there working on the water issues and was not present to do the Water Operator Report.

Mrs. Merunda Brown, Section 8 Director greeted the Council members and Police Chief McCoy and read the Fair Housing Proclamation from Mayor Gloria Hayden to the Council and Public.

Mayor Gloria Hayden entered into a Public Hearing for an Ordinance Granting To Amos Energy Corporation for Franchise Rights to Conduct Business in the City of Tallulah. Amos Energy Representative gave an overview of the franchise that have conducted business in Tallulah since 1943 and was present to answer any questions the public may have. The franchise renewal is for fifteen years at 2% before the council for approval. Mayor Pro Temp asked how long was the rate at 2% and the Amos Representative said since it began in 1943. Mayor Gloria Hayden allowed for the Amos Representative to tell the public the other parishes Amos Energy does businesses in. Mayor Gloria Hayden told the public that the City of Tallulah charges 2 1/2% and it goes back to the consumer.

Mayor Gloria Hayden moved to adjourned the Public Hearing and Re-enter Regular Session

A roll-call is listed as follows

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Councilwoman Day advised Mayor Gloria Hayden that a motion should be made to re-enter Regular Session.

Mayor Gloria Hayden called for motion from the Council to re-enter Regular Session. Councilman Robinson first motion to re-enter regular session and Councilwoman Day second the motion.

A roll-call is listed as follows

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Motion to approve the Ordinance granting Atmos Energy Corporation the Franchise and Rights to Conduct Business in The City of Tallulah for the maintaining, constructing, laying, repairing, removing, replacing, installing, operating and disposing of a Gas System for the sale, transportation, and distribution of Natural Gas within and beyond the Municipal Boundaries of the City and to the residents and businesses located therein for light, heat, power and any other purposes. Councilwoman Day first motion the Ordinance to be approved and Councilman Robinson second the motion.

A roll-call is listed as follows

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mr. Gerald Lott along with his daughter Chloe requested to raised 4-H Chickens and their eggs on his property. Mr. Lott said He had photos of his property and written letters from adjacent neighbors who said they did not have a problem with chickens on his property. Mayor Gloria Hayden allowed Councilman Finlayson address Mr. Lott since it was in District 1. Councilman Finlayson explained to Mr. Lott because there was already an ordinance it would be a problem if He said yes, because everyone else would want to come and asked for other animals and livestock on their property. Councilman Finlayson assured Mr. Lott he was not against his daughter project but it would cause others to come to have animals on their property in the City Limits if they undo the ordinance for this property and project.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	No
Robinson	No
Sims	No
Day	No
Whitney	No

Mayor Gloria Hayden requested the Council Members give Mr. Greg Butler, (1002 North Walnut Street) for the demolition of his property an extension of thirty days. Motion was made by Councilman Robinson and second by Councilman Finlayson.

A roll-call is listed as follows

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden discussed the Property for Mr. Oliver to the Council and requested a 30 days extension to deal with his residential property before the City of Tallulah take action. Councilman Finlayson moved to grant Mr. Oliver 30 days on his property. Councilwoman Day seconds the motion.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Motion to approve a Resolution accepting the 2018 Louisiana Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Audit was motioned 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



District 1 Councilman Charles Finlayson report was that the ditches was cleaned in his district and removed the lime but the problem is the frontage road in the curve behind McDonald's Restaurant. The ditch is cluttered with debris from that point to the Interstate. The ditch from Felicia Drive to I-20 needs cleaning out. Councilman Finlayson said he believes that is the Parish responsibility for those ditches. Councilman Finlayson requested Police Chief McCoy deal with a problem with cars parking with four tires in the street park the wrong way blocking traffic on LaSalle, Florida and Louisiana Streets. Councilman Finlayson said he was getting calls all the time concerning this. Police Chief McCoy said he would take care of it.

District 2 Councilman Robinson said he talked to Mayor Gloria Hayden and Mr. Guice about getting the addresses of citizens that need ditches dug out, other than that Councilman Robinson had nothing else to report.

District 3 Councilman Sims questioned whether the lot across from Mrs. Gaines Wilkerson house that bricks been removed. The house belonging to Troy Patterson near Arey Street need to be torn down and He said they can add it to his taxes.

District 4 Councilwoman Day had nothing to report.

District 5 Councilman Whitney had nothing to report.

Mayor Gloria Hayden requested the approval of Mrs. Donna Fountain, Donna Snack Shop Occupational License. Councilman Robinson moved to approve the occupational license for Mrs. Donna Fountain. Councilman Whitney seconds the motion.

A roll-call is as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden gave her Mayor Report that she is in process of demolishing houses and getting good responses and Mr. Cartwright from Texas sent a check to the City of Tallulah to tear down his house and agreed to contract someone to keep up the property. By sending an email or written documentation, Mayor Gloria Hayden is getting descriptions of the property from the tax assessor office and contacting the property owners by email or phone call. After talking to the landowners and explaining the process, they agree to pay right away or have it placed on their taxes for 2019. Mayor Gloria Hayden said she have had about nine people to respond. Mayor Gloria Hayden said it is the City of Tallulah responsibility to tear down houses and clean up the City not build on private property. Tallulah is moving forward and I have a Mayor Pro Temp and Council and we are communicating and moving forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Whitney.

Attest:

April 11, 2019

Alfred McClodden, City Clerk

Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor