

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 Toldson 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 aware 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.

Ms. 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 Atmos Energy Corporation for Franchise Rights to Conduct Business in the City of Tallulah. Atmos 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 Atmos Representative said since it began in 1943. Mayor Gloria Hayden allowed for the Atmos Representative to tell the public the other parishes Atmos Energy does businesses in. Mayor Gloria Hayden told the public that the City of Tallulah charges 2 ½% 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 approved 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 Felecia 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

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Alfred McClodden, City Clerk

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Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor