

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
April 25, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was on Thursday, April 25, 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.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Mayor Gloria Hayden read the City of Tallulah ordinance and procedures for public comments to the Council and all citizens present.

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

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

Councilman Whitney made a motion to approve the corrected minutes March 28, 2019 regular meeting and it was second by Councilman Sims.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Councilwoman Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 regular meeting and it was second by Councilman Robinson.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden made the Council and citizens present aware that there need to be a time and date set for the Budget Committee to formulate Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance. Mayor Gloria Hayden said that Mrs. Cindy Thomason, from Allen, Green, and Williamson would have completed the bank reconciliations and will have it ready by next week and if possible that Councilwoman Day and Councilman Sims meet next Thursday to discuss the budget. Mayor Gloria Hayden asked Councilwoman Day and Councilman Sims what date and time that they meet, Councilwoman Day said she would be available at any time and is flexible but Councilman Sims did not have a time and date available at the moment. Mayor Gloria Hayden told Councilwoman Day and Councilman Sims to get together and agree on a time and date and let her know.

Mayor Gloria Hayden made the Superintendent Report because Mr. Sammie Guise, the supervisor was not available. Mayor Gloria Hayden said they are still tearing down houses and working with people that were flooded and Mr. David Day is working with sewage as she was speaking.

Mayor Gloria Hayden introduced the Louisiana Department of Health representative Mrs. Jennifer Kihlken and Mr. Blake Fogleman to come and make a presentation of the meeting they had in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the water plant and the options available for the City of Tallulah. Mrs. Jennifer gave a very thorough presentation. Mrs. Kihlken said that an administrative order has been issued to the City of Tallulah for the Water Plant and some corrections have been made. Mrs. Kihlken went over the Administrative Order Corrective Actions with the City Council and the public in attendance. There were 3 Options presented to the Council Option 1- New water wells and treatment plant which would cost \$13 million dollars. Option 2 was to purchase water from another system. Option 3 was to consolidate with a neighboring system. Mrs. Kihlken explains each option thoroughly with the Council and public. After presentation Councilman Finlayson asked Mrs. Kihlken if they had questions could the Council call her and she assured them they could and Mrs. Yvonne Lewis gave her cell phone number because she travels a lot around Louisiana. Councilman Whitney questions the rate increase for the new plant and citizens not able to pay now for the current rate. Mr. Blake Fogleman said that he was in the meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and followed up on the revenue for the City of Tallulah and the debt owed as of now and the only loan option available was the one presented today for the bank to loan and for the City of Tallulah to have the revenue to make the payment on the loan.

Mayor Gloria Hayden allowed Mr. Ken McManus to speak and he thanked Louisiana Department of Health for the information presented and that He would be studying all the options presented and present the best option to the Council and the Louisiana Department of Health.

Mayor Gloria Hayden dismissed Louisiana Department of Health to leave because of their travel back home and Mayor Hayden abruptly left the Council meeting to address Mr. Antonio Wilson talking and asking questions to the Louisiana Department of Health and in a few moments returned.

District 1 Councilman Charles Finlayson thanked Mr. Sammie Guice for coming out and identifying spots and marked them and when it is possible to clean out ditches and culvert because there was 3 inches of water flooding in a few hours in the past week.

District 2 Councilman Robinson thanked Mr. David Day help with the water release on Mississippi Street and other than the water release I discuss earlier I have nothing else.

District 3 Councilman Sims had nothing to report.

District 4 Councilwoman Day expressed concerns for flooding on 3rd and Fifth Street and between West Darrow and West Craig Street.

District 5 Councilman Whitney had nothing to report.

Mayor Gloria Hayden gave Police Chief Buster McCoy an opportunity to comment.

City Attorney Buddy Caldwell made a comment on the Harlem Project and that paperwork has to be presented by the engineers and the halt on the project is not on the fault of the City of Tallulah.

Mayor Gloria Hayden made the public aware of what the problem was with clarifier and said that the problem is a delay with the parts being shipped around May 1, 2019 and not the fault of the Engineer or the City of Tallulah. The manufacturer has had a delay on making the parts. Mayor Gloria Hayden said she talked to the New Warden and will be getting 3 inmates to go in the bottom of the clarifier to put sand in the bottom of the clarifier. Mayor Gloria Hayden said there will be a public meeting for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant April 30, 2019 at 3:00PM.

Mayor Gloria Hayden admonish the public that it is what they decide on the water plant not the Mayor or the Council.

Mr. Freddie Carter made a public comment on the drug activity in his neighborhood and the disturbance of cars coming and going and hanging out of young peoples and arguing. Police Chief Buster McCoy assured Mr. Carter he would take care of the issue and just give him a call when these disturbances happen.

Mr. Anthony Coleman made a public comment that the leaders cannot decide on the clean water issue alone but the public should come out and see what is going on. Mr. Coleman said that he believe \$32 is not a lot of money for clean drinking water and Mr. Coleman complained about a culvert that need to dug up and be removed causing flooding on Mr. Anthony property. Mayor Gloria Hayden said that she would take care of the culvert problem.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Whitney.

Attest:

April 25, 2019

Alfred McClodden, City Clerk

Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor

