

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
June 13, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 2018 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

*ADDITIONS TO MINUTES: Per City Clerk Alfred McClodden a noted item was left off of the minutes. During this meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Sims said that he would not be accepting any minutes that were not taken by the City Clerk. As well, City Clerk Alfred McClodden asked that the personnel matter discussed in Executive Session be identified as a discussion of him as City Clerk.*

Mayor Hayden granted the public a time period to make comments regarding items on the agenda. Mr. Antonio Wilson expressed his concerns about fire department funding donations of water from Monroe and whether or not the councilmembers could pass out water in their own districts as opposed to the mass water giveaways; whether or not anyone besides the City Clerk could pay money out of the treasury and the legitimacy of the meeting with someone other than the clerk taking the minutes.

Mr. Sammy Guice gave the Superintendent's Report to the council. Per Mr. Guice, the street department continues working on pothole patching and they are catching up on grass cutting due to better weather. He gave the council information on a piece of equipment that was in for repairs and said that overall the department was working well and getting things done.

Mayor Hayden reported that Mr. Good's was not able to attend and give a water update. She told the council that the clarifier project was completed and that the next project would be upgrades and repairs to the aerators.

Mr. Reginald Stewman gave the council an update on Brooklyn Heights, a business that had previously come before the council for approval of an occupational license. After extensive discussion and on the advice of Attorney Caldwell, the council made the decision to table the approval until more information is supplied for review. Specific questions came from Councilman Robinson who asked whether or not security would be required. Mr. Stewman answered that security would be available and would be minimal.

Under Councilmembers Reports:

District 1 – Councilman Finlayson thanked Mr. Guice for the work done in his district. No further report.

District 2 – Councilman Robinson asked about work on the Trimble house and was told that no work had been done and that a letter to the homeowner had not been sent.

District 3 – No Report. Mayor Hayden added that (1) a resident from the 1000-1030 block of Ethel Street had asked her about ditches being dug out and trees removed from ditches; and (2) 511 Cable Street asked about assistance at their property. Mayor Hayden also told the public that Councilman Sims had attended a water conference and asked for an update. Councilman Sims that said that the information he received was similar to what the City was currently working on.

District 4 – Councilwoman Day asked about the house at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and W. Oghbourne

District 5 – Update on Mr. Larry Oliver property and ditch between Starr Lodge and the Charter School

Under the Mayors Report: Mayor Hayden gave an update on the Inter-State Lighting. She also stated that the city is looking for money to make repairs on the community center stove, hood, floors and roof. Reported that Carlton Whitaker was spraying for mosquitoes and passed pictures out on some of the areas; The City has received checks from FEMA, Madison Parish Police Jury for 2% Fire Rebate and Property Tax Money from the parish sale tax on the fire district; the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana has more water for the city. Mayor Hayden will notify the citizens through Facebook when, where and what time it will be available.

Private Citizen Antonio Wilson suggested the council give out the water for each district so that it wouldn't look political. He also questioned the 2% fire rebate and stated that the Deputy Clerk should not be taking the minutes nor doing any of the City Clerk duties in his absence according to the Legislator Auditor and Ethics Board.

Motion and second to enter Executive Session were made by Councilmember Finlayson and Robinson respectively carried with roll call as followed:

District 1 Yes  
District 2 Yes  
District 3 Yes  
District 4 Yes  
District 5 Yes

In Executive Session, the topic of discussion was: Personnel Matter (City Clerk Alfred McClodden) and lawsuit on City of Tallulah vs. Gwendolyn Payne.

Motion and second to adjourn Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Finlayson respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion to terminate the City Clerk by roll call:

District 1 Yes  
District 2 Yes  
District 3 No  
District 4 No  
District 5 No

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Hayden.

Attest:

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Vanessa Stubblefield, Deputy City Clerk

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Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor