

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
March 14, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was on Thursday, March 14, 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 Oliver Robinson read the Courtroom/Council Meeting Etiquette and Conduct to the Council and all the citizens present.

Mayor Gloria Hayden mentioned to the Council and the citizens that Councilwoman Margaret Day would not be present because of an illness.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Absent
Whitney	Present

Mayor Gloria Hayden made a request to the Council to add an agenda item for the de-annexation of Mr. Washington property from the City to the Parish. 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	Absent
Whitney	Yea

There were no public comments to the agenda.

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

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Absent

Whitney Yea

Mayor Gloria Hayden mentioned for the Water Operator Report that Mr. Michael Goods was unavailable because of an emergency and some lines was accidently cut and Mr. Goods and nine other employees would be working late to fix the problem.

Mayor Gloria Hayden allowed Mrs. Cinnamon Gooding give an update on the aerator project, she informed the council that the bidders had submitted their certification and the change order to be added in the budget to the USDA for review and approval. The USDA will ensure the paperwork is proper and correct and that the advertisement was done properly.

Mayor Gloria Hayden asks the public was there any public comments on the agenda and only comments can be made on items on the agenda. There were no comments on the agenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington addressed the council for the reason for the de-annexation from the City of Tallulah because of the main reason of cost effectiveness. They would assume the responsibility of placing their own sewage system at their own expense and not at the expense of the City. Mayor Gloria Hayden address the Council and said an contractor and surveyor went out to the property and said it would cost the City \$20,000 to \$30,000 to place the sewage system and water lines.

Councilman Finlayson motion that documents are prepared by City Attorney Buddy Caldwell that Mr. Washington property is de-annex from the city limit of the city of Tallulah and it second by Councilman Sims.

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Absent
Whitney	Yea

Approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Tallulah to make application to the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development for a Rural Business Development Grant in support of a Feasibility Study for the Tallulah Industrial Parkway was motioned by Councilman Whitney and second by Councilman Finlayson

A roll-call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Absent
Whitney	Yea

A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Gloria Hayden or Alfred McClodden to Execute those documents and agreement required under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal Share Match Program, For City of Tallulah in the Aftermath of 2016 Severe Storms and Flooding Events: Disaster #4263 was presented by Mayor Gloria Hayden and the possibility of some of the money being used for salaries of employees that had their salaries cut earlier. Mr. Antonio Wilson made a public comment that he did not believe grant money could be used for past employee salaries and presented the question to City Attorney Buddy Caldwell for clarity.

Councilman Finlayson motion to receive the Community Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure only and not placed the money in salary or anything but inform the Council when the money come in. Councilman Robinson seconds the motion.

A roll call is listed as follows.

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Absent
Whitney	Yea

District 1 Councilman Charles Finlayson thanked Mayor Gloria Hayden for completing the work on the house on Cleveland Street and completing the work on the lime and taking care of the work on the house by the Hospital, Councilman Finlayson said he was trying to get this work done for a long time and finally have it done. Councilman asked about the pump repairs and Mayor Gloria Hayden said that they were working on the pump now.

District 2 Councilman Robinson said he had no report at this time.

District 3 Councilman Sims reported that in front of Mr. Cammack house on University Street some road work needs to be done. David Day, public works employee told Councilman Sims and the City Council that the repairs had been made.

District 4 Councilwoman Day was absent.

District 5 Councilman Whitney reported that the ditch needed to be repaired and elevated by Tom Brown Daddy's House.

Mayor Gloria Hayden gave her Mayor Report and said a lot of work has been done at the Community Center, and repairs have been done at the Water plant and Water Service office with the light fixtures. Mayor Gloria Hayden said she is in the process of finding a commercial stove for the Community Center, the top of the stove does not work but the bottom of the stove works. Mayor Gloria Hayden also said that she was looking for someone to work on the roof of the Community Center because it is a flat roof and is leaking. John Deere will be bringing a bush hog to the utility plant and it will cost a total of \$3563.20. Mayor Gloria Hayden told the Council she would pay \$700 down and waiting for Mr. McClodden to return from legislative audit meeting to print the check. Mayor Hayden said that there have been many peoples coming from out of town to help Tallulah and give back to the community. Mayor Gloria Hayden said water is being stored at the community center and that there will be more water donated from the food bank.

Mr. Freddie Carter gave out a bird house to Mrs. Lynette Ewell.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Robinson .

Attest:

March 14, 2019

Alfred McClodden, City Clerk

Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor

