

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
May 23, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was on Thursday, May 23, 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

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

Mayor Gloria Hayden requested Mrs. Cinnamon Gooding, McManus Engineers be added to the agenda to make an update on the clarifiers at the Water Plant. Motion was made by Councilwoman Day and second by Councilman Whitney.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Sims requested an item be added to the agenda that the City of Tallulah police department be allowed to donate two surplus cars from the police department to Waterproof police department. Motion was made 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

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

Mrs. Cinnamon Gooding gave an update of the contractor on last Friday came and checked to make sure the clarifier was working properly. Mrs. Cinnamon said the water will be clearing up pretty soon. Mr. McManus confirmed what Mrs. Cinnamon said the water would be clearing up in a few days and that McManus will be moving on to the next project. The next project would be replacing the aerator and the emergency pump and it was already billed to the state of Louisiana. Mr. McManus said there is already an emergency pump working at the water plant. But this will be another diesel pump ready in case of an emergency.

Mr. Goods can forward and gave an update on the Water Plant and said the clarifier are working and there will be improvement in the water quality and that he have filters that would improve the quality also. Mrs. Goods said that he was going to flush the whole city on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Goods also said to turn on cold water and that should clear the water up tremendously.

Mayor Gloria Hayden read the letter from Police Chief to donate cars to Waterproof Police Department. Police Buster McCoy had no comments.

Motion to donate two surplus cars to Waterproof Police Department was made by Councilman Robinson and second by Councilman Sims.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

Mayor Hayden said the minutes for May 9, 2019 were not completed and she had not seen the minutes or proof the minutes and was not on the agenda. The May 9, 2019 would be approved at the next meeting, June 13, 2019.

Mr. Sammie Guice, interim City Superintendent said public works was trying to clean up property and open up drains, taking up culverts and putting down culverts. doing all they can do such cleaning out ditches and City is moving and it a slow process to move on. Mr. Sammie Guice said public works are working in all districts and not just one district. Mr. Guice said they were working on McCall Street working on culverts and also working on Albert Street. Mr. Guice had asked the Mayor and City Council to help him to work on repairing the road. Mr. Guice requested help from Mr. Billy Dew and his workers to help to repair the roads. Mayor Gloria Hayden said Mr. Guice do not have the manpower to work on the roads with and advise Mr. Guice to ask the Council to bring Mr. Billy Dew and his workers to help. Mayor Gloria Hayden said Mr. Sammie Guice just came to discuss what he needs to work on the road. There are many complaints about the City of Tallulah to replace the tires and the City cannot replace the tires.

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Sims and said he talked with a guy that goes all the way to Texas to demonstrate how his product work to repair potholes. He said he would come to the City of Tallulah and repair two holes and the product he uses can be used with hot mix. And his product is guaranteed to last at least three years on the repaired hole. Mayor Gloria ask Councilman Sims can he come back and Councilman Sims said he would come back when he call him. Councilman Sims said the product come in a jug and you mix it with hot mix. Councilman Sims said it only cost \$9 a gallon. Councilman Sims said the pothole repair guy would come in and do the training for free. Councilman Sims said that He would get with Mr. Guice and give a day and time to have some hot mix ready when the pothole repairmen would be ready to demonstrate and train.

Mayor Gloria Hayden gave an update on the property at 400 E. Levee Street and said Mr. Larry Oliver is still in the hospital in Monroe, La. Mayor Gloria Hayden said she is in contact with him.

Mayor Gloria Hayden update on the property at 1002 N. Walnut is that she have not heard from anyone for the property and that she will put it back on the agenda.

A Resolution authorizing, designating and appointing Mayor Gloria Owens Hayden or Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Sims in her absence to perform all duties and administration of Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Awards. Motion was made by Councilman Robinson and second by Councilman Finlayson.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Abstain
Day	Yea
Whitney	Yea

District 1 Councilman Finlayson told Mr. Sammie Guice that he marked culverts on LaSalle Street and two culverts he will flag and mark on Florida Street and would contact Mr. Guice so that when he got time he can do some renovations on the culverts.

District 2 Councilman Robinson report was read by Mayor Gloria Hayden and said tree limbs was hanging and needed cutting on West Thelma and South Elm. She said she would get the report to Mr. Sammie Guice. A house has been torn down on Henderson Street and the lot next to it needs to be cut. Grass need to be cut on West Thelma and Henderson Street a yellow house. Ditches need to be cut from Claxton Street to Henderson Street. Mayor Gloria said Mr. Guice would get the list and start working on it.

District 3 Councilman Sims said a lot behind Terry Blanson house need to be cleaned up. Mr. Sammie Guice said he could not get behind there it is too wet right now.

District 4 Councilwoman Day that on the corner of West Askew and Lexing Street there is a big hole in her driveway and 18 Massey Street across from the Fire Department need some work. There been complaints by Mrs. Mamie Harris for years on corner of West Askew and Seventh Street. It has been abandon for about 20 years but they keep the yard mowed it used to be the Wiggins property. And the grass needs to be cut on West Darrow and Third Street.

District 4 Councilman Whitney said that grass have been cut and piled up and neighbors are complaining that they have already killed two snakes. The ditch back by Walnut needs to be cleaned up. Mayor Gloria

Hayden told Councilman Whitney she have talked to Chief Buster McCoy about the young man and that she been to the residence yesterday and today and no one was there and she was on top of that.

Mayor Gloria Hayden gave her report for the Ethel Street Project and has the Specs. There were problems with the interstate lights and the City is responsible for the maintenance of the lights. There are repairs needed in the utility system and the price is \$900 an hour and a minimum of 4 hours. Mayor Gloria Hayden asked the Council if they want to hire a student to work for \$8.00 an hour for 20 hours a week they can. Mayor Gloria Hayden said she would hire two students herself at \$8.00 an hour and 20 hours a week. She said that is not much money. Mayor Gloria Hayden said the City of Tallulah had many bills when the new administration came in. The bills have been paid and Attorney Buddy Caldwell has not asked for a salary since he has been here since September 2018. Mayor Gloria Hayden said the bill have been paid today when Mr. McClodden in. Mayor Gloria Hayden said do not talk about her please come and talk to me because I am not hard to get along with. Mayor Gloria Hayden said that she know everyone present in this Council meeting. Mayor Gloria said she had problems with Mr. Antonio Wilson but Mr. Wilson have been in her house and I do not have a problem with anyone. Mr. Antonio Wilson said for the record he have no problem with Mayor Hayden. Mayor Gloria Hayden said let us move this City forward and the City of Tallulah finances is in an emergency situation and that she was going to have to come to the board and ask for some money.

Mr. Antonio Wilson asked Mayor did she receive information from his brother, Mr. Gary Crockett concerning the program for children and said He sent it directly to Ms. Yvonne Lewis. Ms. Yvonne Lewis said she never received anything from Mr. Gary Crockett. Mayor Gloria Hayden told Mr. Antonio Wilson to please mail to her and Mr. Antonio Wilson assured he would because it was in his email inbox.

Mr. Freddie Carter made an comment about Mr. Raimon Broughton said he would repair cars and took money from citizens from the City of Tallulah and left and went back to Las Vegas. Mayor Hayden said she was not going to discuss this matter due to the fact Mr. Broughton wasn't here to defend himself and Police Chief McCoy said this is a civil matter.

Mayor Gloria Hayden made an announcement that a memorial day program at the veteran park on May 28, 2019 at 9AM and encourage citizens to come out.

Councilman Robinson told the citizens to watch out for snakes because they are out.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Whitney.

Attest:

May 23, 2019

Alfred McClodden, City Clerk

Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor

