

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
August 22, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, August 22, 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.

Chief Buster McCoy presented the rules of order/etiquette that were to be observed during the meeting.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Finlayson	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Motion and second to move item # 9 up to item #5 was made by Councilmembers Day and Finlayson. Followed by roll call:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to add Executive Session to the agenda was made by Councilmembers Sims and Whitney. Followed by roll call:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Mayor Hayden read the rules for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mayor Hayden asked for a motion to appoint Attorney Joy Jackson as City Attorney and motion died for lack of action.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Robinson respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Abstain
Day	Yes
Whitney	Abstain

Motion and second to approve minutes of the August 08<sup>th</sup> meeting were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Robinson respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Abstain
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Abstain
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to approve occupational license for Billy James – Genesis Event Center pending fire marshal report were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Finlayson respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to approve occupational license for Lynette E. Patterson – Multi Service Center were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Whitney respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Councilmembers Day and Finlayson will attend the Tax Commission meeting set for Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mr. Sammie Guice gave a superintendent report on the projects such as cleaning ditches, hauling off limbs, grass cutting and hauling lime from the water company. He also reported cutting limbs hanging over the roads in view of the school buses at the request of Superintendent Benita Young and the use of Mr. Billy Dew equipment to clean the park and fix sewer lines.

Fire Chief Harold Allen gave a report on preparing Tallulah Fire Dept.'s own training facility which will be located at the old McCall High School Football Stadium. The department has received several grants, lots of in-kind service and help from the public works department for this

project. The Fire Dept. has four certified firemen instructors. Chief Allen asked the council permission to donate the trailer to Mr. Isaac Guy, which was donated to the fire department from Wildlife and Refuge. Motion and second to donate the trailer to Mr. Guy was made by Councilmembers Whitney and Robinson respectively carried with a roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Abstain
Whitney	Yes

Mr. Goods was absent due to problems at the water plant.

After a lengthy discussion on Option for the Tallulah Water Plant by Ken McManus, Antonio Wilson, Sharon Rambo, Councilmembers and Mayor, Councilmember Finlayson made a motion for Option 3 – Build New Water Plant Utilizing Some Components of Existing Water Plant which died for lack of a second. After further discussion from several citizens a motion and second made by Councilmembers Robinson and Whitney respectively carried to accept the Interim Plan which Requires improvements to address the Administrative Order and Maintain Water Quality until a long term solution is completed with a roll call as follows:

Finlayson	No
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

#### Councilmembers Reports

District 1 – Councilman Finlayson will give his list to Mr. Guice.

District 2 – Councilman Robinson no report

District 3 – Councilman Sims – Albert Street by Rose Hill Church

District 4 – Councilman Day – Lot next to Patricia Gilbert house and pile in the ditch next to Ms. Ruby Mason

District 5 – Councilman Whitney – Ditch needs digging which is in the parish.

#### Mayor Hayden Report:

Expressed her thanks for the district meeting to the citizens in reference to the water option and McManus Company for attending most meeting. Thanked the Council for allowing Mr. Gerald Odom to come and assist the office with some paper work. Thanked the employees for all the hard work which is being done.

Motion and second to close the regular meeting and go into Executive Session was made by Councilmembers Robinson and Whitney respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes

Sims        Yes  
Day        Yes  
Whitney    Yes

After roll call Mayor Hayden made a statement that she will not be attending the Executive Sessions due to the fact the personnel matter that was to be discussed is under investigation. With that being said the Council decided not to enter Executive Sessions.

There being no further business to discuss a motion and second to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmembers Finlayson and Robinson respectively and carried unanimously

  
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Vanessa Stubblefield, Deputy City Clerk

  
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Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor