

Special Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
Thursday, December 19, 2019

**Meeting minutes compiled by Yvonne Lewis from video recording.*

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 5:30 P. M., in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City Hall.

Mayor Charles Finlayson called the special meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was held.

A roll-call vote is listed as follows:

Robinson	Absent
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Mayor Finlayson gave a quick review of the council room etiquette.

Mayor Finlayson asked that a description of the executive session legal matter be added into the record and state the case is Sheena Robinson, on behalf of Lamont Davis, Case # 18-08. Motion to add the information was given by Councilwoman Marjorie Day and seconded by Councilman Andrew Sims. A roll call vote passed unanimously.

Reading of Public Notice – Notice of Intent to Call and Election **MUST BE READ INTO THE MINUTES. DONE SO BY MAYOR FINLAYSON. The following is verbatim of Mayor Finlayson’s reading:**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CALL AN ELECTION

*Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 19.1 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, that the that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tallulah, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**") of the City of Tallulah, State of Louisiana (the "**City**") at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 23, 2020, at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 204 North Cedar Street, Tallulah, Louisiana, at 5:30 p.m., will discuss and consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to authorize the renewal, continuation and/or modification of existing property taxes of the City for the purposes of supporting certain municipal purposes, including but not limited to (i) improving public streets, roads and drainage facilities, and (ii) any lawful municipal purposes, and upon approval by the qualified voters therein, for such taxes to be levied thereafter. By City Council of the City of Tallulah, State of Louisiana. For announcement and publication in the official journal.*

Regarding the approval of a new water plant for the City of Tallulah, Mayor Finlayson advised that this matter had been tabled numerous times and that the City was in a position where it needed to act immediately. Motion to approve submitting an application to USDA for funding for a new water plant was made by Councilman Andrew Sims and seconded by Councilman Michael Whitney. Before the vote was taken, private citizen Antonio Wilson came before the council and asked specifically how the new water plant would be paid for. Mr. Wilson went on to say that the public wanted a detailed plan before the vote was taken. After back and forth exchange, the motion on the floor stood and a roll call vote was taken:

District 3 Yes
District 4 Yes
District 5 Yes

Motion to approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Finlayson to submit a loan application and accompanying documents to USDA-RD on behalf of the City of Tallulah for funding through the Water and Environmental Program Fund was made by Councilman Whitney and seconded by Councilman Sims. A roll call vote was taken:

District 3 Yes
District 4 Yes
District 5 Yes

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Councilman Whitney and seconded by Councilman Sims.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and Re-enter Special Council Meeting made by Councilman Whitney and seconded by Councilman Sims. A roll call vote was taken:

District 3 Yes
District 4 Yes
District 5 Yes

Motion to authorize action recommended in Executive Session with regard to Sheena Robinson, on behalf of Lamont Davis, Case #18-08, made by Councilman Sims and seconded by Councilwoman Day. A roll call vote was taken:

District 3 Yes
District 4 Yes
District 5 Yes

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Finlayson.

Attest:

December 19, 2019

Yvonne Lewis, Administrative Assistant

Charles Finlayson, Mayor