

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
January 23, 2020

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 5:30 P. M., in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City Hall.

Mayor Charles M. Finlayson 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:

Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Sgt. Robert Thompson presented the rules of order/etiquette that were to be observed during the council meeting.

Public Comment on the Agenda:

Freddie Carter, 315 Davis Street, Tallulah apologized to Ms Yvonne Lewis for the slander coming from Mr. Antonio Wilson from the last meeting.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the January 9th meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Robinson respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Sammie Guice was absent.

Water Operator Report:

There was no water report given due to the absence of Mr. Michael Goods.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Harold Allen reported everything was good with the Fire Department. Alvin Bagby questioned the fire at Complex Chemical and was told it was under control when the Tallulah Fire Department arrived.

Police Department:

Chief Buster McCoy requested an update on the Criminal Codes. He informed the council (1) That he'd received bids on the surplus items and was reviewing them; (2) Updated on plans to do renovation to the Police Dept. with the labor done by the inmates. Tori Thomas asked about the Leash Law.

Financial Report:

Ronald Shelby of Allen, Green and Williamson gave report on the first six months of the fiscal year for the City of Tallulah. Over all, all departments are within the budget. The City will have to amend the budget for this fiscal year. Question came from Alvin Bagby, 404 Chicago Street as to how much is the city's monthly expenses and where is the money being spent. Karl Williams 1006 Wyche Street, asked is there a basic budget for each department.

Motion and second to approve a Resolution Ordering and Calling A Special Election To Be Held By The City Of Tallulah, State Of Louisiana, To Authorize The Renewal Of The Levy And Collection Of Special Ad Valorem Taxes Therein; Making Application To The State Bond Commission And Providing For Other Matters In Connection Therewith were made by Councilmembers Day and Sims respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to approve a Resolution To Accept A Bid And Award A Contract To Integra Realty Resources For Completion Of A Feasibility And Market Study For The Tallulah Industrial Parkway Project were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Day respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to approve the Introduction of an Ordinance for Outdoor and Open Burning were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Day respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to enter a public hearing on An Ordinance Providing For The Levy Within the City Of Tallulah, Parish Of Madison, State Of Louisiana (The “City”), Effective April 1, 2020, Of A One-Half Of One Percent (.5%) Sales And Use Tax (The “Tax”) Upon The Sale At Retail, The Use, The Lease Or Rental, The Consumption, And The Storage For Use Or Consumption, Of Tangible Personal Property And Upon The Sale Of Services In Said City, Levying And Providing For The Assessment, Collection, Payment and Dedication Of The Proceeds Of Such Tax And The Purpose For Which The Proceeds Of The Tax May Be Expended, Such Tax having Been Authorized At A Special Election Held In The City On November 16, 2019 were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Robinson respectively carried with a roll call as follows:

Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to adjourn public hearing and re-enter the regular session were made by Councilmembers Day and Whitney respectively carried with a roll call as follows:

Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

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Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Finlayson gave an update on the water plant and stated the new pump had been installed. He also updated on the streets and said that the street department would continue to clean up as the weather permits.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmembers Day and Whitney respectively carried.

Vanessa Stubblefield, Deputy City Clerk

Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor