

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
January 09, 2020

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, January 09, 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:

Leketha Payne of 318 Wyche Street questioned item number 14 on the agenda and was told it would be addressed once it came up on the agenda.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting 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 minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Day respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

There was no quorum for the Special Meeting on December 30, 2019.

Update on District One Seat:

After concerns from several citizens in district one, Mayor Finlayson explained, due to the fact that no one was appointed within the twenty days by the city, it's now in the hands of the Governor. Papers have been submitted for Kevin Brooks and we are waiting on a response.

Section 8 Report:

In the absence of Ms. Merunda Brown, Mayor Finlayson expressed that there was nothing to report.

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Sammie Guice reported they are opening culverts, mowing, picking up paper, leaves and all debris in the ditches. Mr. Guice expressed they are doing the most with limited equipment.

Water Operator Report:

There was no water report given due to the absence of Mr. Michael Goods. Mayor Finlayson informed the council that the new pump was in.

Fire Chief's Report:

Fire Chief Harold Allen was absent.

Motion and second to table the appointment of Andrew Sims as Street Commissioner was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Robinson. A roll call vote followed:

Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Police Department:

Upon recommendation from Chief Buster McCoy a motion and second to hire Obadiah Moore and Briana Jones as full-time officers 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 approve a Resolution Authorizing New Name Signers on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Construction Account in Conjunction with the USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service Grant were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Sims 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 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 Day and Whitney respectively carried with a roll call as follows:

Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Councilmember reports:

All Council Members will turn in their report to Mayor Finlayson on Fridays and he will forward the list to the proper department.

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Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Finlayson gave an update on the water outage and thanked the citizens for all their understanding and cooperation.

Antonio Wilson talked about the Open Meeting Law and questioned Mayor Finlayson about the plan for the next two years for the Tallulah Water Plant.

Greg Smith & Afriena Dockery Stevenson talked about holes on several different streets to include Marion, Wyche, Tampa, Desoto and LaSalle to name a few.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Finlayson.

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Vanessa Stubblefield, Deputy City Clerk

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Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor