

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
September 12, 2019

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, September 12, 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 add to the agenda: United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Rural Utilities Service Grant Resolution was made by Councilmembers Finlayson and Day. 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 Robinson and Day. Followed by roll call:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

There were no comments on the agenda.

Motion and second to approve the resolution on United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Rural Utilities Service Grant Resolution was made by Councilmembers Finlayson and Day. Followed by roll call:

Finlayson	Yes
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Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to approve minutes of the August 22th meeting with the necessary correction to say the Council accepted the Interim Plan were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Robinson respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to approve Resolution to Levy Ad Valorem Taxes authorized for Tax Year 2019 were made by Councilmembers Day and Whitney respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

The Occupational License for Keona Johnson Kingdom Beautique was tabled until the September 26, 2019 meeting. Motion and second to approve occupational license for Warren Stewart – Kool Creations were made by Councilmembers Sims and Whitney respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Mayor gave a brief discussion about the need for a City Attorney and gave the Council a letter from Executive Director John Gallaher of LMA.

Mr. Goods reported they are beginning to perform fall maintenance, still looking for a Class 3 Operator and in the process of sending someone to school to become a licensed operator.

Mr. Sammie Guice was absent, therefore no Superintendent's Report was given.

Fire Chief Harold Allen was absent but Mayor Hayden asked for motion and second from the Council for the Fire Dept to get equipment that is needed for the training facility were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Day respectively carried with a roll call as follows:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to add a presentation to the agenda from Tifaney Harrington of Water Tree Monroe was made by Councilmembers Robinson and Day. Followed by roll call:

Finlayson	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Tifaney Harrington along with Antonio & Shlundria Bell gave a presentation on the benefits of Alkaline Antioxidant Water. The Water Tree is interested in setting up a store to sell good, clean healthy water by the gallon. Ms. Harrington briefed the audience on the chemical makeup of their water product and how water from the WaterTree could impact the health and vitality of consumers. Ms. Harrington expressed a willingness for Tallulah customers to bring a sample of their water to her facility for testing. She also said that she would be willing to return to Tallulah to given another presentation if necessary.

Councilmembers Reports

District 1 – Councilman Finlayson – Lots need mowing on Lillian, Ella and Johnson Street

District 2 – Councilman Robinson – Thanked the City for cutting the lots in his district

District 3 – Councilman Sims – Cut & Cleaned Arey St. & Mt Pibsy Church

District 4 – Councilman Day – Burned house on Sondheimer St. & Abandon Vehicle Ordinance

District 5 – Councilman Whitney – Lot on Holt Street by Zion Flower Church & around the corner

Mayor Hayden Report:

Expressed her thanks to all City Employees for a job well done. Expressed to the Council the need for more help to try and get the City cleaned. Informed the Council the application for the Interim Plan has been completed by McManus Company.

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

Finlayson	Yes
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Robinson Yes
Sims Yes
Day Yes
Whitney Yes

After roll call Mayor Hayden made a statement that she will not be attending the Executive Session due to the fact the personnel matter that was to be discussed is under investigation. After discussion by the council on whether to go into executive session or not, the Council decided not to enter Executive Session.

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

Vanessa Stubblefield, Deputy City Clerk

Gloria Owens Hayden, Mayor