

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
January 28, 2021

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 5:30 P. M., in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City Hall.

Mayor Charles M. Finlayson called the meeting to order, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and allowed time for silent prayer.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Mayor Finlayson asked for comments, if any, regarding items on the agenda, and there were none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Sims respectively and carried unanimously.

Merunda Brown, manager of the City's Section 8 Housing Program, presented her monthly report stating that the annual 2021 LHC-NAHRO Scholarship offering is now available for applicants. She noted that a city graduating senior last year was awarded \$5,000.00, the largest amount ever given to an applicant.

Police Chief, Buster McCoy discussed his search for good bullet-proof vests at best price and stated his preference to be Guidry's Uniforms, Lafayette, Louisiana for 10 vests at a cost of \$9,327.89. Chief McCoy also stated that he would apply for 50% reimbursement available from Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement's Bullet Proof Vest Program Grant. Motion and second to approve the purchase were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Councilmembers Whitney motioned for approval of a Resolution Supporting the Application of the City of Tallulah to the State of Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for the Purchase of a Dump Truck to Be Used in Conjunction with Street Repairs. Councilmember Sims seconded, and motion carried unanimously. The grant amount is \$50,000.00.

Councilmember Robinson motioned for approval of a Resolution Supporting the Application of the City of Tallulah to the State of Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) for the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) Funding Repairs to the Water Lime Silo System. Councilmember Day seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve a Resolution That Certifies the Providing of All Excess Funding Received through Grant Funds from the State of Louisiana toward the Construction of a New Water Well were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion to enter Public Hearing was made by Councilmember Sims with second from Councilmember Whitney which carried unanimously.

In Public Hearing, the topic of discussion was:

An Ordinance Establishing The Rate Structure For Tallulah Water Service And Providing For Other Matters Therewith.

Motion and second to adjourn Public Hearing and re-enter Regular Session were made by Councilmembers Sims and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Resulting from the Public Hearing, the City Council did not desire to go along with the particular water rate structure discussed, and no motion to approve the ordinance was made. Instead, Councilmember Robinson motioned that the City not accept the proposed water rate structure, thereby rejecting the ordinance. Councilmember Sims seconded, and a roll-call vote is listed as follows:


Scott	Nay
Robinson	Nay
Sims	Nay
Day	Nay
Whitney	Nay

Motion carried unanimously.

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



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor