

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
December 10, 2020

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, December 10, 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:

Scott	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Absent

There were no public comments on the agenda.

Mayor Finlayson allowed private citizen Freddie Carter to make a presentation of a birdhouse to E911 Director Mrs. Cynthia Machen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 Regular Meeting was made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Day. A roll-call voted followed:

Scott	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Absent

A motion to add Cinnamon Gooding of McManus Engineers to the agenda was made by Councilwoman Day and seconded by Councilman Sims. A roll call vote followed:

Scott	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Absent

Ms. Gooding gave an update on the status of the submittal of the application to USDA to rehab the current water plant. Ms. Gooding advised that the application had been submitted and after review by the state, additional information had been requested. The requested information has been submitted by McManus Engineers and we await final approval of the application.

Approval of an Occupational License for “Easy A Inc.,” was made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Sims. A roll call vote followed;

Scott	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Absent

The Occupational License for “Munchies 703 LLC” was omitted from the agenda. Code Enforcement Director Carlos Ford will alert the Council when the business is prepared to come back before the Council.

A motion to enter Public Hearing was made by Councilwoman Day and seconded by Councilman Sims. A roll call vote followed:

Scott	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Absent

A Public Hearing was held to discuss Ordinance “2020 Tallulah Nuisance Law.” Private Citizen Edward Maurice Ewell asked who will verify if the ordinance is broken and if a complaint is given will it be looked in to? He also gave the council information on what he said was repeat complaints about his property from an adjacent neighbor. Officer Fred Washington gave an update on the law and how the police department would respond to complaints, as well as letting the Council know the department was aware of Mr. Ewell’s issue. Code Enforcement Officer Carlos Ford provided information on Mr. Ewell’s issue and said that the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) had come out and that Mr. Ewell was in compliance. Private citizen Freddie Carter provided the council and Officer Washington with information on vehicles speeding on the streets and in the alley near his home. Councilman Robinson requested that the Tallulah Police Department regularly patrol the area near Mr. Carter’s home. Officer Washington said the department would continue to patrol the area.

A motion to exit the Public Hearing and Re-Enter Regular session was made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Sims. A roll call vote followed:

Scott	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Absent

A motion to approve the Ordinance “2020 City of Tallulah Nuisance Law” was made by Councilwoman Day and seconded by Councilman Robinson. A roll call vote followed:

Scott	Yea
Robinson	Yea
Sims	Yea
Day	Yea
Whitney	Absent

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

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Vanessa Stubblefield, Deputy City Clerk

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Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor