

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
October 08, 2020

A regular council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, October 08, 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	Present

There were no public comments on the agenda.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the September 24th Regular meeting with making the necessary correction were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Robinson respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Scott	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Mauricka McKenzie, Sr., President of Cornerstone Engineering, LLC gave a presentation to Mayor and Council about his company. Cornerstone Engineering is a civil engineering company specializing in construction management and geotechnical, structural and water resource engineering. The team has sixty plus years of experience. The team mostly works with water/waste water.

Motion and second to approve a Resolution to Levy the Ad Valorem Taxes Authorized for Tax Year 2020 for the City of Tallulah were made by Councilmembers Day and Whitney respectively carried with roll call as follows:

Scott	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Actions regarding approval of Occupational Licenses:

- a. Debra Whitney – Reading Rainbow Learning Center – Motion to approve the occupational license was made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Day. A roll call followed:

Scott	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Abstain

- b. Patrick Hall – Sllimms Fish & More – Motion to approve the occupational license was made by Councilman Sims and seconded by Councilman Robinson. A roll call followed:

Scott	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Section 8 Report:

Director, Merunda Brown - no new business to report, the program is following HUD guidelines for the COVID-19.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. David Day advised the council that the department was doing well and that they are continuing to patch holes in the roads, cleaning ditches and cutting grass.

Water Operator's Report:

In the absence of Mr. Goods, Ken McManus of McManus Engineering stated that a study on all components of the water plant needs to be done to see if they needed to be replaced or rebuilt. If the plant is remodeled all parts will be new. The ground storage tank as well as the elevated tank needs to be replaced. All pumps will be replaced. An estimated cost for a loan for forty year will be 7.8 million to rebuild the plant and 11.6 for a new plant. Councilmember Scott asked if a new well would still be needed, and the answer was yes, it was out for bids already. Antonio Wilson questioned would the rates increase and what is the plan to pay for the new plant. Mayor Finlayson asked all Council Members to meet with Ken McManus to discuss all questions/concerns they have.

Motion and second to enter Executive Session to discuss Threatened Litigation by Alfred McClodden was made by Councilmembers Day and Sims respectively carried with a roll call as follows:

Scott	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second to exit Executive Session and Re-Enter Regular Session was made by Councilmembers Robinson and Day respectively carried with a roll call as follows:

Scott	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

Motion and second given Atty. David Doughty the authorization to settle the issue with Alfred McClodden, was made by Councilmembers Robinson and Whitney respectively carried with a roll call as follows:

Scott	Yes
Robinson	Yes
Sims	Yes
Day	Yes
Whitney	Yes

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

Vanessa Stubblefield, Deputy City Clerk

Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor