

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
April 8, 2021

A regular council meeting was held on Thursday, April 8, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silent prayer was held.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Motion to amend the agenda to include a contract between the City and State regarding a CWF grant was made by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Whitney, and carried unanimously.

Public comments on the agenda consisted of citizen Arthur Lee stating that he would like to address an area of concern regarding horses within city limits on University Street. Mayor Finlayson responded stating that the issue would be investigated by himself and Police Chief McCoy.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Scott respectively and carried. Councilmember Robinson abstained due to his absence from the meeting.

Motion to select a Budget Committee in preparations for the upcoming 2021/2022 annual budgeting process was made by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, and carried unanimously. Councilmembers selected were Scott and Sims. The Budget Committee will consist of the two councilmembers, Mayor Finlayson, and City Clerk Gerald Odom.

Section 8 administrator, Merunda Brown, gave a monthly report on Section 8 activities and the positive effects of the CARES Act (Corona Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) on the program. She asked approval from the Council to establish a program logo and mission statement as well as a website. Approval of her request was granted by the Council.

Mayor Finlayson called attention to the Community Water Enrichment Fund contract granting a \$50,000 State grant to the City and asked for approval from the Council to sign on behalf of the City. Subsequent motion for approval was made by Councilmember Whitney, seconded by Councilmember Day, and carried unanimously. The grant proceeds will be used for water well improvements.

In other business, Councilmember Scott asked Mayor Finlayson for an update on sewer Lift Station #1 located on Bayou Drive. Mayor Finlayson responded stating that the pump station cleaning process had begun, and that two new pumps should be installed within the upcoming week.

Councilmember Whitney announced that his Church, St. John on Florida Street gives free food to the public on every third Saturday. He also expressed his appreciation to City Superintendent, Sammie Guice and Dew Construction for their efforts in alleviating a problem on Walnut Street.

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

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor