

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
August 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, August 12, 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 allowed a moment of silent prayer.

A roll call is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Mayor Finlayson presented an overview of street work to commence in the near future and named several streets scheduled for partial pavement and repair.

Mayor Finlayson asked that the agenda be amended to include notification of availability of grant funds for parks and recreation for municipalities in Louisiana. Motion and second to amend the agenda were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Whitney respectively and carried unanimously.

Mayor Finlayson stated that the grant funds would be competitive, and that the City planned to enter an application along with the Parish. The two applications would go a long way in upgrading park and recreation facilities for the area.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the July 22, 2021, meeting were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Robinson respectively and carried unanimously.

Police Chief Buster McCoy informed the Council that he had promoted Patrolman Fred Washington, Jr., to the position of Assistant Police Chief and asked for approval of the promotion from the Council. Subsequent motion and second to approve the promotion of Patrolman Fred Washington, Jr. to Assistant Police Chief were made by Councilmembers Robinson and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

As a prerequisite to the city financial audit scheduled to commence on November 1, 2021, the Council approved the required Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. City Clerk Gerald Odom explained that the questionnaire would be a tool used by auditors to ascertain effectiveness and overall compliance of City finances as approved by the Louisiana State Legislature. Subsequent motion and second to approve the questionnaire were made by Councilmembers Sims and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

John Sutherlin, Ph.D., CAID Group, presented information concerning how his group has partnered with LDEQ to bring about grants to municipal areas of environmental deficiencies and restoring those areas to functioning developments for future commerce. Dr. Sutherlin asked for permission to complete an application to LDEQ at no cost to the City for funds to restore certain areas within the City for functional use and business development. Motion and second to approve the filing of such an application to LDEQ at no cost to the City were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Sims respectively and carried unanimously.

Ms. Kelly Gowins, Disabled Veteran Outreach Program, made a presentation explaining the value of the program to disabled or displaced military veterans. She expressed the need to find such veterans in the area and called upon the public to help locate them for rehabilitation services including housing and job training.

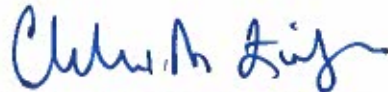
Representing Graves Services, Inc., Mr. Ricky King explained his nonprofit organization's purpose to help provide low-income housing and/or home rehabilitation through low rate loans or grants. He encouraged city participation in providing likely candidates who might make use of his services.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on motion and second from Councilmembers Sims and Robinson respectively which carried unanimously.

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor