

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
July 26, 2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Tuesday, July 26, 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 time for silent prayer.

A councilmember roll call is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Public comments from the agenda consisted of a list of five items that Councilmember Wells had requested be added to the agenda. Mayor Finlayson read the five requests and asked for a single vote to put the five items into one vote for approval by the Council. Motion and second to that effect were made by Councilmembers Houston and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the July 14, 2022, were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively, and a roll call vote is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried.

The letter from Councilmember Wells for amending the agenda consisted of the following suggestions:

- 1) Entering a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Police Jury to cut grass, repair streets and clean up dilapidated properties;
- 2) Add a public comment section to the agenda to give citizens an opportunity to voice their concerns about issues that they need addressed;
- 3) Speed bumps installed in the Bloom-Elm Street Village Complex;

- 4) Pass out agendas at least two days prior to the meeting for council members to view prior to the meeting; and
- 5) Requesting a copy of the Contractual Agreement with the Police Jury concerning the Burnside Driver Project.

The issues were opened to the public for participation, comments as well as suggestions. An agreeable discussion ensued and with favor to the five items. Participants included Councilmember Wells, other members of the Council, Mayor Finlayson, Fire Chief Harold Allen, Mr. Alvin Bagley, Mr. Thomas Mitchell, Stan Livingston, Gerald Odom, and contractor Ken McManus.

Mr. McManus gave a timeline regarding the start of water plant rehabilitation and stated that engineers will hopefully be sending out bids by early to late Autumn.

Mr. Mitchell handed out a letter he authored to the Council, Mayor, and City Clerk with suggestions as to how the Council should govern the public plus comments on current practices. He asked that each recipient read the letter and return to him a response within two weeks.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by motion and second of Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor