

City of Tallulah  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022, 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 roll call of Councilmembers listed as follows:

Scott	Absent
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Mayor Finlayson allowed time for comments from the public regarding items listed on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the July 26, 2022, meeting were made by Councilmembers Houston and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Houston moved for approval of the occupational license application of Joe E. Cooper, dba Tallulah Foods, with second from Councilmember Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the occupational license of Derrion Crayton, dba Crayton Creations, was made by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Wells, and carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve the occupational license application of Jerry Day, dba Mary's Soul Food Cafe', were made by Councilmembers Wells and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Section 8 Administrator briefed the Mayor and Council requesting employment verification along with the standard screening process. The addition would cost \$7.50 per adult but would significantly reduce time in completing the registration process. Subsequent motion and second to approve the new charge were made by Councilmembers Day and Harris respectively and carried unanimously.

In considering the approval of a contract between the City of Tallulah and Allen, Green, and Williamson, LLP, Councilmember Wells noted some statements he felt needed clarification and suggested the matter be tabled until the clarification could be received. Motion and second to that effect were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Mayor Finlayson in his report (1) spoke of the new water well that is almost ready for use soon with a capacity of one thousand gallons per minute. Councilmember Wells spoke up with the issue of a fire hydrant lying on the ground. Fire Chief Harold Allen explained that the fire hydrant was being replaced and thus was lying on the ground.

(2) A used fire truck pumper has recently been purchased for about \$85,000 and added to a refinanced note of the newest fire truck to be paid off in nine years.

(3) Governor John Bel Edwards has approved a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) in the amount of \$800,000 for reconstruction of a portion of Tank Street, a portion of University Street, and a portion of Florida Street.

(4) A meeting will be held in the next few days concerning the idea of placing speed bumps on a portion of Elm Street or the consideration of any other alternative.

A brief period of citizens comments not to exceed three minutes was held at the end of the meeting.

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

Attest:

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Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

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Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor