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Office of the Mayor

City of Tallulah
Regular Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 13, 2022
5:30 P.M., City Hall

Charles M. Finlayson
Mayor
Joseph Scott
District 1
Lisa Houston
District 2
Carla Turner-Harris
District 3
Marjorie Day
District 4
Toriano Wells
District 5

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
3. Roll-Call
4. Public Comments on the Agenda
5. Approve Minutes of the September 22, 2022, Regular Meeting
6. Introduce An Ordinance De-Annexing And Reducing The Corporate Limits Of The City Of Tallulah Louisiana Pursuant To R.S. 33:171 Et Seq., And The Assent Of The Property Owners And Included Within The Corporate Limits, Said Properties Being Within The Existing Boundaries Of The City Of Tallulah, Louisiana And Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith
7. Discussion of Annexation:
 - a. Kelly's Apartments
 - b. Madison Parish Hospital
 - c. Madison Parish Health Unit
 - d. Chester Drive
8. Adjourn

Special Accommodations

Any person needing reasonable accommodations to attend a public meeting held by the Tallulah City Council should contact Gerald Odom at 318-574-0964 three (3) days prior to the meeting date. If further information is needed, please contact Mr. Odom at the number listed above.

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Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
September 22, 2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, September 22, 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 a moment of silent prayer.

A roll call of Councilmembers is shown in the following:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

An amount of time was given for any public comments regarding items listed on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the September 8, 2022, regular meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Harris respectively and carried unanimously.

An occupational license request submitted for approval by Ronald Johnwell, Jr., was tabled due to his absence.

Motion to approve the occupational license application of Sonya Blanson, dba "Rox'Z Creations" was made by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Harris, and carried unanimously.

In a discussion of the property tax levy for 2022, City Clerk Gerald Odom explained the formula used in determining the annual tax levy once voter approval has occurred. He explained that one mill is valued at about \$18,500, and that the City has a currently approved a levy of about 30.24 mills, amounting to about \$560,000 for the year of which general fund operations receive the most, and the Street Fund receives about 148,000 or about 8 mills.

Subsequent motion to approve a Resolution To Levy The AD Valorem Taxes Authorized For Tax Year 2022 For The City of Tallulah, Louisiana was made by Council Member Houston and seconded by Councilmember Day. A roll call vote is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea

Wells Nay

Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Yvonne Lewis presented an overview of the steps involved in the sale of adjudicated properties of the City. About 12 steps are required she explained, and then the ordinance procedures must be brought into effect prior to the sale of the property.

At this juncture, the public was given time for comments on topics of interest. Mrs. Berteal Rogers brought to the Council the idea of the Parish and the City working together in expending the resources to clean up the City. She requested that she be named the Committee Chairperson to head up the planning, organizing, directing, etc.

Subsequent motion to name Mrs. Berteal Rogers as the Chairperson of the Committee to clean up the City were made by Councilmembers Day and Harris respectively and a roll call vote is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Yea

Motion carried.

Other topics emerged in the comments which ranged from city clean-up to city boundaries, annexations, and the selling of adjudicated properties.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilmember Harris, second by Councilmember Houston, and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF TALLULAH

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE DE-ANNEXING AND REDUCING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TALLULAH, LOUISIANA PURSUANT TO R.S. 33:171 ET SEQ., AND THE ASSENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND INCLUDED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS, SAID PROPERTIES BEING WITHIN THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TALLULAH, LOUISIANA AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 33:171 et seq., as amended, provides for the de-annexation of property from the corporate limits of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Councilman of the City of Tallulah, declare it is in the best interest of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana, to de-annex from the corporate limits of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana, at property described as Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE,

Section 1. **BE ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Councilman of the City of Tallulah, in legal session convened, that the properties owned by Roosevelt J. Washington and Terry A. Washington, as described on the attached Exhibit "A", which exhibit is hereby adopted by reference as though set forth in full, said properties being within the existing boundaries of the corporate limits of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana, be and are hereby de-annexed from the corporate limits of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, a request/petition has been presented by the Washingtons to the Mayor and City Councilman of the City of Tallulah, for the de-annexation from the municipal corporate limits of the City of Tallulah, of certain immovable property/tracts of land within the existing municipal corporate limits of the City of Tallulah, said immovable property owned by Roosevelt J. Washington and Terry A. Washington, and said request complies with the assent of a majority of the registered voters and a majority in number of the resident property owners as well as twenty-five (25%) percent in value of the property of the resident property owners within the area described below:

A CERTAIN TRACT LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, containing 43.176 acres of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights,

ways, privileges, servitudes, thereunto belonging, being situated in Section 35, Township 17 North, Range 12 East, Madison Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described and designated as PARCEL "B" on a map by Lazenby & Associates, Inc., dated May 21, 1999, certified by Foy B. Gadberry, PLS, entitled "Boundary Survey of Eight Parcels of Land Situated in Section 35, T-17-N, R-12-E, Madison Parish, Louisiana", which map was recorded on May 25, 1999 in Conveyance Book 192, Folio 213, Entry No. 98851, official records in office of the Clerk of Court of Madison Parish, Louisiana, having such measurements as are shown on said map and being more particularly described according to such map as follows to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 80 where it intersects the section line common to Sections 35 and 36, proceed N 62°20'00"W along the south right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 80, a distance of 437.72 feet; Thence S27°01'01"W, a distance of 168.75 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the northwest having a radius of 196.16 feet and a central angle of 81°49'35" and being subtended by a chord which bears S 65°55'00"W-256.94 feet; thence southwesterly and westerly along said curve, a distance of 280.15 feet; thence N 67°59'58"W, a distance of 28.07 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the south having a radius of 44.57 feet and a central angle of 45°24'02" and being subtended by a chord which bears S 86°18'39"W – 34.40 feet; thence westerly and southwesterly along said curve, a distance of 35.31 feet, to a point on a curve, said curve concave to the southeast having a radius of 113.40 feet and a central angle of 20°21'01" and being subtended by a chord which bears S 42°36'10" -40.07 feet; thence, southwesterly along said curve a distance of 40.28 feet; thence S 30°18'50"W, a distance of 295.38 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the northwest having a radius of 115.80 feet and a central angle of 56°14'06" and being subtended by a chord which bears S 59°45'58"W – 109.15 feet; thence southwesterly and westerly along said curve a distance of 113.66 feet; thence S 87°19'07"W, a distance of 160.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 09°20'09" W, a distance of 415.15 feet to the northern right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Railroad, thence N 80°45'00"W, along the Illinois Central Railroad right-of-way a distance of 1,986.72 feet to a point monumented by a 2" iron rebar; thence N 00°00'00" E, a distance of 919.21 feet to a point on the southeasterly top bank of Panola Bayou; Thence N 53°17'49"E, a distance of 574.20 feet; thence N 47°00'00"E, a distance of 190.95 feet along the southeasterly top bank of said Bayou; thence S 43°00'00"E, a distance of 309.00 feet thence N 42°51'33"E, a distance of 143.37 feet; thence N 45°17'20"E, a distance of 327.66 feet to the southern right of way line of U.S. Highway 80; thence N 27°40'00" E along the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 80, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point monumented by a 2" iron pipe with railroad iron; thence S 62°20'00"E along the right of way of U.S. Highway 80, a distance of 89.60 feet; thence S 25°52'50"W, a distance of 539.89 feet; thence S 64°07'10"E, a distance of 473.29 feet; thence S 25°52'50"W, a distance of 862.95 feet; thence N 87° 19'07" E- 967.46 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; and containing 43.176 acres more or less, and being subject to all rights-of-way, easements and servitudes of record and/or of use.

Section 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Councilman of the City of Tallulah, that a description of the property de-annexation from corporate limits of the City of Tallulah, inclusive of the above described and annexed territory shall be recorded by the Clerk of Court, Parish of Madison, Louisiana, in the conveyance records of said parish with ten (10) days from the adoption hereof.

Section 3: BE IT FURTHERED ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Councilman of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana, that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Councilman of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the above ordinance was read and considered by section at a public meeting of the Mayor and City Councilman, on the _____ day of October, 2022, voted on by ye or nay vote, passed and adopted, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST: APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

**GERALD ODOM, CITY CLERK
CITY OF TALLULAH
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**CHARLES FINLAYSON, MAYOR
CITY OF TALLULAH
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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August 26, 2022

The Honorable Charles M. Finlayson
Mayor, City of Tallulah
204 North Cedar Street
Tallulah, Louisiana 71282

Dear Mayor Finlayson:

I am happy to inform you that I have approved the FY 2021 CARES-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Program application for the City of Tallulah in an amount up to \$400,000. The City of Tallulah proposes to make repairs and improvements to Tallulah Fairgrounds Park and Tallulah City Park, which will include ADA inclusive playground equipment, fitness equipment, and a concrete walking path. These improvements will promote outdoor activities while maintaining social distancing in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

An authorization to incur costs letter will be forthcoming. Costs cannot be incurred prior to receipt of this authorization.

Congratulations, and I wish you every success in implementing your project. If you have any questions relative to the CDBG-CV requirements, please do not hesitate to call Traci Watts at (225) 342-7412.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor

JBE:kg

cc: Jay Dardenne, Commissioner of Administration
The Honorable Katrina R. Jackson, State Senator
The Honorable C. Travis Johnson, State Representative
Desireé Honoré Thomas, CPA, CGMA, Assistant Commissioner, Statewide Services
Traci Watts, Director, LCDBG Program