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Office of the Mayor
Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 10, 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 October 27, 2022, Regular Meeting
6. Declare Surplus:
 - a. 2008 Ford F-150 VIN 1FTR122X8KE65993
 - b. 2008 Dodge Ram VIN 1DHU18N58J178480
 - c. 2003 Chevrolet Silverado VIN IGCEC14X03Z2555757
 - d. 2005 Ford F-150 IFTRF12W05N822803
7. Approve A Resolution To Use The Previously Adopted Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan adopted on August 25, 2022, for the CDBG-CV "Love Louisiana Outdoors" Grant
8. 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
9. Public Comments (please limit to three {3} minutes)
10. 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
October 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, October 27, 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 for a moment of silent prayer.

A roll call of Council Members is shown as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Motion and second to amend the agenda to include comments from Ms. Bertel Rogers outlining plans for the city clean-up were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively and carried unanimously. Ms. Rogers stated that the city clean-up would tentatively be held on November 7th through November 19th, and that the City and Parish will combine resources needed for a successful clean-up. Additional dumpsters will be placed in strategic locations throughout the City.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the October 13, 2022, meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Harris respectively and carried unanimously.

Douglas Mitchell, planner of the City's 2020 decennial census redistricting, was on hand to discuss district boundaries of the City. Mr. Mitchell pointed out that the official map of the city is the Census Bureau version and as of now cannot be changed. Changes will have to be made during the next decennial census. However, the City should make the necessary effort to clarify the actual boundaries of the City so that districts can be drawn correctly. In the meantime, it should be determined that the Voter Registration Office has the correct boundaries in order to properly place call city voters.

Councilmember Houston moved for approval of A Resolution Authorizing the City of Tallulah through It's Mayor to Make Application for the FY 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program (LCDBG) for a Grant in Order to Make Improvements to the City Streets, (Chester, Tampa and Elm). Councilmember Day seconded, and motion carried unanimously. Consultant, Robert Waxman, Waxmans III, gave a brief explanation of plans for the improvement and answered questions from the Council.

Councilmember Houston moved for approval of A Resolution for the City of Tallulah to Submit an Application to State Capital Outlay for Emergency Production, Transmission and Treatment. Councilmember Day seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Day moved for approval of A Resolution for the City of Tallulah to Submit an Application to State Capital Outlay for Fire Station Planning and Construction. Fire Chief Harold Allen briefed the Council on the needs for an updated fire station that would much better serve the needs of the people. Councilmember Harris seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Houston moved for approval of A Resolution Supporting the Application of the City of Tallulah to the State of Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for the Purchase of Fire Equipment for the Tallulah Fire Department. Councilmember Harris seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Houston moved for approval of A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Charles Finlayson or a Representative in His Absence Signatory Authority and Authority to Perform All Duties and Administration of the Delta Regional Authority Award for FY 2022. Councilmember Harris seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wells moved for declaring the aluminum piping adjacent to the sewer treatment plant as surplus and for sale to the highest bidder. Councilmember Harris seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wells called for a forensic audit of the City stating his skepticism of some of the City's procedures and finances. The proposal was discussed by the Council, and no action was taken

A brief time was allowed for public comment, and a few comments were made by various members of the audience.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively 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 yea 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

Resolution _____

WHEREAS, The City of Tallulah has received conditional approval of a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant – Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) for fiscal year 2021 for the “Love Louisiana Outdoors” Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the grant requires for the adoption of an Anti Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Tallulah City Council previously adopted an Anti Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan at its August 25, 2022 Council meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tallulah City Council’s previously adopted Anti Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, adopted on August 25, 2022, shall remain in effect and will be used also for the CDBG-CV “Love Louisiana Outdoors” Grant.

Yeas _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

ATTEST

Gerald Odom, City Clerk

Charles Finlayson, Mayor

RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION
ASSISTANCE PLAN


WHEREAS, the City of Tallulah has received approval of a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for fiscal year FY-2022 and

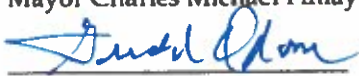
WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by Resolution a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Tallulah hereby adopts the attached Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

THUS DONE this 25th day of August, 2022, legal session in the City of Tallulah, Parish of Madison and State of Louisiana.

ATTEST:



Mayor Charles Michael Finlayson


Gerald Odom, City Clerk

City of Tallulah

**RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION
ASSISTANCE PLAN UNDER SECTION 104(d) OF THE HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED**

The City of Tallulah will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income housing as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended as described in 24 CFR 570.606 (b)(1). The City of Tallulah Antidisplacement contact person is Gerald Odom, City Clerk who can be reached at (318) 574-0964.

All replacement housing will be provided within three years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion. Before obligating or expending funds that directly result in such demolition or conversion, the City of Tallulah will notify the public and submit to the Division of Administration the following information in writing:

1. A description of the proposed assisted activity;
2. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than low/moderate income dwelling units as a directly result of the assisted activity;
3. A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
4. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
5. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units; and
6. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain in a low/moderate income unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy.

City of Tallulah will provide relocation assistance, as described in 570.606(b) (2), to each low/moderate income household displaced by the demolition of housing or by the conversion of a low/moderate income dwelling to another use as a direct result of assisted activities.

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, the City of Tallulah will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes;

1. All public facilities projects (water, sewer, gas, etc.) will be designed so that there will be no displacement of any residence or businesses;
2. No homes will be demolished that can be rehabilitated; and
3. There will be no displacement of any residential or business occupants on LCDBG projects.

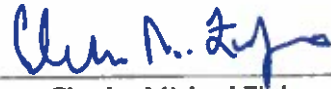
City of Tallulah

RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION
ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION

The City of Tallulah hereby certifies that it is following a residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance plan and that it will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as required under S570.606(a) and HUD implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 42; the requirements in S570.606(b) governing the residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the relocation requirements of s505.606(c) governing displacement subject to Section 104(d) of the Act; and the relocation requirements of 505.606(d) governing optional relocation assistance under Section 105(a)(11) of the Act.

08/25/2022

DATE



Mayor Charles Michael Finlayson