

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. Berteal 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

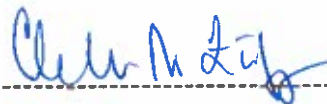
A brief time was allowed for public comment, and a few comments were made by various members of the audience.

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