

Regular Council Meeting
December 8, 2022
City of Tallulah

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Meeting Chamber of Tallulah City Hall

Mayor Charles M. Michael called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and allowed time for silent prayer.

A roll call of Council Members is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Time was allowed for citizen comments from the public regarding items listed on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting were made by Councilmembers Houston and Wells respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, document to be completed for the City's financial audit, was made by Councilmember Scott, seconded by Councilmember Houston, and a roll call vote is shown in the following:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried. It was decided that in the future, such documents would be made available to the Council on a timely basis allowing more time for personal review.

Councilmember Wells moved for approval of the occupational license submitted by Ms. Shemeka Amin, with second from Councilmember Houston. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer, Larry Walters, Institute for Building Technology and Safety, (IBTS) gave an explanation of a possible services agreement of IBTS with the City regarding inspections of new and old structures, etc at no cost to the City. Fees will be passed on the clients. Mayor Finlayson stated that the City would soon be selecting such services from a credentialed, dependable company.

City Attorney David Doughty briefed the Council on the latest updates regarding legal boundaries of the City. He stated that he had met with Messenger Survey, Inc., as well as Douglas Mitchell, Northeast Delta. They determined that there are discrepancies, and that a detailed report will hopefully be available for Council review the second meeting in January, 2023.

Motion and second to enter Public Hearing were made by Councilmembers Houston and Harris respectively and carried unanimously.

In Public Hearing, the topic of discussion was: 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.

Motion and second to adjourn Public Hearing and re-enter Regular Session were made by Councilmember Houston and Wells respectively and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Houston moved that approval of the ordinance be tabled due to possible extenuating circumstances as well as clarity on uses of the land by the owner regarding laws governing properties within city limits. Motion and second to table the ordinance were made by Councilmembers Houston and Harris respectively, and a roll call is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Nay
Wells	Nay

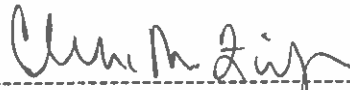
Following the functions of the Council, a brief period was made available for citizens to comment on item of their choice with a three-minute limit. However, most comments were relegated to the de-annexing ordinance.

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

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor