

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
January 26, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, January 23, 2023, 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 Council Members is shown as followings:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	(late arrival)
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Mayor Finlayson opened the meeting for public comments regarding any items on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the January 12, 2023, meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Section 8 Executive Director Merunda Brown appeared before the Council and asked for the approval of 2023 participant income limits, fair market rents and administrative fee rates. Councilmember Wells was not satisfied with information given and suggested tabling action for further clarity.

Subsequent motion and second to table the Section 8 requests for further clarity were made by Councilmember Wells, seconded by Councilmember Houston, and carried unanimously.

Larry Walker, CBO, CFM, ICC Certified Building Official and Flood Plain Manager, gave a briefing of the services he could produce for the City including ensuring that building requirements and regulations are reviewed on a timely basis, and that changes are documented for clarity and historical value. He presented a contract between the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) and the City of Tallulah and requested approval of the Council. Motion and second to approve the contract with IBTS were made by Councilmembers Day and Scott and carried unanimously.

Bond Attorney Bill Boles addressed the Mayor and Council on the processes to be completed now that the water rehabilitation system is soon to be under way. Attorney Boles stated that financing agency USDA had already put forth instruction for choosing an interim bank. The loan in question is for \$4,050,000. He added that in the near future, the Council will approve the introduction of

the USDA and City of Tallulah loan agreement ordinance. Total cost of the plant complete rehabilitation will in in excess of \$7,800,000.

At this juncture, Councilmember Wells stated that the City should have a personnel grievance policy in place for disaffected employees, etc. He motioned that the City Attorney draw up a grievance policy for the City. Motion and second to approve the motion were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston and carried unanimously.

City Clerk Gerald Odom presented a financial review of the first four months (July 1 thru November 30) of the current fiscal year. He described the City as being in sound financial condition and stated that revenues exceed financial forecast by \$81,000, and that total expenses for General Fund were \$51,000 below budget thus far. If this pattern should hold up, the City can expect a modest surplus for the year, he said.

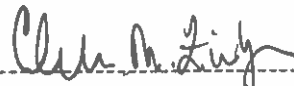
During the public comment session, issues arose such as Tallulah Housing Authority, its relationship with the City, and its management company.

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

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor