

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
February 23, 2023

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, February 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 listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Absent
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Time was allowed for members of the public to make comments regarding items on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes, with corrections, of the February 15, 2023, meeting were made by Councilmembers Houston and Harris respectively and carried unanimously.

City Clerk Gerald Odom presented a financial overview of General Fund operations through December 31, 2022, and halfway through the current fiscal year. He explained that all departments were slightly over budget for the six-month period but well within compliance of five percent. With a six-month budget of \$1,445,000, the City's actual expenses totaled \$1,477,000. However, budgeted revenues of \$1,300,000 were eclipsed by a favorable total of \$1,618,000 for the six-month period.

Section 8 Administrator Merunda Brown reported on-going activities of the program and requested the approval of a number of measures as specified by HUD dealing with housing voucher amounts, rent guidelines, participant income maximum, fee rate adjustments, and utility allowance schedules. Subsequent motion to approve the guidelines was made by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Wells and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wells called attention to a listed expense in the current audit report which listed "Culture and Recreation" in the annual amount of \$112,000. He felt the amount was overstated and requested more clarity. Councilmember Houston requested that the City Clerk furnish a listing of all recreational expenses that comprised the \$112,000. The listing was furnished to all council members, and it consisted of expenses of \$112,000 concerning operations of the community center and tourism fund described by auditors as Culture and Recreation expense.

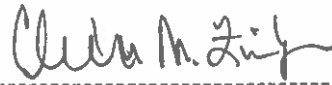
During the comment period, Stan Livingston spoke to the Council and stated that he could put together a recreational program for the City at no cost to the tax payers. He noted that volunteers would be needed, but that he already knew of some who had volunteered.

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

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor