

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
March 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, March 9, 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 follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
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 23, 2023 meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the occupational license of Brian Giles, dba One Stop Enterprises, LLC, were made by Councilmembers Wells and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Houston moved for approval of the occupational license of Kinvette Bingham for a retail store with second from Councilmember Harris. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Scott moved for the introduction of An Ordinance Providing for the Incurring of Debt and Issuance of Four Million Sixty-five Dollars (\$4,065,000) of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023, of the City of Tallulah, State of Louisiana, Prescribing the Form, Terms and Conditions of Said Notes, Designating the Date, Denomination, and Place of Payment of Said Notes; Providing for the Payment Thereof in Principal and Interest, Providing for the Acceptance of An Offer for the Purchase of Said Notes, and Providing for other Matters in Connection Therewith. Councilmember Day seconded, and a roll call vote is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried. Prior to the vote, the City's bond attorney, William Boles, presented an explanation of steps involved as well as general information regarding the process of municipal indebtedness. Cross Keys Bank located in the City will be the interim source of the loan for about two years at which time it will be transferred to USDA for life of the loan.

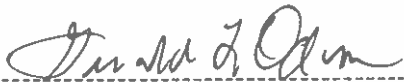
A discussion concerning the financial audit term, "Culture and Recreation" expense occurred with comments and suggestions from the Council and members of the public about the issue and the need for recreation.

Councilmember Wells expressed concern regarding discrepancies in the city map especially where Kelly's Apartments and the new hospital are concerned. City attorney Doughty gave a report on his conversation with the Messenger Company that produced the map, and they will be working on correcting it boundary-wise.

A period of time was allowed for comments or suggestions from the public, and there were several comments made including the subject of financing the proposed water plant rehabilitation.

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