

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
May 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, May 11, 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 for a moment of silent prayer.

A roll call of Councilmembers is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

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

Councilmember Wells motioned to table the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting because the three Letters of Engagement were not approved. The motion died for lack of a second, and motion by Day, second by Harris, that the minutes be approved with corrections is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning Madison Pointe Apartments, LLC and the relationship between it and Tallulah Housing Authority. On hand to explain Madison Pointe's current ownership was Mr. Archie Jones, CEO, Gemini Real Estate Holdings, Inc., Metairie, Louisiana. He stated that Tallulah Housing Authority was involved in the construction of Madison Pointe, Inc., and after that, ownership was transferred to Bridgewater Development, Inc., and a small percentage to Tallulah Housing Authority. Mr. Jones noted that he collected the rents and paid all the bills of the apartment complex. An old bank account amounting to about \$34,000.00 in Cross Keys bank was discussed regarding its origin and uses. The account has been dormant for several years. It was recommended by City Attorney David Doughty that a new board should be appointed for Tallulah Housing Authority.

Mayor Preston Walker, Village of Richmond, appeared before the Council and discussed the desire to have the City of Tallulah institute Richmond's sewer billing each month along with the water

billing done by the City of Tallulah. He called for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the Village of Richmond and the City of Tallulah. After discussion, motion by Councilmember Day and second by Councilmember Scott, a roll call vote is shown as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Abstain
Harris	Abstain
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion did not carry.

Approval of a Notice of Intent to Call an Election was tabled upon motion by Councilmember Wells and second by Councilmember Day which carried unanimously.

For a second time, six new City Policies were placed on the agenda for approval, but the Council, especially Councilmember Wells, was not satisfied with the stated policies, so it was decided to table all of them until further clarity and legality was known. Subsequent motion to table the policies was made by Councilmember Wells, seconded by Councilmember Harris, and carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding budget committee plans, and City Clerk Gerald Odom stated he would soon be ready to have a meeting with the committee.

In closing, several issues were mentioned mostly related to Tallulah Housing Authority, Martin Luther King Apartments as well as Madison Pointe Apartments.

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

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor