

City of Tallulah
Regular Council Meeting
May 25, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Room Chamber of Tallulah City Hall.

Mayor Charles Finlayson called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and allowed for a moment of silent prayer.

A roll call of Council Members is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

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

Motion and second to table minutes of the May 11, 2023, meeting, were made by Councilmembers Wells and Harris respectively and carried unanimously.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the special meeting of May 16, 2023 were made by Councilmembers Houston and Day respectively, and a roll call vote is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried.

Police Chief Buster McCoy, in honor of the late police officer, Leroy "Tank" Williams, presented his wife, KuBrickie Williams with a beautiful flower bouquet. It was on May 4, 1995, that Officer Williams was taken down in the line of duty, and each year the City pays tribute to Officer Williams in observance of National Police Week.

On the agenda, the periodic Section 8 Report was listed as "no report" because there was no new news to report according to Ms. MaRunda Brown, administrator. However, Councilmember Wells suggested she appear before the Council for any questions the board might have. At the Mayor's request, she did appear and gave answers to questions asked.

Councilmember Day moved for approval of six city policies to aid in City actions and decisions. However, one policy was held up on approval as a requested Attorney General's opinion is being anticipated soon. The six policies are:

- 1) Ethics Policy
- 2) Information Technology/Business Continuity Policy
- 3) Collections Policy
- 4) Surety Bond/Theft Policy
- 5) Sexual Harassment Policy
- 6) Debt Management Policy

Councilmember Harris seconded, and motion to approve the policies carried unanimously.

Motion and second to table the Louisiana Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit, DEQ of Louisiana, was made by Councilmember Houston, seconded by Councilmember Harris, and carried unanimously. The audit reveals the strengths and weaknesses of the City's sewer treatment plant, and Councilmember Wells noted that a corrective actions resolution was not included in the audit prompting the vote to table.

Some points brought up in the public comment period were:

Mr. Alvin Bagby: With an election approaching, when will the City get its boundaries corrected?

Ms. Michell Williams: Dispense with disturbing meetings and let's get together and work together.

Mr. Elbert Walker: Tone down council meetings, and perhaps we should think of televising them.

The lot across from 1106 Mississippi Street needs to be cleaned up and grass cut.

Councilmember Wells: Asked for council approval of City Attorney Doughty to author a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Tallulah and Madison Parish Police Jury to combine efforts and clean up the City.

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

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor