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## Office of the Mayor

City of Tallulah  
Regular Council Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, February 8, 2024  
5:30 P.M., City Hall

**Charles M. Finlayson**  
Mayor  
**Joseph Scott**  
District 1  
**Lisa Houston**  
District 2  
**Carla Turner-Harris**  
District 3  
**Marjorie Day**  
District 4  
**Toriano Wells**  
District 5

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
3. Roll-Call
4. Public Comments on the Agenda
5. Approve Minutes of the January 25, 2024, Regular Meeting
6. Presentation of FY 22/23 Audit by John Murray of LaPorte CPAs and Business Advisors
7. Mayor's Report
  - a. Water Update
8. Public Comments

### Special Accommodations

*Any person needing reasonable accommodations to attend a public meeting held by the Tallulah City Council should contact Gerald Odom at 318-574-0964 three (3) days prior to the meeting date. If further information is needed, please contact Mr. Odom at the number listed above.*

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
January 25, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, 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 Council Members is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Former Mayor Gloria Hayden stated that she would address the Council after the Mayor gave his report on the City.

Councilmember Wells stated that he wanted to discuss street construction projects on Tampa, University and Florida Streets during public comments time.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the January 11, 2024, meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

In the Mayor's report, he spoke of large city water leaks due to the freezing of pipes leading to low water pressure and cautioned for conservative use in order to allow water pressure to increase. He also stated that city employees were looking for all leaks and repairing them as time and weather conditions allowed. He urged the public to call in locations of leaks to further ensure expediency.

Former Mayor, Gloria Hayden addressed the Council with questions and comments regarding the water plant rehabilitation. She stated that the conclusion with her talks with state officials led to her belief that the City would need an additional rate increase in order to fund what needs to be done.

Councilmember Wells led a discussion with contractor, Kenneth McManus, concerning extra costs associated with rehabilitation of Florida, Tank, and University Streets consisting of engineering fees of the projects. Councilmember Wells was critical of the engineering cost as well as the procedures employed by the contractor.

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

Attest:

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Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

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Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor