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Office of the Mayor

Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 11, 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. Mayor's Report
 - a. Water Update
 - b. Recording of Council Meeting
6. Approve Minutes of the February 8, 2024, Regular Meeting
7. Approve Minutes of the March 28, 2024, Regular Meeting
8. Approve Contract of Attorney Glenn Fleming
9. Approve Application to Sell Beer and Wine – Family Dollar Tallulah
10. Public Comments
11. Adjourn

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To: Joe Scott
Lisa Houston
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Marjorie Day
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Office of the Mayor

From: Charles Finlayson

Subject: Recordings from Council Meetings

Date: April 9, 2024

I am in receipt of a letter from Councilman Wells requesting the audio recordings from the February 8, February 22, March 14 and March 28, 2024, Regular Council Meetings.

I am unable to provide those recordings. After checking the recordings, it appears that while the recorder is operational, my staff failed to ensure recordings are done properly for all dates.

To ensure that we do not have this issue in the future, I have put into place the following process:

1. Recording of Council meetings will be done on a separate SIM card. In the past, Mayor's Court had also been previously taped on the same SIM card. Going forward, Council meetings and Mayor's Court will have their own SIM card.
2. Recorder will be turned on to record at the beginning of the meeting and turned off after the meeting.
3. After each meeting, we will email an electronic version of the meeting to our IT contractor to have it saved on the server for perpetuity.

I want to thank Councilman Wells for his request. This actually gave us an opportunity to fix a problem – it truly does take everyone working together!

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact my office at 318-574-0964.

4/10/24

Council

I emailed to all of you on 4/1/24, the revised minutes for 2/8/24, 2/22/24, and 3/14/24 meetings. I actually went on social media and updated based on those recordings.

Please find attached the minutes for the above-mentioned dates which will be on the agenda tomorrow. The only changes made since I emailed them to you are in the 3/14/24 minutes and those changes are underlined on page two, in red.

Yvonne

AMENDED MINUTES (added corrections in red)

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
February 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, February 8, 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 Councilmembers is shown as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Absent
Harris	Present
Day	Absent
Wells	Present

Mayor Finlayson allowed time for public comments from the public regarding items on the agenda, but there was none.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the January 25, 2024, meeting with corrections were made by Councilmembers Wells and Harris respectively and carried unanimously.

John Murray, CPA, LaPorte CPA's presented two audits to the Mayor and Council which consisted of the annual financial audit and the annual procedures audit. The financial audit did not contain any findings and showed revenues of General Fund operations to be \$3,800,000 resulting in a surplus of \$420,000. ADDED CORRECTIONS Councilmember Wells questioned the following (1) General Fund budget showed \$117,000 overspent (which is less than the 5% mandatory requirement which fulfills budgetary requirements), (2) Section 8 deficit, (3) Mayor's Compensation Package and (4) Funds allocated for Recreation. He also mentioned findings from the Agreed Upon Procedures Report which included: Submission of budget-to-actual monthly on general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual on proprietary funds or semi-annual budget-to-actual on special revenue funds, collection log not kept, monthly credit cards not reviewed by individual who is not the cardholder, outside of Mayor signing checks, late fees assed on two statements, original itemized receipts not retained for 6 of 16 transactions, four meal transactions the individual participating was not documented and for 7 of 16 transactions a documented business/public purpose not documented, unable to observe ethics training documentation for 1 of 5 employees selected, 5 employees selected unable to observe sexual harassment training documentation and unable to observe city's annual sexual harassment report.

After the audit presentation, there was a question-and-answer period with CPA Murray, and during that discussion, Councilmember Wells made a motion, with second from Councilmember Harris, to have a forensic audit of the City. A roll call vote is shown as follows:

Scott	Nay
Houston	Absent
Harris	Yea
Day	Absent
Wells	Yea

Motion carried,

Ending comments from the public consisted primarily of additional questions regarding the audit with some mentions of water issues.

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

Attest:

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor

AMENDED MINUTES (added corrections in red)

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
February 22, 2024

A regular Council Meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, February 22, 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 Councilmembers is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

During Comments on the Agenda, Councilmember Wells moved to table the appointment of a city attorney until the Council could have time to interview Attorney Glenn Fleming ~~who was the prospective appointment Mayor Finlayson introduced~~. Citizen Fleming interjected his advice on the tabling action explaining how no individual council member could remove an item from the agenda unless a vote is cast on the matter. Subsequent motion to table the appointment was as follows:

Scott	Nay
Houston	Nay
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea Nay
Wells	Nay Yea

Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of the February 8, 2024, meeting was tabled on suggestion of Councilmember Wells because he thought all funds should be discussed. Motion and second to table approval of February 8, 2024, minutes were made by Councilmembers Wells and Harris respectively and a roll-call vote is shown in the following:

Scott	Nay
Houston	Nay
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Yea

Motion carried.

Attorney Fleming, Monroe, Louisiana addressed the Council and Mayor regarding his background, his legal experience, and his willingness to serve as the City's attorney.

Motion and second to appoint Attorney Glenn Fleming as City Attorney were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively, and a roll call vote is shown as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried.

Having received background and personal information from Attorney Fleming, it was decided that there would be no need to have Executive Session. ~~Motion and second to that effect were made by Councilmembers Wells and Harris respectively and a roll call vote is shown as follows:~~

Scott	Yea
Houston	Nay
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Yea

Two representatives, Chris Stuart and Paris Fallo, of Olson Security Corporation were on hand to explore and discuss the possibility of the City selling Martin Luther Apartments to their corporation. They explained that the complex was required to have a complete rehabilitation soon, and that the City might be wise to sell the complex. It would be something for the Council to think about in the coming months, he noted.

The scheduled Section 8 report was tabled in the absence of administrator, Merunda Brown. Motion and second for the action were made by Councilmembers Houston and Wells respectively and carried unanimously.

Also tabled was a presentation by the City Clerk to the Council of financial statements of General Fund as of December ending. Councilmember Wells suggested the action stating that other funds such as water and sewer should be included. Subsequent motion and second to table a financial statements review were made by Councilmembers Houston and Day respectively, and a roll call vote is listed as follows;

Scott	Yea
Houston	Nay
Harris	Yea
Day	Nay -Yea
Wells	Yea

Motion carried.

Mayor Finlayson gave a briefing on the latest movements toward obtaining financing for the complete rehabilitation of the City's water system.

Public comments consisted of water issues and street improvements with information presented by contractor Ken McManus.

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

Attest:

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor

AMENDED MINUTES (added corrections in red)

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
March 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Room Chair 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

Public comments on the agenda included comments from Councilman Wells (questioned items that he had requested for the agenda, to include Harlem Street and Ethel Street Projects, Department Head Presentations, Water Plant Project; Citizen Antonio Wilson (requested adding discussion on January water issues to agenda which resulted in Councilman Wells making a motion to add water discussion to the agenda, seconded by Harris and roll call vote:

Scott	Nay
Houston	Nay
Harris	Yea
Day	Nay
Wells	Yea

Motion failed to carry.

~~Councilmember Wells and citizen Antonio Wilson were in agreement according to their statements that City Attorney Glenn Fleming was not properly appointed by the Mayor as no letter of engagement was issued, and instead he accepted the appointment from Mayor Finlayson with a handshake. They also raised the issue of Attorney Fleming offering legal advice to the Council before he was appointed though Attorney Fleming noted that he was acting in the capacity of a private attorney under those particular circumstances.~~

Two items on the agenda, approving the minutes of February 22, 2024, meeting and approving security fee changes at the Community center, were tabled due to the discovery that Councilmember Harris had not received a meeting packet beforehand as is required. Councilman Wells raised issues with the approval of minutes from the February 8, 2024. Attorney Fleming

stated that action items from this (March 14, 2024) meeting should be placed on the upcoming March 28, 2024 meeting. Subsequent motion and second to table actions items #5 and #7 from the March 14, 2024, meeting was made by Councilmembers ~~Houston~~ Harris and ~~Day~~ Houston respectively and carried unanimously.

Within this same discussion and specific to an action taken at the February 8, 2024, meeting regarding a forensic audit, Mr. Wells questioned (1) the overall process of challenging the forensic audit vote (2) subsequent letter from the Mayor regarding a forensic audit, (3) Discussions between the Mayor and Mr. Fleming regarding challenging of said vote, and (4) his belief that the process by which Attorney Fleming, as a prospective attorney for the city, was not done properly. Private Citizen Antonio Wilson approached the podium and also questioned the actions taken by Attorney Fleming at the February 8, 2024 meeting. During Citizen Wilson's time at the podium, he was removed from the Council meeting by Tallulah Police Department personnel.

After lengthy discussion a motion to table the minutes of the February 8, 2024, meeting, as well as action items #5 and #7 (from the March 14, 2024, meeting) was made by Councilwoman Houston, seconded by Councilwoman Day and carried unanimously.

Section 8 report was not given due to a motion by Councilman Wells to table the Section 8 report until the Section 8 financials accompanied the report. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call vote:

Scott	Nay
Houston	Nay
Harris	Yea
Day	Nay
Wells	Yea

Motion did not carry.

Section 8 report provided by Executive Director Merunda Brown. Ms. Brown gave details on number of clients on the program, number of individuals with new vouchers who are searching for housing and potentially opening the wait list. Ms. Brown was asked for financial information and offered to bring the Section 8 current bank statement to the next meeting. At this point, Councilman Wells identified that specific financials regarding General Fund, Proprietary Funds and Special Funds (including Section 8) are to be presented to the Council and requested that information be made available.

City Clerk Gerald Odom noted that at Councilmember Wells' request, salary schedules had already been given to him as well as other council members, and that the information was included in the prior council meeting packets. Mr. Odom stated that salary ordinances for the Mayor, City Clerk and Police Chief and salary schedules for department heads were given to Councilmember Wells on at least one other occasion.

Councilman Wells stated that he wanted specific information be provided for his request of salary schedules, which would include base pay, vacation, insurance, travel, etc.

Public comments consisted primarily of water issues and suggestions. Also, Ms Berteal Rogers addressed the Mayor and Council announcing the annual Spring cleaning activities that she directs each year

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

Attest:

Gerald L Odom, City Clerk

Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor

Regular Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
March 28, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, March 28, 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 shown as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Mayor Finlayson polled each Councilmember for any comments they wished to express.

Councilmember Wells brought up the issue of construction regarding Tank and University Streets commenting that finishing is needed. Mayor Finlayson assured him that the final work on the streets will be completed as soon as weather permits. He also touched the subject of city boundaries needing to be properly defined.

Councilmember Wells presented the idea of having the State take over the operations of the sewer and water treatment plants while schooling city employees in learning good management practices and techniques. The issues were discussed, but no plan of action was taken by the Council.

Mayor Finlayson reported to the Council recent developments and progress of the current street project consisting of Tank, University and Florida Streets noting that remaining work would be completed soon as weather permits. Contractor Ken McManus was on hand to answer questions regarding the street projects, and he also spoke about the additional Dabney Street Project which is up for approval by the Council with the low bid of \$180,000 to D & J Construction, Monroe, Louisiana. The City will have to furnish about \$42,000 of the contract bid.

Approval of February 8, 2024, minutes was tabled for correction by motion and second of Councilmembers Wells and Day, and a roll call vote is listed as follows:

Scott	Nay
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Yea

Motion carried.

Motion and second to approve with corrections minutes of the February 22, 2024 council meeting were made by Councilmembers Houston and Day respectively, and the roll call vote is shown as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried.

Motion and second to approve with corrections minutes of the March 14, 2024 meeting were made by Councilmembers Day and Houston respectively, and the roll call vote is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried.

Councilmember Day moved for approval of A Resolution Proclaiming April 2024 as Fair Housing Month. Councilmember Houston seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve A Resolution Proclaiming April 2024, as National Community Development Month was made by Councilmember Houston, seconded by Councilmember Scott, and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Houston moved for approval of the 2023 Louisiana Pollution Prevention Resolution for Tallulah Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilmember Day seconded, and a roll call is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Nay
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried. Councilmember Wells brought up the idea of having the State take over the operations of the sewer and water treatment plants while schooling city employees in learning good management practices and techniques. The issues were discussed, but no plan of action was taken by the Council.

Section 8 Administrator, Ms. Merunda Brown gave her February ending report to the Mayor and Council.

Motion and second to approve a security fee change for community center rental were made by Councilmembers Day and Scott respectively, and subsequent roll call vote is as shown:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Yea

Motion carried.

Councilmember Wells motioned to table the Dabney Street Project because he felt more information should be given. Motion and second to that effect were made by Councilmembers Wells and Harris respectively and a roll call is listed as follows:

Scott	Nay
Houston	Nay
Harris	Yea
Day	Nay
Wells	Yea

Motion carried

Subsequent motion to approve the low contract bid of \$180,000, of which the City would contribute about \$42,000, was made by Councilmember Houston. Councilmember Day seconded and a roll call vote is as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Yea
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried.

As requested by Councilmember Wells, City Clerk Gerald Odom enclosed for council and public consumption the salary schedules of: Mayor, City Clerk, Code Enforcer, City Superintendent, Water Company Director, Mayor's Assistant, and Deputy Clerk.

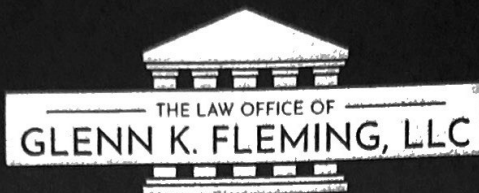
Scheduled for presentation of city financials General Fund and the Section 8 Program as of February ending was tabled due to the late hour of the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting as adjourned by the Mayor.

Attest:

Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk

Mayor



March 28, 2024

Mr. Charles M. Finalyson
Mayor, City of Tallulah
204 North Cedar Street
Tallulah, LA 71282

Dear Mr. Finalyson,

Pursuant to your offer and the vote of the Council of the City of Tallulah, I have agreed to represent the City of Tallulah as general counsel.

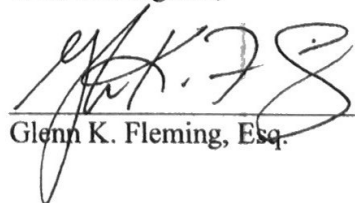
My fee for these legal services are \$250 per hour, plus any expenses that be incurred, such as filing fees, deposition charges, copying costs, postage and related expenses. My office will bill you monthly depending on the amount of work that was done on the City's file during that period of time. I will also advise you before undertaking any procedures that will substantially increase the City's costs.

I will provide you with a monthly statement of fees, costs, and expenses. Payment must be made within 30 days of demand. I reserve the right to withdraw as general counsel should these bills not be paid.

Through the course of our agreement, I will send you copies of pleading, documents, correspondence and other information related to City matters. Please keep these copies for your files. I will keep the originals in your file in my office. When all legal work is completed, I will close my file and all file documents will be electronically stored. The physical file will be destroyed after five years. Original documents may be returned to you at your request at the close of the file.

On behalf of my firm, I want to thank you for choosing us to represent you in this matter, if you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

With best regards,



Glenn K. Fleming, Esq.

THE LAW OFFICE OF GLENN K. FLEMING, LLC
4106 DESIARD STREET, SUITE A
MONROE, LA 71203

FEE CONTRACT
AND/OR ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST AND CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The undersigned member of the law office of THE LAW OFFICES OF GLENN K. FLEMING, (hereinafter referred to as Attorney) and The City of Tallulah (referred to as Client) hereby enter the following assignment of interest and contract of employment: Client employs Attorney to represent the City of Tallulah in a general counsel role that consists of city council meetings, lawsuits, and any other legal matters that would fall under the jurisdiction of the general counsel.

As a consideration for legal services rendered, and to be rendered, by Attorney in carrying out the purpose hereof, Client agrees to pay according to the plan number designated as stated below:

Client agrees to pay an hourly fee of \$250 per hour, to be paid as follows: within thirty (30) days of receipt of monthly bill. This fee includes any time spent working on any matters related to the City of Tallulah, including but not limited to, preparation for litigation, participation in council meetings, and travel.

HOURLY FEE PROVISIONS:

Client agrees to reimburse the firm for any and all expenses incurred on Client's behalf, including court costs, services and testimony of expert witnesses and investigators and other discovery proceedings.

Client understands that statements for legal services and expenses shall bear interest at the rate of 15% percent per annum, commencing thirty days after billing if unpaid. Client agrees to payment of same. _____

Client agrees to pay an additional fee to cover any credit/debit card payments made to the firm. _____

Client agrees that Attorneys have made no promise or guarantees regarding the outcome of Client's case. Client understands Attorneys shall have the right to cancel this agreement and that failure on the part of the Client to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement shall result in the automatic termination of this agreement between Client and firm.

This agreement is not irrevocable and may be terminated by written consent of either party.

I have read this contract, have received a copy of it and agree to the terms and conditions of it. There are no other written or oral agreements between Client and Attorney.

Executed on this _____ day of _____, 2024, in _____, Louisiana, after due reading of the whole.

WITNESS
Print name: _____

CLIENT
Print name: _____

ATTORNEY



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March 27, 2024

Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Tallulah
204 North Cedar Street
Tallulah, LA 71282

Re: Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC - Store #20717 Application for sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only ("Application")

Dear Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen Members:

This firm represents Family Dollar Stores, LLC and its subsidiaries including Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC, and we handle licensing matters for all Family Dollar locations and related entities nationally (collectively "Family Dollar").

This letter is being submitted for consideration in support of our pending application for a license for the retail sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only at the Tallulah Store located at 300 North Chestnut Street, Tallulah, LA 71282. As the license is being considered at the April 11, 2024 Board meeting, this information is being provided in support of Family Dollar's application.

Family Dollar is a family-oriented store that provides a wide range of food and other retail items to its' customers. Family Dollar locations that sell alcohol do not sell "discounted alcohol" and the beer and wine our customers have the option of purchasing for off-premises consumption is equivalent in price and quality to what one would find at any local grocery store. For additional information, please see the linked weekly advertisement (<https://www.familydollar.com/weekly-ads>) which provides a sampling of the wide range of products that Family Dollar offers to its' customers. Also, I wanted to provide some additional information relating to how serious Family Dollar takes its obligation to be a responsible seller, complying with all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

First, in addition to any requirements imposed by the State or Local jurisdiction, Family Dollar has a vigorous internal training and auditing program to ensure strict compliance and zero tolerance for violations. These internal procedures include, but are not limited to, training on the following:

(a) Minimum age requirements and how those requirements apply. This includes the mandatory **use of hand-held scanners to verify birthdates** are within the range required to make the purchase.

(b) How to recognize and differentiate between authentic forms of identification, typically a driver's license, and counterfeit identifications.

(c) How to confirm the person presenting the identification is the person on the identification card.

(d) Sales Associates' rights to refuse to sell any alcoholic beverage to a person who appears to be intoxicated and how to communicate that refusal respectfully.

(e) Understanding the role and personal liability to guarantee compliance with all applicable rules and regulations with emphasis on Family Dollar's zero tolerance policy is strictly enforced.

(f) How to cooperate with Law Enforcement as a partner to ensure compliance with the law.

With specific attention to the City of Tallulah's local alcohol ordinances, Family Dollar will also train all associates on the local rules and regulations pertaining to off-premises selling including, but not limited to, (1) the duty to maintain a copy of the local ordinances on the premises; (2) duty to secure inventory when not legal to sale; (3) the limited hours for legal sales and any no sales days; (4) duty to maintain the premises and allow zero loitering or drinking in the parking lots, which is absolutely prohibited by Family Dollar, and (5) the duty to confirm proper legal identification and age (as noted above, Family Dollar uses handheld scanners as well). In sum, and as complimentary to other small business in the area, Family Dollar simply wishes to provide a safe, family-oriented option to those families who wish to purchase beer and wine for consumption with their meals at home, just like many other grocery stores.

In addition, Family Dollar uses internal auditing programs and proprietary software to assess abnormal activities which detect, deter, and prohibit any violations of rules and regulations. Further, Family Dollar locations licensed to sell off-premises are all equipped with surveillance cameras that monitor the cash registers, front doors, receiving, and stockroom areas. Based on these vigorous internal compliance matters and a culture of zero tolerance, Family Dollar is proud to say that from 2019 to 2022, the percentage of licensed locations cited for alcohol sales violations nationally averaged ***less than one and a half percent (1.5%) per year*** of all licensed locations. During that period, the highest percentage of cited licensed locations as less than two and a half percent (2.5%).

In conclusion, Family Dollar greatly appreciates the opportunity to conduct business in the State of Louisiana and, specifically, in the City of Tallulah. Family Dollar respectfully requests that you approve the resolution to allow beer and wine

City of Tallulah
March 27, 2024
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sales for off-premises consumption only at the Tallulah Store located at 300 North Chestnut Street, Tallulah, LA 71282.

Please do not hesitate to email me tjackson@decisions-consulting.com or give me a call at if you have any questions or want to discuss further.

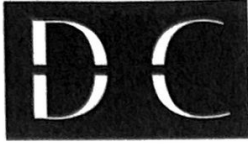
Sincerely,

Decisions Consulting, LLC

/s/ Tommy Jackson

Tommy Jackson, Consultant

cc: Ms. Vanessa Stubblefield, Chief Deputy Clerk
(vanessa.stubblefield@tallulah-la.gov).



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February 23, 2024

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Attn: Ms. Vanessa Stubblefield
City of Tallulah
204 North Cedar St.
Tallulah, LA 71282

Re: Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC d/b/a
Family Dollar #20717, 300 N. Chestnut St., Tallulah, LA 71282

To Whom it May Concern:
Our firm is representing Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC. regarding new Alcohol Beverage Permits for the above referenced store locations. Enclosed please find the following documents:

- 1) Complete applications for Alcohol Beverage Permit for store location above.
- 2) One check for \$35 for permit fees

Please note that this application may contain private, confidential, and protected personal information of agents of the applicant. The Applicant would greatly appreciate you taking all possible steps (including redactions) to protect unnecessary disclosure of any private information provided in perpetuity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at rdunkley@decisions-consulting.com or by phone at 678-660-8401 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

DECISIONS CONSULTING

Rosa Dunkley, Licensing Specialist
rdunkley@decisions-consulting.com

Drina Miller, National Licensing Director
dmiller@decisions-consulting.com

Check One:
 New Application
 Renewal

CITY OF TALLULAH, LOUISIANA

NEW APPLICATION
REQUIREMENTS

Application for Permit to Sell
Beer, Porter, Ale,
Fruit-Juice and Wine

- 1 Get zoning approval before you file.
- 2 Run ad in Official Journal
- 3 Submit copy of lease if you do not own business location.
- 4 Make application with state

Check One:
 Wholesale Permit-\$100.00
 Retail Permit-\$47.00
 Package Permit-\$35.00
 Retail Permit
14% Volume-\$30.00
(Wine etc.)

Note—Answer every question fully This application must be accompanied by amount required for permits, either in cash, or check. Additional instructions on back.

Name of applicant Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC
(Manager of Owner) (Print name plainly)

Name of Business Family Dollar Store # 20717
If for firm or corporation, give name, and address of corporation and names and addresses of all partners and/or officers.

Corporation Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC, 500 Volvo Parkway, 9th Floor Alcohol & Tobacco Licensing Chesapeake, VA 23320

Give city address of proposed place of business for which permit is applied for

300 N Chestnut St., Tallulah, Louisiana 71282

Is this place in an essentially residential section of the City? Yes No
*Make sure you have zoning approval prior to filing application!

Are you a citizen of the United States of America and over 21 years of age Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony in any court of the State of Louisiana or of any other State or of the United States?
 Yes No If yes, what court? _____

Teresa Redmond
(Applicant sign here)

OATH OF APPLICANT

I, Teresa Redmond for myself as owner, or as District Manager
(Printed name of applicant) (Title if not owner)

for the firm or corporation of Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC, Family Dollar Store #20717
(Name of Business)

do hereby swear (or affirm) that I have signed the above application and that all the statements therein contained are true and correct; that I am making this application for a permit under the provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana, and of Act No. 2 of the Special Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for 1933, regulating the sale of beer, porter, ale, fruit-juices and wine, or of any laws or ordinances amendatory thereto. I will use the permit applied for in full compliance and observance of all the provisions of said ordinances and laws.

Teresa Redmond
(Applicant sign here)

Sworn and subscribed before me at Tallulah, Louisiana on this 17 day of October 192003

(Notary Seal)



JUDY R SULLIVAN
Notary Public
Notary ID No. 50930
OUACHITA Parish, Louisiana

I, Ginny Robertson and I, Diana Holloway do
(Printed name of Witness)

hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a resident of lawful age of the state of Louisiana, with no felony convictions and that I personally know the above applicant, that he is of good moral character, that I have read the foregoing application and all the statements therein contained are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

Ginny Robertson
(Signed name of Witness)

Diana Holloway
(Signed name of Witness)

Sworn and subscribed before me at Tallulah, Louisiana on this the 17 day of October 192003

(Notary Seal)



JUDY R SULLIVAN
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Received by City on _____, 19____

Approved Police _____

Approved Zoning _____

Approved by City Council on _____

City Clerk of the City of Tallulah, Louisiana.

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CALCASIEU

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared



who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

He/She is a duly authorized agent of
LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS,
a newspaper published daily at 715 Ryan Street,
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12/05/23, 12/06/23



Duly Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
6th Day of December, 2023 at Lake Charles, LA



Mary Jo Eskridge, Notary Public
State of Alabama at Large
My commission expires 03-02-2026



Account # 311270
DECISIONS CONSULTING
1100 CIRCLE 75 PKWY
SUITE 210
ATLANTA, GA 30339

WE ARE applying to
the Alcoholic Beverage
Commission of the State
of Louisiana for a per-
mit to sell beverages of
low alcoholic content at
the following address
Permit to be issued to
Family Dollar Stores
of Louisiana, LLC, dba
Family Dollar Store
#24494, 305 West High-
way 90 in the city of Iowa
in the parish of Calcasieu
in the state of LA.

Harry Spencer
LLC Member

Petition of Opposition
should be made in writ-
ing in accordance with
L.R.S. title 26, Section
85 and 283.

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LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT of REVENUE

B4479804-0004

Effective date 09/01/1997

Date Issued 08/18/2023

Sales Tax Registration Certificate

FAMILY DOLLAR #20717
FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF LA, LLC
300 N CHESTNUT ST
TALLULAH LA 71282-3712

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. J. P.', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of Revenue and Taxation

See reverse side for important information.

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April 1, 2024

Mayor Charles M. Finlayson
City of Tallulah
204 North Cedar Street
Tallulah, LA 71282

Via Hand Delivery

Dear Mayor:

I have recently received a memorandum prepared by Glenn Fleming, the attorney for the Town of Tallulah. In the memorandum, Mr. Fleming addresses an issue that occurred at your February 8, 2024 town meeting for the City of Tallulah. At that meeting, an item was added to the agenda in violation of LSA-R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(cc). According to Louisiana law, an item cannot be added to the Town agenda less than 24 hours prior to the meeting unless it is added by unanimous vote of the members present. At the meeting, an item was added to the agenda in violation of Louisiana law. Also, there are several other procedures which must be complied with in order to add a new item to the agenda which were also not followed. See LSA-R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(cc). Mr. Fleming's memorandum accurately sets forth what must be done in order to add an item to the agenda. The memorandum states as follows:

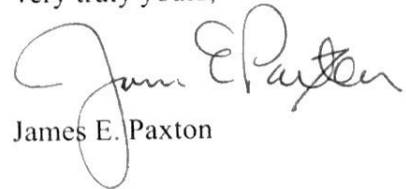
The item must first be added to the agenda by a motion. This motion must include a reasonably specific description of the item and the reason that is to be added to the agenda. After the motion is made, the floor must be made open for public comment so that the public can weigh in as to any potential issues that they may have with the item. Once public comment is closed, the items may then be voted on. It must receive a unanimous vote by the present members of the body to be added

to the agenda. Lastly, if all of those steps are fulfilled, then the item may be properly placed on the agenda, discussed and voted upon.

Here, that procedure was not followed.

Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 42:25, my office has the obligation to enforce the Open Meetings Laws in the Sixth Judicial District. This is necessary in the event that I believe that the proper procedure was not followed in conducting the business of the City of Tallulah. In my opinion, the proper procedure was not followed in adding the item to the agenda. Therefore, if you, as the mayor, attempt to move forward with the item that was improperly added to the agenda, I will file an enforcement proceeding to prevent the Town from taking that action. If the City wishes to move forward with the item that was improperly added to the agenda, it must be properly placed on the agenda and approved by the council members. Hopefully the District Attorney's Office will not be required to utilize its authority under LSA-R.S. 42:25.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Paxton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James E. Paxton

JEP/lmm

City of Tallulah Section 8 Program **HOUSING APPRECIATION** Reception & Workshop

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Section 8 Clients
- Current Landlords
- New Potential Landlords
- Potential 1st time Home Buyers!

Tuesday,
APRIL 23, 2024
6:00 PM
TALLULAH MADISON
COMMUNITY CENTER


1st Time Home Buyer Info!

- ✓ The Home Buying Process
- ✓ How to Get Qualified
- ✓ Financing Options
- ✓ Prepare for Home Ownership
- ✓ What is Escrow
- ✓ The Closing Process
- ✓ Much more

Also Available

USDA – 1st Time Homeowner Program
and Grant Program for Senior Home Repairs

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