

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