

Regular Council Meeting  
City of Tallulah  
January 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, January 11, 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

Councilmember Wells noted that time for updating any boundary annexations is due for completion, and the Boundary Annexation Survey of the City should be completed prior to May 31, 2024, for State approval.

Motion and second to approve corrected minutes of December 14, 2023, were made by Councilmembers Houston and Day respectively and carried unanimously.

Section 8 Administrator, Muranda Brown, gave a brief report on the program along with a USDA directive to increase the rate structure for rents and utilities. She answered questions from the Council and also put forth USDA directed increases on rents and utilities for the program during the coming year. She stated that the program has grown and now has about 60 active tenant vouchers.

Police Chief Buster McCoy presented a list of recently hired police officers consisting of: Antrone Whitley, James Brooks, Anthony Simmons, Robert Thompson, and Mar'Kaja Johnson. He explained that the new officers were basically replacements for others who had terminated during recent months.

Councilmember Day moved for approval of a Resolution Supporting a Local Match for DOTD Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant. Councilmember Houston seconded, and motion was carried unanimously. The grant in the amount of \$100,000 requires a local match of \$15,000 and will provide sidewalks in front of the Post Office and down to Van Zelfden Street.

In Mayor Finlayson's report, he stated that a second bidding process would be put into effect for upgrading Dabney Street without inclusion of the originally planned sidewalk. He also stated that the USDA water rehabilitation project would put forth a second bidding process since only one

contractor had submitted a bid, and it was considerably higher than expected. He noted that the City was seeking additional funds which would not entail any incurring additional loans.

Prior to adjournment, Councilmember Wells stated it would be desirable for Department Heads to attend council meetings for better explanation of situations should the need arise.

With extreme cold weather on the way, use of the Community Center was discussed, and it was agreed that it should be used to benefit anyone needing shelter during the event. Water, if needed would also be provided by the City.

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

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor