

Special Council Meeting
City of Tallulah
June 6, 2024

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Thursday, June 6, 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 followed by Councilmember Wells who also gave prayer.

A roll call of Councilmembers is shown as follows:

Scott	Present
Houston	Present
Harris	Present
Day	Present
Wells	Present

Mayor Finlayson reported all the steps the City has taken in order to bring it to its present status regarding total rehabilitation of the City's water plant and plant operations. He explained that all options for revitalizing the City's water system had been exhausted with no clear-cut way to accomplish the task. He stated that the action of receivership by the State of the City's water system was on the table, and that the State had already begun its inspection of the water plant. He urged that the receivership be approved by the Council as it would produce the best alternative for the City that is having to depend on a dilapidated water system existing in an emergency situation

City Attorney Pamela Grady, CREWS GRADY PLLC, on June 6, released to the public a complete letter/guide listing her legal procedures accomplished on the matter as well as her response to legal questions posed concerning state receivership of the City's water system.

During the Council Meeting, all citizens who wanted to speak on the situation were encouraged to make their wishes known, and audience participation was strong.

Motion to approve Sustainability Partners participation in construction of a new water plant without state joint receivership were made by Councilmembers Wells and Harris respectively, and a roll call vote is shown as follows:

Scott	Nay
Houston	Nay
Harris	Yea
Day	Nay
Wells	Yea

Motion did not carry.

Motion to approve a receivership of the City with the State was made by Councilmember Scott, seconded by Councilmember Houston, and subsequent roll call vote is listed as follows:

Scott	Yea
Houston	Yea
Harris	Nay
Day	Yea
Wells	Nay

Motion carried.

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

Attest:

June 13, 2024



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor