

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