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Office of the Mayor

City of Tallulah
Regular Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 8, 2021
5:30 P.M.,
Tallulah City Hall

Charles M. Finlayson
Mayor
Joseph Scott
District 1
Martez Robinson
District 2
Andrew Sims
District 3
Marjorie Day
District 4
Michael Whitney
District 5

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
3. Roll-Call
4. Public Comments on Agenda
5. Approve Minutes Of The March 25, 2021 Regular Meeting
6. Appointment FY 21/22 Budget Committee
7. Section 8 Report
8. Adjourn meeting

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A regular council meeting was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021, 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 a moment of silent prayer was held.

A roll-call is listed as follows:

Scott	Present
Robinson	Present
Sims	Present
Day	Present
Whitney	Present

Motion to amend the agenda to include a contract between the City and State regarding a CWEF grant was made by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Whitney, and carried unanimously.

Public comments on the agenda consisted of citizen Arthur Lee stating that he would like to address an area of concern regarding horses within city limits on University Street. Mayor Finlayson responded stating that the issue would be investigated by himself and Police Chief McCoy.

Motion and second to approve minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting were made by Councilmembers Whitney and Scott respectively and carried. Councilmember Robinson abstained due to his absence from the meeting.

Motion to select a Budget Committee in preparations for the upcoming 2021/2022 annual budgeting process was made by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, and carried unanimously. Councilmembers selected were Scott and Sims. The Budget Committee will consist of the two councilmembers, Mayor Finlayson, and City Clerk Gerald Odom.

Section 8 administrator, Merunda Brown, gave a monthly report on Section 8 activities and the positive effects of the CARES Act (Corona Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) on the program. She asked approval from the Council to establish a program logo and mission statement as well as a website. Approval of her request was granted by the Council.

Mayor Finlayson called attention to the Community Water Enrichment Fund contract granting a \$50,000 State grant to the City and asked for approval from the Council to sign on behalf of the City. Subsequent motion for approval was made by Councilmember Whitney, seconded by Councilmember Day, and carried unanimously. The grant proceeds will be used for water well improvements.

In other business, Councilmember Scott asked Mayor Finlayson for an update on sewer Lift Station #1 located on Bayou Drive. Mayor Finlayson responded stating that the pump station cleaning process had begun, and that two new pumps should be installed within the upcoming week.

Councilmember Whitney announced that his Church, St. John on Florida Street gives free food to the public on every third Saturday. He also expressed his appreciation to City Superintendent, Sammie Guice and Dew Construction for their efforts in alleviating a problem on Walnut Street.

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

Attest:



Gerald L. Odom, City Clerk



Charles M. Finlayson, Mayor

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Monthly Board Meeting Report

April 8, 2021

Re: Business Report

To the Honorable Mayor, Chief of Police, Council, & City Attorney:

OLD BUSINESS:

- None to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Program received CARES Act Funds (The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) funding in CY2020 and CY2021. Enacted March 27, 2020. These funds provides additional appropriations for housing assistance payments (HAP) and administrative fee funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus including for public housing agencies to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period the program is impacted by coronavirus. Funds are allowed to be used for routine operating costs.
- Permission to seek information on and later adopt a logo and mission statement for the program.
- Permission to work on design, purchase design service and installation services for Section 8 website.

Q & A PERIOD, IF ANY:

CONCLUSION OF REPORT:

This concludes my report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Merunda Brown
Executive Director