

TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
MINUTES

The meeting for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 of the City Council of Tallulah Falls, Georgia was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Teri Dobbs.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Teri Dobbs  
Councilperson Deb Goatcher  
Councilperson Larry Hamilton  
Councilperson Mary Beth Hughes  
Councilperson Carol Nelms  
Fire Chief Mike Early  
Police Chief Bill Goatcher  
Town Clerk Jessica Robinson  
Attorney Allyn Stockton

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in list

Mayor Dobbs welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Mr. Ray Morris to open the meeting with prayer.

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to accept the minutes of the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting with the correction of the last item regarding the second motion made by Councilperson Hamilton. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Hughes and passed unanimously.**

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Nelms to accept the agenda for the September 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 Regular City Council Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Hamilton and passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dobbs introduced Rabun County Commissioner Stephen Arbitter and Teka Earnhardt, Executive Director of the Tourism Development Authority, to discuss the Bicentennial events coming up in 2018-2019 for Rabun County.

**Founders Day update-** Kristi Early provided an update of the information of the work she has been working on since Donna Verdino is not currently in town. She requested that the Council consider an ordinance for food vendors who have requested assistance with electricity for the festival.

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to authorize up to two vendors who would provide their own water and the Town would provide electricity at a rate of \$50.00. The**

**rate for venders not requested electricity would be \$25.00. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Goatcher and unanimously approved.**

**Water Report- Attached hereto and made a part hereof**

**Fire Report- Attached hereto and made a part hereof.**

**Police Report- Attached hereto and made a part hereof.**

**Asst. Chief Matt Nall shared information with the Council regarding his request for the Eagle Advantage incident report system for the Police Department. He stated that this would make the process more user friendly for reporting and enhance the security of the process for all agencies involved.**

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to approve funding in the amount of \$1100.00 and authorize staff to contact Eagle Advantage and implement the incident reporting system. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms and passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report- Attached hereto and made a part hereof.**

**Street Report-** Councilperson Nelms has requested she and Chief Goatcher meet and discuss road conditions and a future timeline to address road issues and signage. She has also suggested that a street/road log be maintained regarding dates of road improvements. Councilperson Nelms also shared her concerns from citizens regarding large trucks on the main highway. She requested that the Council make a motion for Town staff and Elected Officials to reach out to the Department of Transportation for signage to discourage the use of jake brakes.

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to authorize staff to contact the Department of Transportation regarding signage regarding use of jake brakes. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms and passed unanimously.**

**DDA Report-** Councilperson Hughes updated the Council on the DDA. She stated that there were a lot of things moving forward and that DDA Chairman Nelms is doing a wonderful job by educating the Authority members.

**SPLOST Update-** Mayor Dobbs requested that the Council make a motion to give her permission to sign the IGA from Rabun County for capital outlay projects. She requested that Commissioner Arbitter share some information regarding the SPLOST process with Rabun County. After he provided this update, Mayor Dobbs shared the importance of SPLOST funds and that she is continuing to have meetings and be a voice for the community to receive as much of these funds as possible.

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Nelms to authorize the Mayor to execute the IGA with Rabun County and other municipalities for capital outlay projects. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Hughes and passed unanimously.**

**Mayor Report-** Mayor Dobbs requested that Mike research options for a PA system for the community room at the request of the citizens of the community. She stated that she had recent conversation about the EPD application and that it is moving forward, and she would update the Council as more information is received. Mayor Dobbs stated that she had received the resignation from Clerk Jessica Robinson. She and the Council thanked Ms. Robinson for her time at Tallulah Falls. Mayor Dobbs stated that interviews would be starting very soon to fill this position. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, Tallulah Falls School will be having their annual Twin River Challenges. Mayor Dobbs stated that she would like the Council to consider for the October meeting to sponsor this event as they have in previous years.

**Public Comment-** Mr. Ray Morris suggested that the that the town really consider the PA system or other sound enhancement device for the Council meetings. He stated that he knew that the difficulty of being able to hear the meeting had resulted in citizens not attending the meetings.

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to approve the building permit of Mike and Christy Hamilton. contingent upon receipt of the septic permit. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Hamilton and passed unanimously.** A copy of the building permit has been attached to the minutes and made a part of the official record.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was a motion made to enter executive session for Personnel at 8:30 p.m.

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to go into Executive Session for Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hamilton. The Motion passed unanimously.**

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:**

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 10:30 p.m.

Attorney Stockton explained that within the last eight months, the Town has advertised and interviewed for the same position. There is a full folder of fresh resumes of qualified candidates and additional resumes have come in. There will not be a need to re-advertise the position. The Town will continue to receive resumes and conduct interviews for filling the full-time position. There is an urgent need to fill the position on a part-time basis while going through the process to fill the position full-time.

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to hire Crystal Ferguson, who has been previously interviewed, to work on a part-time basis Tuesday and Thursdays at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with an effective start date of 9/11/2018. Council will continue to interview for a full-time staff person. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hughes. The Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dobbs stated that IT audit results from EDTS had been received and that on 9/10/2018 at 2 p.m. the Council would have a Special Called meeting for a web access meeting. Early Consulting will be participating in the meeting.

**Open Floor-** The Mayor asked if there were any comments. No comments were received.

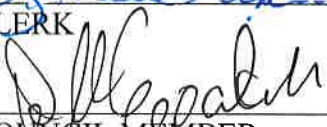
**A Motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Goatcher. The Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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## AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, **Mayor Teri Dobbs**, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Tallulah Falls Town Council held on **September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2108**.
- (2) That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized Affidavit stating, under oath, that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

- (3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the **6th Day of September 2018** which was closed for the purpose(s) of personnel and real estate.

As allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

- (4) This Affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an Affidavit be executed.

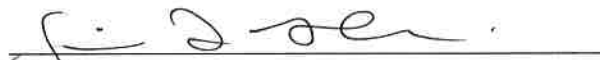
**This 6<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2018.**



**Mayor Teri Dobbs, Presiding Officer**

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

  
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Notary Public

TALLULAH FALLS  
WATER DEPT. REPORT  
AUG.2018

WATER PUMPED 355,000

WATER METERED 323,000

We are still on Demorest water no problems

The Main Well was in operation on the 26<sup>th</sup>, water samples collected and mailed on the 27<sup>th</sup> waiting for sample results to send to EPD to approve the well for use.

TALLULAH FALLS POLICE  
MONTHLY COUNCIL REPORT  
AUG.2018

CITATIONS 18

ACCIDENTS 2

The Police Dept. and surrounding agencies spent several days looking for 2 missing persons in the gorge area.

Asst. Chief Matt Nall attended training for instructor for Fire courses.

We attended the planning meeting for this years Twin Rivers Bike Race at Tallulah Falls School. ( race scheduled for 10-27-18)

Truck 701 is in the shop for repair

## Tallulah Falls Fire & Rescue: Monthly Report

### August 2018 Training

Date	Description	Notes	HRS
Monday, August 6, 2018	Weekly Training		2
Monday, August 13, 2018	Weekly Training		2
Monday, August 20, 2018	Weekly Training		2
Wednesday, August 22, 2018	Special Training	GPSTC - Training Ops for Small Depts.	8
Thursday, August 23, 2018	Special Training	GPSTC - Training Ops for Small Depts.	8
Monday, August 27, 2018	Weekly Training		2

**TOTAL**      24

### August 2018 Incidents

Date	Nature of Call	Location	Jurisdiction
Thursday, August 2, 2018	Fire Alarm	Tallulah Falls School	Town
Saturday, August 4, 2018	Medical	GA 15	Town
Sunday, August 5, 2018	MVA	GA 15	Town
Sunday, August 5, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Tuesday, August 7, 2018	Fire - Vehicle	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Thursday, August 9, 2018	Trauma	Panther Creek	Habersham
Saturday, August 11, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
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Thursday, August 16, 2018	Medical	Walk In	Town
Saturday, August 18, 2018	Patient Evaluaton	Yonah Camp Ground	Town
Sunday, August 19, 2018	Fire Alarm	Tallulah Falls School	Town

TOTAL TOWN	6
TOTAL HABERSHAM	1
TOTAL RABUN	0
STATE PARK	4
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>



August 2018

In addition to CD's, the current bank balances as of 09-06-2018 are as follows:

General Account	\$219,560.91	
Water Account	\$37,560.27	
Roads/Bridges	\$ 7,854.89	
TF Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 13,645.98	
Rabun Co. SPLOST	\$101,620.03	(2013)
Hab. Co. SPLOST 6	\$ 65,456.72	
Municipal Tech Fund	\$ 3,558.00	
CD Water Fund	\$18,540.49	
CD General Fund	\$27,225.60	
CD Water Fund	\$25,892.19	
CD General Fund	\$11,846.80	