

TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 4, 2018  
MINUTES

The meeting for October 4, 2018 of the City Council of Tallulah Falls, Georgia was called to order at 7:10 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 Linda Lapeyrouse  
Attorney Allyn Stockton

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in sheet

Mayor Dobbs welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Reverend Turpen to open the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Dobbs requested that the water report be moved to top of the agenda.

**A motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Goatcher and unanimously approved.**

**A motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to accept the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting September 6, 2018, Special Called Meeting September 10, 2018, Special Called Meeting September 27, 2018, and Special Called Meeting September 28, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms and unanimously approved.**

**Water Report** – Bill Powell from Georgia Rural Water presented the water audit in the work session prior to the council meeting. He will be making corrections to the report. The Town is currently subsidizing the water system with the general fund. Council will review the rate structure and look at alternatives.

Chief Goatcher reported that the Town's well had been refurbished and was back on line. We are no longer on the Demorest system.

Assistant Police Chief Matt Nall passed his Class IV water license.

**Attorney Report** – A request for payment has been received for a disputed IT invoice. There was a motion made to enter executive session for potential litigation at 7:28 p.m.

**A motion was made to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation by Councilperson Goatcher. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms and unanimously approved. Mike Early was invited into the executive session.**

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 7:36 p.m.

**No action was taken.**

**Founders Day update-** Kristi Early provided an update for Founders Day. She is still in need of volunteers. Parking will be on the hill. Disabled parking will be available on Main Street. The church can be used for overflow. There will be Moss House tours, GA Power Tours with bus service by Tallulah Falls School, BBQ, Bluegrass, a Silent Auction, and a Car Show along the lake. The Habersham Bicentennial Booth will handle the GA Power Tour sign-up.

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

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

Police Chief Goatcher is preparing to retire and needs to know about comp time. Two resumes have been received so far. How, when and where will the position be advertised? Chief Goatcher recommended that someone be hired that lives close enough to respond.

**Financial Report- Deferred until next month.**

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

**DDA Report-** Chairman Keith Nelms presented a Resolution to delineate the geographic area of the downtown central business district and amend the name to identify the authority.

**A motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms and unanimously approved.**

A DDA meeting will be held October 16, 2018, at 6:30 PM. The Council was encouraged to attend the presentation by the Tallulah Falls School. Chairman Nelms read the mission statement adopted by the DDA.

**SPLOST Update-** Mayor Dobbs gave the status of the SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement. Tallulah Falls will receive \$220,000 if SPLOST is approved by the voters.

**Mayor Report-** Mayor Dobbs announced that City Hall hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on Friday.

The title search on the Rock House revealed that a corrective deed needed to be issued. This is

being prepared.

The Habersham T-SPLOST will be coming up for a vote in the November election. This money is used for roads and bridges.

EDTS will need a list of all e-mail addresses being used for Town business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Town's liability insurance through GIRMA can cover the DDA if the Council chooses to accept the exposure. There would be no additional cost to the Town.

**A motion was made by Councilperson Hamilton to include the DDA on the Town's liability insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms. The motion was approved with Councilperson Hughes abstaining as a member of the DDA. A Certificate will be obtained.**

The Town has been requested to sponsor the Twin Rivers Challenge again this year at the \$250 level. The Town also provides in-kind sponsorship through traffic control provided by the police department.

**A motion was made by Councilperson Nelms to sponsor the Twin Rivers Challenge for \$250. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hughes and unanimously approved. The contribution will be made out of Hotel/Motel taxes received.**

#### **Public Comment-**

Joyce Savage asked if the new Police Chief would also serve as the water operator. Council will discuss this at October 23<sup>rd</sup> work session.

Dan Hayes recommended that the position should be split.

**Police Chief Goatcher requested money for candy for three upcoming public events. A motion was made by Councilperson Nelms to approve \$250. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hamilton and unanimously approved.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was a motion made to enter executive session for discussion of a possible real estate acquisition at 8:22 p.m.

**A Motion was made by Councilperson Nelms to go into Executive Session for the discussion of real estate acquisition. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Goatcher and unanimously approved.**

#### **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:**

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 9:26 p.m.

No action was taken.

**Mayor Dobbs stated that we will be looking at the water audit results and rates in the November meeting once the Council has had the opportunity to review the corrected report.**

**Mayor Dobbs reported talking to Crystal Ferguson and her agreement to fill in as the temporary Clerk when needed.**

**Jessica Robinson also agreed to \$20/hour to help on a contractual basis with court through October. Jessica's health insurance will terminate at the end of October.**

**Open Floor-**

Dan Hayes congratulated Councilperson Mary Beth Hughes on being recognized as one of Rabun's Women in Business by The Clayton Tribune.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.


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TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS  
WATER REPORT  
SEPT,2018

WATER PUMPED 292100 DEMOREST  
WATER PUMPED GORGEVIEW WELL 124800  
WATER METERED 389200

COMPLETED THE OPERATIONS REPORT AND MAILED TO EPD

COLLECTED MICRO SAMPLES AND MAILED

MICRO SAMPLES RETURNED GOOD

COLLECTED NITRATE SAMPLES AND MAILED

REPAIRED LEAK ON VANDIVER ST.

E.P.D CONDUCTED THE SANITARY SURVEY AND SYSTEM INSPECTION,  
WAITING FOR RESULTS

ALL REQUIRED PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL TESTING WAS COMPLETED ON  
WELL 301 AND SUBMITTED TO E.P.D. THEY GAVE APPROVAL FOR THE  
WELL TO BE PLACED BACK ON LINE ON SEPT. 21<sup>ST</sup>

## Tallulah Falls Fire & Rescue: Monthly Report

### September 2018 Training

Date	Description	Notes	HRS
Monday, September 3, 2018	Weekly Training		2
Monday, September 10, 2018	Weekly Training		2
Monday, September 17, 2018	Weekly Training		2
Monday, September 24, 2018	Weekly Training		2

TOTAL      8

### September 2018 Incidents

Date	Nature of Call	Location	Jurisdiction
Saturday, September 1, 2018	Trauma	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Saturday, September 1, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Sunday, September 2, 2018	Fire - Electrical	GA 15 Scenic Loop	Town
Sunday, September 2, 2018	Trauma	GA 15 Scenic Loop	Town
Monday, September 3, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Monday, September 3, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	False - Alarm	Leaning Chimney	Habersham
Friday, September 7, 2018	Trauma	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Saturday, September 8, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Sunday, September 9, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Monday, September 10, 2018	Medical	110 Main Street	Town
Thursday, September 13, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Friday, September 21, 2018	Lost Person - Rescue	Tallulah Gorge State Park	State Park
Tuesday, September 25, 2018	False - Alarm	Tallulah Falls School	Town
Thursday, September 27, 2018	Medical	Tallulah Falls School	Town

TOTAL TOWN	5
TOTAL HABERSHAM	1
TOTAL RABUN	0
STATE PARK	9
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

TALLULAH FALLS POLICE DEPT  
REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL  
SEPT 2018

CITATIONS 30 (unqualified)

WARNINGS 13

ACCIDENTS 1

ARRESTS 1 DWLS

Assistant Chief M. Nall graduated from the Georgia Police Chiefs training

Chief Goatcher taught a class at TFHS

The Police Chev. P/U was towed and repaired

Chief Goatcher attended the Twin Rivers Bike Run Planning Meeting

We provided coverage for Tallulah Falls School Quadrathlon Race 2 days

NO PROBLEMS TO REPORT

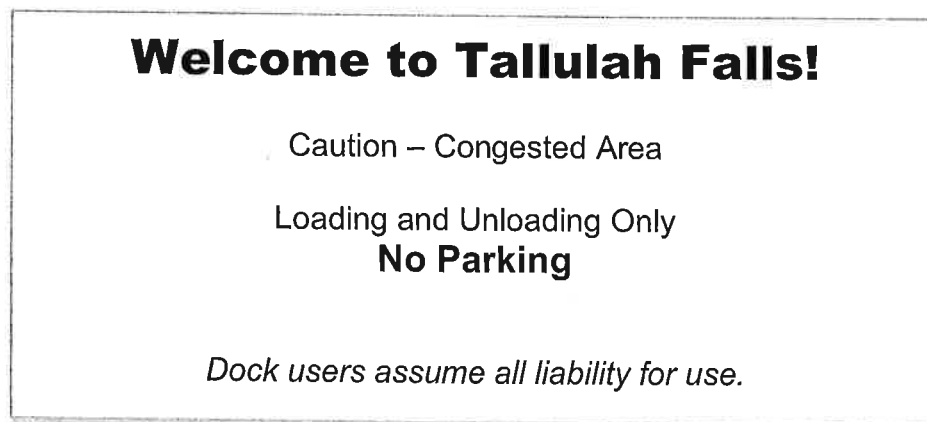


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**Town Council Meeting**  
October 4, 2018

## Street Report

### River Street Dock

- Resurface the pull-off area to allow car and truck access including police and fire vehicles.
- Post a new, visible sign in full view. Have solar lighting so that it can be seen after dark.



### River Street Road Split

- Repair low shoulder. Asphalt curb is crumbling.
- Install guardrails past property owners' lot on right. (If owners agree, could install guardrails where asphalt curb is currently.)

### Main Street

- Address run-off and gravel problems due to heavy rains.
- Clear gutters in front of Post Office and City Hall.

### School Road

- Check integrity of road, road bed, and drainage system in front of churches.

### Cartledge Street

- Needs to be widened (after construction?).

### Hickory Nut Mountain Road

- At citizen's request, place speed bumps on steep section near two houses on Hickory Nut Mountain Road to discourage speeding downhill.