

TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS
STATE OF GEORGIA
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2018
MINUTES

The Special Called Council Meeting for December 12, 2018 of the City Council of Tallulah Falls, Georgia was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Dobbs.

PRESENT: Mayor Teri Dobbs
Councilperson Deb Goatcher
Councilperson Larry Hamilton
Councilperson Mary Beth Hughes
Town Clerk Linda Lapeyrouse

VIA TELEPHONE: Councilperson Carol Nelms
Attorney Warren Tillery of Smith Welch Webb & White

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in sheet

Mayor Dobbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to accept the agenda for the December 12, 2018 Special Called Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Hughes and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go in to executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with Attorney Tillery was made by Councilperson Goatcher. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hughes and unanimously approved.

Upon completion of the executive session, a motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to exit executive session and re-enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hamilton and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to hire Warren Tillery with Smith, Welch, Webb & White Law Firm to take any necessary action to hold our sanctions in abeyance regarding the Rabun County SDS, based on a filing yesterday in civil court from the City of Sky Valley and Clayton to Rabun County and Mountain City regarding mandatory mediation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms and unanimously approved.

Mayor Dobbs will contract the County Commission Chair and the Mayors of Clayton and Sky Valley to let them know what action we are taking and that we are not taking a position on the disputes outlined in the petition. We have a grant application deadline March 1 that we need to

pursue.

Public Comments –

Keith Nelms asked what the timeframe would be? Mayor Dobbs stated that we are doing this now to be able to make a March 1 grant deadline. There will be no lapse once the Judge approves.

Mayor Dobbs reminded everyone of Habersham's Saturday Bicentennial Birthday Party from 12 PM – 2 PM in Cornelia.

Councilperson Goatcher asked for an update on the water system improvements. Mayor Dobbs stated that system improvements have begun, however 2 of 3 filters were completely clogged and solidified. It cost an additional \$3,000 to make the necessary repairs to the filter system. Bill Goatcher contacted Mayor Dobbs and Councilperson Hamilton to make the emergency funding approval. The filtration work has now been completed.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hamilton. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.



Teri Dobbs, Mayor



Linda Lapeyrouse, Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICIAL(S) FOR A CLOSED PUBLIC MEETING

While in Regular Session, the motion was made to enter into an Executive Session to discuss certain matters in a closed session.

- To discuss with council pending and/or potential litigation, settlement claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions, which is exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).
- A meeting to discuss the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- A meeting discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- Discussion in Executive Session of Records that are otherwise protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act as pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(4).

The subject matter of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting or Work Session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.

Because of events occurring during the closed session, I am unable to affirm the subject matter of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting or Work Session was devoted to only matters within the exceptions provided by law.

[Signature]
Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of December, 2018.

[Signature]
Notary Public



Commission Expires