TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS

STATE OF GEORGIA

SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

May 29, 2019, 3:30 PM

MINUTES

The Special Called Council Meeting for May 29, 2019 of the City Council of Tallulah Falls, Georgia was called to order at 3:30 PM by Mayor Dobbs.

PRESENT: Mayor Teri Dobbs

Councilperson Deb Goatcher Councilperson Larry Hamilton

Councilperson Mary Beth Hughes

Councilperson Carol Nelms

Town Clerk Linda Lapeyrouse

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in sheet

The Special Called Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dobbs.

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

The purpose of the meeting was to consider outsourcing water operations for the Town of Tallulah Falls. Bill Goatcher has continued to stay on as our water operator since bids were solicited earlier this year but has now tendered his resignation. He will continue to assist us as we bring someone else on board but wants to finish working as soon as possible but no later than June 30th.

Environmental Management Services, Inc. was the other company that bid on the water operations when the decision was made to allow Bill to continue in a part-time capacity. Jeremy Pirkle is familiar with the system and worked for Tallulah Falls School before going to work with EMS, Inc. They take care of the Y-camp, Waterfall subdivision and the Tallulah Falls School. They have all of the equipment, licenses and insurance to provide water operation services to our community. They have been in business since 1979. The president of the company previously worked for the GA EPD. Councilperson Goatcher pointed out that they are willing to work with us at whatever level we need. After meeting with EMS, Inc., they made modifications to their proposal to cover all of the services we will need. They divided the quote into two options. Mayor Dobbs and Councilperson Hamilton recommend going with Option 1. The police chief will monitor the daily pumping and chlorine levels. The amount for regular monthly services as defined in the bid will be $1,100. Repairs and other requested services will be charged hourly. Three people will be trained on the system.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nelms to approve EMS, Inc.’s proposal Option 1 at $1100/month effective June 3, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hamilton and unanimously approved.

Mayor Dobbs will attempt to set up a meeting on Friday with Bill Goatcher, EMS, Inc. and Tonya.

Councilperson Hamilton reported that the sand pit was completed today.

**There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms and unanimously approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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*Teri Dobbs, Mayor*

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*Linda Lapeyrouse, Clerk*