

TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS
STATE OF GEORGIA
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
March 26, 2019, 5:00 PM
MINUTES

The Special Called Council Meeting for March 26, 2019 of the City Council of Tallulah Falls, Georgia was called to order at 5:00 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 Police Chief Tonya Elrod
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Mayor Dobbs requested that the agenda be amended to include the addition of two part-time officers to the police roster as requested by Chief Elrod. **A motion was made by Councilperson Hughes to accept the agenda for the March 26, 2019 Special Called Meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hamilton and unanimously approved.**

Chief Elrod requested that Travis Gibson, a Clayton police officer, and Shane Adams, an investigator with the Cornelia police department, be added to the part-time police roster. **A motion was made to approve the two part-time officers by Councilperson Hughes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelms and unanimously approved.**

Pepper Kelly presented the Mayor and Council with a proposal to allow a food vendor and an outdoor outfitter to set up in the Tallulah Center parking lot during the April whitewater release weekends. Mayor Dobbs stated that each vendor would need to get an itinerant merchants business license through the Clerk's office for \$50. Attorney Tillery has provided us with an indemnification and lease that we can use to allow the vendors to use city property. A motion was made by Councilperson Nelms to approve the use of the Tallulah Center parking area for vendors who obtain a license. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hughes. A lengthy discussed ensued regarding ways to compliment the event and bring attention to the building without interfering with the opening of the new restaurant in town. Vendors will need to provide trash receptacles and clean up the area before they leave. Councilperson Hughes suggested limiting vendors to one food truck, other outdoor oriented vendors and civic organizations, with no other food concessions. Councilperson Nelms amended her motion to set a maximum of six vendors, including one food truck, outdoor oriented vendors and civil organizations, during the first two whitewater release weekends in April. The amended motion was seconded by Councilperson Hughes and unanimously approved. The original motion to approve the use of the Tallulah Center parking lot for approved vendors was then approved unanimously. Pepper Kelly will reach out to the outdoor stores in Clayton to see if they are interested in setting up a

tent. He has talked with Sunday Diner about the possibility of being a food vendor and will follow up with them regarding a license. He has also talked to a large outfitter out of Dawsonville that could bring a large trailer of kayaks to park at the Tallulah Center which would create some visibility from the highway.

Public comment

Keith Nelms mentioned that some communities get 20% of vendor sales which could be looked at in the future.

There being no further business before the Council, 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 6:02 PM.



Teri Dobbs, Mayor



Linda Lapeyrouse, Clerk