

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, Alabama.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
2. **INVOCATION.** Rev. Otis Head.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Annie M. Brown  
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II  
Council Member Shirley W. Curry

**ABSENT**

Council Member Ala Whitehead

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: c.) compensation increase for public works dept., d.) downtown development and e.) announcements. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup> & January 18<sup>th</sup> .

A. *Minutes for January 5, 2017:*

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve the minutes for January 5, 2017 as circulated with the necessary changes. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

B. *Minutes for January 10, 2017:*

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve the minutes for January 10, 2017 as circulated with the necessary changes. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

C. *Minutes for January 18, 2017:*

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown to accept and approve the minutes for January 18, 2017 as circulated with the necessary changes. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: Condition of the Gomillion Building (name on building) & Temporary Closing of George Washington Carver Museum
2. Amelia Peterson RE: Tuskegee Historic Preservation Commission
3. Dominic Molten RE: Customer Service & Fiber Optics in Tuskegee
4. Brenda R. Jones RE: Patching/resurfacing on Barrow Street
5. Anthony Lee RE: Meeting for District 1

6. Darryl Brownlee RE: Items mentioned during the last head start report (i.e. cost of utilities)
7. David Wynn RE: Dilapidated House next to his house (McFadden Drive)
8. Melvin Adams RE: District 1 Community Concerns
9. Earnest Washington RE: Status of Lot #34 (McFadden Drive)

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Approval of Auditor's Contract. (Banks, Finley, White & Co., PA)
- C. Compensation Increase: Public Works Dept.
- D. Downtown Development
- E. Announcements.

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** Destiny Green, SGA Vice President

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** James W. Harper, City Manager.

- A. Council Updates / Concerns:
  - 5% increase for Public Works & Street Dept.
- B. Street Maintenance Report.
- C. Financial Report. (Frankie L. Williams)

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve the Financial Report as circulated and presented by Ms. Frankie L. Williams, Finance Director. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- D. Head Start Report: (Nannette Phillips)
  1. Executive Director's Report. (Jan 2017)
  2. Revenue & Expenditure Report including Credit Card Report. (Jan 2017)
  3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA. (Jan 2017)
  4. Enrollment and Attendance Report. (Jan 2017)

Motion was made by Council Member Lee for Council to accept and receive the Head Start Report as circulated and presented by Nannette Phillips, Head Start Director. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- E. 2% Sales Tax Ordinance – Renewal. (expires February 24, 2017) (Frankie L. Williams)
- F. Announcements:
  - City of Tuskegee will be Closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of President's Day.

11. **ORDINANCES:**

- A. Ordinance No. 2017-2. 2% Sales Tax Ordinance renewal. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown for council to suspend the rules so that immediate action can be taken on Ordinance No. 2017-2, extending the 2% sales tax ordinance. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 2017-2 as stated renewing and extending the 2% sales tax ordinance for another year. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and on call for the question, the following was recorded:

**VOTING AYE**

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood  
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II  
Council Member Shirley W. Curry

**VOTING NAY**

NONE

Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2017-31. Approving the Auditor’s Contract: Banks, Finley, White & Co., PA.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve Resolution No. 2017-31 as stated approving the auditor’s contract: Banks, Finley, White & Co. PA. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31**

**A resolution authorizing and approving the Auditor’s Contract of BANKS, FINLEY, WHITE & CO., Certified Public Accountants to perform auditing services for the FY2016**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tuskegee is in need of an audit for the 2016 Fiscal Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to approve and authorize the Auditor’s Contract with **BANKS, FINLEY, WHITE & CO.**, Certified Public Accountants for auditing services for the 2016 Fiscal Year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, as follows:

**Section 1:** That the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the City to authorize the Contract with **BANKS, FINLEY, WHITE & CO.**, Certified Public Accountants to perform Auditing Services for the 2016 Fiscal Year for the City of Tuskegee.

**Section 2:** That **BANKS, FINLEY, WHITE & CO.**, Certified Public Accountants will perform auditing services for a fee not to exceed \$75,000 dollars plus out-of-pocket cost for travel for the year ending September 30, 2016.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 15th day of February, 2017.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, JR.  
Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ FARTIMA B. CLARK  
Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

Atty. Davis stated that he will not as a matter of course ever make a public report related to any litigation because those reports will be given in an executive session. Atty. Davis stated that an ongoing preventive law program is needed for the City of Tuskegee. He stated that he is a firm believer for preventive law and risk management; and that is not just vigorously defending the law suit but making sure that the City doesn't have law suits. A lawsuit should be used as a teaching tool so that the City does not encounter the same kinds of circumstances. He also stated that he will be happy to work with the City Manager to get a list of topic areas that needs to be addressed in some systematic way to make sure that all department heads, supervisors and ultimately all employees will benefit from the training in a preventive law program.

14. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS (1 minute each):**

1. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: Meeting for District 1

Announcements:

- o February 21, 2017 NAACP Observe Black History Month (presenter: Anthony T. Lee, plaintiff in the historical case, Anthony T. Lee, et al. v. Macon County Board of Education.
- o March 6 2017 - Fight for your right to vote (Montgomery, AL)

2. Michael Johnson RE: S.W.I.D.E., Inc. Enhancement to Tuskegee Tax Base Training Matrix

15. **OTHER BUSINESS.** NONE.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Lee moved to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk