

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 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 Johnny Ford.
2. **INVOCATION.** Rev. William C. Lennard.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Johnny Ford
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member Ala Whitehead

ABSENT

Council Member Georgette White Moon
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the agenda as circulated with the following additions: move Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC after the approval of the Minutes and Mayor Pro-Tempore requested clarification during the City Manager's Communications on the use of the electronic message board outside of the complex. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** June 28, 2016.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and corrections. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Lenora Goode RE: Garbage did not get picked up on regular route
2. Tuskegee Federal Credit Union RE: \$500.00 Donation to Parks & Rec Dept.
3. Rev. William Lennard RE: 2% Sales Tax Uses for next Budget Year

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Johnny Ford.

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Housing Redevelopment Proposal. (Michael Johnson)
- C. Announcements.

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** NONE.

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

A. Council Updates / Concerns:

- o Chappie James Update.
- o Swimming Pool Fundraising Update.
- o Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC Leas Agreement. (Thomas Reed, Jr.)

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the amended lease agreement with Tuskegee Solar Services, LLC and authorize the City Manager to execute the amended lease agreement with Thomas Reed, Jr. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- o Advertisement for Bids/Airport Terminal.

B. Street Maintenance Report.

C. Financial Report. (Council's Report)

D. RDS Agreements:

1. Occupational Tax
2. Gasoline Tax

E. Employee Recognition: Police Dept. - Jeffrey Lewis "25 Years of Service" (Retired)

F. Announcements:

- *Last Day Candidates can Qualify is Tuesday, July 19, 2016. Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM.*
- *August 8, 2016 is the Last Day for Council to Approve/Appoint Poll Workers. The Clerk must notify each person chosen to hold an Election School. The Clerk must notify each person at least 48 Hrs. before the Election School is scheduled.*

11. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2016-82. 200th Alabama Bicentennial.

Motion was made by Council member Whitehead to accept the resolution as stated supporting the 200th Alabama Bicentennial. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-82
200th Alabama Bicentennial

At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama held at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Resolution No. 2016-82 endorsing and supporting the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission in Tuskegee, Alabama

WHEREAS, the United States Congress created the Alabama Territory from the eastern half of the Mississippi Territory on March 3, 1817; and

WHEREAS, by 1819, the birth and growth of cities, towns, and communities in the Alabama Territory had developed sufficiently to achieve the minimum number of inhabitants required by Congress to qualify for Statehood; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and President James Monroe approved Statehood for the Alabama Territory on December 14, 1819 making it the nation's 22nd state; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature approved a resolution in 2013 establishing the Alabama Bicentennial Commission to mark the 200th anniversary of Statehood; and,

WHEREAS, constitutional officers and other officials appointed Commission members to organize and execute a Bicentennial celebration intended to improve the education and understanding of all Alabamians and visitors regarding the state's history and heritage; and to create and promote lasting initiatives designed to benefit the State and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial period of reflection and commemoration, 2017 to 2019, has been divided into three thematic years to acknowledge distinctly: the environment, both natural and constructed, including especially the cities, towns, and communities which compose the State; the people, regardless of race, culture, or background; and the history, both ancient and recent, of the State of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, commemorations and celebrations will enable and encourage Alabamians of all ages, and backgrounds, as well as visitors from around the United States and beyond, to experience Alabama's rich and diverse cultural, historic, and natural resources, thereby stimulating the economy of Alabama through local economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, full participation and contributory efforts by the localities of the State through their various councils, committees, and congregations, are paramount to the success of this historic endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, participation in Alabama's Bicentennial is a unique opportunity to celebrate and uplift the state during very specific historical milestone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of Tuskegee, Alabama, that by this action, they do endorse the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and hereby resolve to aid the Alabama Bicentennial Commission in promoting, planning, and executing the Commission's historic, educational, celebratory, and cultural initiatives by forming a Community Celebration Committee to support the Statewide and local observances and celebrations of the Bicentennial of the State of Alabama.

Dated: July 13, 2016
CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

Johnny Ford, Mayor
Tuskegee, State of Alabama

B. Resolution No. 2016-83. RDS Agreement: Occupational Tax.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve Resolution No. 2016-83 as stated approving the agreement with RDS for collecting the Occupational Taxes for the City of Tuskegee. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-83

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement (Occupational Tax)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, (the "City") deems it in the public interest to secure remittance processing for occupational taxes as designated by the City; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that PRA Government Services, LLC d/b/a RDS has competently performed such services for the City and performs such services currently; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes its City Manager and other appropriate officials or employees to execute an agreement which accomplishes the desired goals upon terms mutually acceptable to the

parties, said proposed agreement having been duly reviewed and examined by the City Manager and City Attorney.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 13th day of July, 2016.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

C. Resolution No. 2016-84. RDS Agreement: Gasoline Tax.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve Resolution No. 2016-84 as stated approving the agreement with RDS for collecting the Gasoline Taxes for the City of Tuskegee. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 84

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement (Gasoline Tax)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, (the "City") deems it in the public interest to secure remittance processing for gasoline taxes as designated by the City; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that PRA Government Services, LLC d/b/a RDS has competently performed such services for the City and performs such services currently; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes its City Manager and other appropriate officials or employees to execute an agreement which accomplishes the desired goals upon terms mutually acceptable to the parties, said proposed agreement having been duly reviewed and examined by the City Manager and City Attorney.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 13th day of July, 2016.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

D. Resolution No. 2016-85. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of William M. "Pete" Russell, deceased. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve Resolution No. 2016-85 as stated for celebrating and remembering the life of William M. "Pete" Russell, deceased. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-85

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of William M. "Pete" Russell, Jr.

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak is William M. "Pete" Russell, Jr. For many years "Pete" Russell served as an attorney in the City of Tuskegee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of William M. "Pete" Russell, Jr. and express sympathy to his wife, Sara Anderson Russell, his children, Sara Frances "Sally" Russell, Mary Relfe (Marcus) Torrey and "Little Pete" (Deise) Russell, his grandchildren, Sara Frances Torrey and Oliver Nelson Torrey, his extended family and many friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Proclamation and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of William M. "Pete" Russell, Jr.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed this 13TH day of July, 2016.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

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

Attorney Gray stated that over the past two weeks, he's worked extensively on litigated matters for the City. He stated that he's been successful along with other counsel in settling two lawsuits; and he continues to work on the other cases that are pending.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve the City Attorney's report as presented. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

14. **OTHER BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

7:06 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for Council to enter Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7:19 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to end Executive Session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Whitehead moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk