

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in special session on Monday, December 21, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. in the Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, Alabama.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Lawrence F. "Tony" Haygood.
2. **INVOCATION.** Lord's Prayer Repeated in Unison.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

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

All members of the Council were present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

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

A. Attorney Selection (RE: Benjamin Franklin Cox et al. vs. City of Tuskegee et al.)

- J. Lister Hubbard, Capell & Howard PC
- J.C. Love, III, Rushton, Stakley, Johnston & Garrett, PA

B. One-time Cost of Living adjustment for City Employees.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown to approve a one-time cost of living adjustment in the amount of One Hundred & 00/100 (\$100.00) for City Employees. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Council Member Lee brought up discussion regarding the City Clerk's salary. Council Member Lee stated that the Clerk's salary needed to be adjusted. Council Members discussed the salary adjustment for the Clerk and other matters. Council Member Whitehead suggested a salary of 65,000 per year. Council discussed the suggestion and Council Member Curry stated that even if the salary of 65,000 could not be given, she stated that she proposing a salary of 60,000 per year. Mayor Haygood stated that he was in favor of the salary adjustment but however he wanted to look at the budget at the end of the first quarter of FY2017. He stated that by that time council would have some idea of where the finances would be. At that point Council Member Lee asked if council could put it in a motion.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for Council to authorize council to look at the budget at the end of the first quarter of FY2017 to complete the salary adjustment for the City Clerk for a salary amount of \$60,000.00 and to look into other matters for the City. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

C. Announcements:

- City of Tuskegee will be Closed on Friday, December 23, 2016 and Monday, December 26, 2016 for the Christmas Break.
- City of Tuskegee will be Closed on Monday, January 2, 2017 for New Year's Holiday.

7. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution No. 2017- 22. Appointing special counsel to represent the City of Tuskegee regarding the case, Benjamin Franklin Cox et al.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown to approve resolution number 2017-22 appointing special counsel to represent the City of Tuskegee regarding the case, Benjamin Franklin Cox et al vs. City of Tuskegee and Utilities Board of Tuskegee. Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-22

A Resolution appointing Special Counsel to represent the City of Tuskegee in the case, Benjamin Franklin Cox, et al vs. the City of Tuskegee and Utilities Board of the City of Tuskegee

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee that special counsel is hereby appointed to represent the City of Tuskegee in the case, Benjamin Franklin Cox, et al vs. City of Tuskegee and Utilities Board of the City of Tuskegee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Tuskegee hereby appoints Attorney J. Lister Hubbard of the law firm, Capell & Howard, PC as Special Counsel for the City of Tuskegee in this case.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 21st day of December, 2016.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA
 /s/ LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, JR.
 Lawrence F. Haygood , Jr., Mayor

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

8. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** (Law Offices of Milton C. Davis, Attorney at Law)

Atty. Davis stated that he did not have anything to report at this meeting but requested an executive session to discuss legal matters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Whitehead moved to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

 Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

 Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk