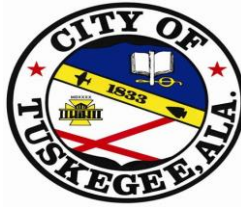


CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA
OFFICIAL MINUTES: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JAN. 12, 2020



The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in **Regular Session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021** at 5:30 PM in the LM 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. Katrina Love.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member-at-Large Frank Christopher Lee, II
Council Member Norma McGowan Jackson
Council Member Johnny Ford
Council Member Orlando R. Whitehead

All Members are present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept the agenda as circulated with the following additions: add on item G) SPIRE Franchise Renewal Agreement, on item H) Determination of Meeting Date for 2nd Council Meeting; on item I) SEASHA, Inc. & item J) Announcements; under Resolutions add item D) Resolution for Betty Purter Green, deceased; item E) Ethel Bulls Elsberry, deceased & item F) Tracy Larkin, deceased Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (December 8th, December 17th, December 21st & January 4, 2021):

1. **Minutes for December 8, 2020:**

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to accept and approve the minutes for December 8, 2020 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

2. **Minutes for December 17, 2020:**

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Lee to accept and approve the minutes for December 17, 2020 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

3. **Minutes for December 21, 2020:**

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to accept and approve the minutes for December 21, 2020 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

4. **Minutes for January 4, 2021:**

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to accept and approve the minutes for January 4, 2021 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Rev. Katrina Love RE: Macon County Task Force regarding COVID-19
2. Melvin Adams RE: Site for dumping trash in district 1
3. Anthony Lee RE: Overall concerns regarding COVID-19

7. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Jr.

- A. City Council Work Session / COVID-19 Updates.
- B. Henderson Park: Baseball Field to be named "Coach Solomon Knight" Baseball Field
- C. City Manager / Head Start Director Positions Advertised.
- D. Comprehensive Plan: Immediate-2yr., Short term -5yr. & Long term -10 yr.
- E. Audit Expense Report.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to approve the audit expense report from Banks, Finley, White & Co. Certified Public Accounting Firm to perform auditing services for the City of Tuskegee and for Head Start for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020 with fees not to exceed the sum of \$81,500.00. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- F. Lines of Communication/Authorizations: Internal / External

- G. SPIRE Franchise Renewal Agreement. (ask for maximum %)

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to request the fee of 3% regarding the SPIRE Franchise Renewal Agreement. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- H. Determination of Meeting Dates:

- Work Session – Monday, January 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM
- 2nd City Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 26, 2021

- I. SEASHA, Inc. – Planning Commission's Recommendation regarding Gas station

- J. Announcements:

- City of Tuskegee will be CLOSED Monday, January 18, 2021 in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. MLK Breakfast Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, 10:00 AM via Zoom

8. **TU SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** *NONE.*

9. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Derrick E. Swanson, Temporary Acting City Manager.

- A. **Chief's Presentations:**

1. Police Dept. – L. Jenkins
 - a. Sworn-in as Acting Police Chief
2. Fire Dept. W. Smith

- B. **Council Updates / Concerns.**

- C. **Street Maintenance Report.**

- D. **Financial Report.** (Frankie L. Williams)

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

E. **Head Start Report** (Mia Hutcherson, Interim Executive Director)

1. Interim Executive Director's Report (Dec 2020)
2. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks (Dec 2020)
3. Enrollment & Attendance Report. (Dec 2020)
4. Revenue & Expenditures Report including Credit Card Report (Dec 2020)
5. Education/Disabilities Report (Dec 2020)

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to accept and receive the Head Start Report as presented by Interim Director, Mia Hutcherson. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

F. **Moton Filed Municipal Airport Report:**

1. Airport Report (Nikki Jordan)
2. Set Day/Time for Review / Tentative Contract Extension (**discuss at Jan 25th Work Session**)

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to receive the Airport Report presented by Airport Manager, Nikki Jordan. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

G. **Approval of 2021 Holiday Schedule.**

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Lee to approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule acknowledging that Juneteenth will be recognized but not as a paid day off for the City of Tuskegee employees; and if employees want to observe Juneteenth and be off work then they will be required to use annual leave time to be off. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

H. **City Manager's Vehicle Stipend.**

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to approve the vehicle stipend for the temporary acting city manager as approved for the mayor. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

I. **Yellow Store: Approval of Resolution (Vacate Sullins Drive) Set Public Hearing**

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to set a public hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM to vacate Sullins Drive located behind the Yellow Store, Tuskegee, Alabama. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

J. **Tuskegee Police Dept.: Approval of Resolution for Reserve Officer Program.**

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Lee to rescind Resolution No. 2020-31, A Resolution imposing a curfew for the City of Tuskegee during the State of Emergency due to the Pandemic created by COVID-19 (amended from April 1, 2020). Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and on call for the question the following was recorded:

K. **Approval of Resolution: US National Reserve Facility Lease (VA Road) to UBT**
Tabled until the Work Session scheduled Monday, January 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM

L. **CARES Act Expenditure Report.**

M. **American Legion Building.**

N. **Announcements:**

- District 2 Meeting to be held on January 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM at Municipal Complex

10. **ORDINANCES:**

A. Ordinance No. 2020-06. Ordinance to renew the SPIRE Franchise Agreement. (adopt)- **TABLED**

Motion was made by Council Member Ford to table ordinance 2020-06. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried and ordinance 2020-06 is tabled.

11. **RESOLUTIONS.**

A. Resolution No. 2021-30. Yellow Store: Approval of Resolution /(Vacate Sullins Drive)

B. Resolution No. 2021-31. Resolution Approving Reserve Officer Program for the City of Tuskegee. Motion was made by Council Member Ford approving resolution number 2021-31 as stated approving establishing a reserve police force for the City of Tuskegee. Council member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31
ESTABLISHING A RESERVE POLICE FORCE FOR
THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public safety for the City of Tuskegee that additional trained personnel be available to be deployed by the Police Department to support and augment the existing permanent police force; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Alabama Section 11-43-210 permits the establishment of a reserve police force to assist in law enforcement efforts, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee that the City of Tuskegee adopts and authorizes the following policy designated as Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporate herein by reference related to the requirements, terms, and conditions for establishment of the reserve police force for the City of Tuskegee, to wit:

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 12th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

FARTIMA B. CLARK, CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT "A"
POLICY OF THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE ESTABLISHING
A POLICE RESERVE FORCE

Section 1. Establishment.

As provided by Section 11-43-210, Code of Alabama, 1975, a police reserve force, hereinafter called Reserve, hereby established within the Police Department of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama.

Section 2. Qualifications.

The Reserve shall consist of not more than 10 members. Any person desiring appointment to the Reserve must submit a written application to the Chief of Police. The applicant must certify that he or she is at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and reputation, and has never been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving force, violence, or moral turpitude. Applicants must consent in writing to a fingerprint and background search.

Section 3. Definition

Reserve law enforcement officer means any person employed or appointed, without compensation, who aids or assists a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer, while under the direct supervision of a fulltime or part-time law enforcement officer, has the authority to arrest and perform law enforcement functions. Reference, Rule 650-X010.01 of the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.

Section 4. Appointment.

Appointment to the Reserve Division shall be made by the Chief of Police. Members of the Reserve Division serve at the pleasure of the Chief of Police, and may be removed with or without cause and without hearing, by the Chief of Police.

Section 5. Supervision.

The Reserve shall function under the immediate direction of the Chief of Police and his designee, who shall provide for its organization and training. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the Reserve Division.

Section 6. Equipment.

The Reserve Officer will purchase and be responsible for all mandatory equipment needed to perform the duty of a Reserve to include uniforms, weapons, leather gear, etc. The City of Tuskegee will supply a badge, identification card, training, and a copy of the Standard Operating Procedures,

Reserve Officers must submit a request to carry their personal weapon to the Chief of Police or designee. The Chief of Police or designee will inform them in writing of the approval or disapproval of the weapon.

Reserve Officers will be furnished a complete copy of the Tuskegee Police Departments Policy Manual containing Rules and Regulations, General procedures, and Uniform Division Standard Operating Procedures. The Chief of Police or designee is responsible for updating the policy manuals during the scheduled monthly training meeting.

Reserve Officers are not permitted to wear any weapon (in open view, any badge, any uniform, or any part of a uniform, to include caps and jackets, which identifies the Reserve Officer as a Police Officer unless under the direct supervision of a State of Alabama Certified Police Officer. A reserve officer found to be impersonating Certified Police Officer will immediately be removed from the Tuskegee Police Department's Reserve Officer roster and prosecuted under the Alabama State Code for Impersonating a Police Officer.

Reserve Officers en-route to or from any scheduled police related function or duty are exempt from this section. However, the Reserve officer must not attempt to perform any police related duty or represent himself as a Certified Police Officer.

Exception: *If the Reserve Officer observes a crime, constituting a felony, in progress in which an average citizen has the right and authority to act, the Reserve officer may intervene to prevent the death or serious injury to him / her or another and for to prevent the escape of a felon or felons. The Reserve officer must immediately summon assistance from the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the crime is occurring.*

Reserve officer are permitted to operate Police vehicles but only under exigent circumstances and at the direction of a Supervising officer.

Section 7. Reserve and or Auxiliary Classification:

The Alabama Peace Officers and Standards Commission determine the function of a law enforcement officer to be Auxiliary as opposed to full or part-time when utilization is confined within the framework of the following:

The duties of Reserve Officers are confined to the following:

- (1) Patrol operation performed for the purpose of detection, prevention and suppression of crime or enforcement of the traffic or highway laws of the state, provided the Reserve or Auxiliary law enforcement officer acts at all times under the direct control and supervision of a certified law enforcement officer.
- (2) Traffic direction and control may be performed without direct supervision; provided, however, that supervisory control is exercised by a certified law enforcement officer whose total span of control would be considered reasonable limits.
- (3) Crowd control assistance may be rendered for any special event which severely taxes or exhausts the manpower resources of an enforcement agency responsible for the welfare and safety of the assemblage. Supervisory control will be exercised by a certified officer whose span of control would be considered within reasonable limits.

- (4) Conditions which endanger the public safety and welfare. These conditions are best evaluated by the local law enforcement administration and no afore or after mentioned restrictions are intended to usurp the local authority from mobilizing those forces necessary to relieve danger and restore domestic tranquility in the event of riot, insurrection, or natural disaster.

Section 7 is contained in Rule 650--04 of the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission. For purposes of this section the term certified law enforcement officer shall mean a municipal police officer who has completed the training requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers standards and training commission as set out in Article 3, Chapter 21, Title 36, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Section 8. Reserve Training.

Reserve Officers are required to qualify with their approved weapon prior to working on a shift. They also must qualify at least once per year after initial qualification and adhere to the firearms qualification guidelines outlined for certified police officers in the police department rules and regulations. Qualification sheets will be placed in their personnel files.

Reserve officers are required to receive training with the Departments approved defensive weapons prior to being allowed to carry it on duty. They must maintain their certification in order to carry the defensive weapon on duty.

Reserve Officers are required to attend a monthly training meeting. The meeting will be scheduled at the convenience of the Chief of Police or designee and the Reserve Officers. All training sessions will be documented and placed in each respective Reserve officers training file. Reserve officers will notify the Chief of Police or designee prior to a pending absence. All absences must be documented with legitimate excuses.

Reserve Officers are required to work a minimum of eight (24) hours per month on a Uniform Division Shift. They will report to a Shift Supervisor for their shift assignments. A Reserve Officer unable to work the 24 hours period during any month will be required to furnish the Chief of Police with a legitimate excuse for inability to work.

Section 9. Arrest Powers.

No member of the Reserve shall have any authority to exercise any power of arrest unless he or she has completed the training requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers' standards and training commission as set out in Article 3, Chapter 21, Title 36, Code of Alabama, 1975 or is directed to do so by a Certified Law Enforcement Officer employed by the City of Tuskegee.

Section 10. Active Duty.

Members of the Reserve shall contact the Shift Supervisor on duty for clearance to active duty.

Section 11. Weapons.

No member of the Reserve Division shall carry a weapon without a permit from the Sheriff of the county that they reside in. All firearms used for duty shall be registered with the Tuskegee Police Department and approved by the Firearms Instructor. All ammo carried on duty shall be approved by the Firearms Instructor / Range Officer. Off duty weapons will not be carried by Reserve in an official capacity representing the Tuskegee Police Department.

Section 12. Compensation.

No member of the Reserve Division shall receive compensation for time required by Reserve or Auxiliary rules and regulation while on active duty.

Section 13. Understanding Ordinance.

All Reserve Officers shall read and sign the following documents and also furnish the Department with the listed items requirements. A copy of this ordinance will be given to each officer, a copy will be placed in their permanent file, notarized, signed stating they have received a copy, understand, and have read this ordinance.

1. An affidavit stating, he or she is a member of the Tuskegee Police Department Reserve Officer Program and has limited duties as a Reserve Officer. The affidavit will also state that he or she does not have powers of arrest with the Department. This form will be witnessed and signed by the Chief of Police.
2. A Copy of the Tuskegee Police Department's Use of Force policy.
3. A form stating, he or she is aware that the City of Tuskegee's Workmen's Compensation insurance covers only hospital and doctor fees in case of an injury suffered while on

duty at the Police Department. The form will also state that the insurance does not cover salary compensation at their regular job as a result of an injury suffered while on duty at the Tuskegee Police Department.

4. The Reserve Auxiliary Officer will be required to maintain a current driver's license and will furnish the department with a copy of the license upon each renewal. The Reserve Officer will notify his supervisor of any change in the status of his or her driver's license.
5. The Reserve Officer will be required to maintain a current pistol permit and will furnish the Department with a copy of the license upon each renewal. The officer will notify his supervisor of any change in the status of his or her pistol permit.
6. The Reserve Officer will be afforded the opportunity to obtain Hepatitis B immunization at the City's expense. The immunizations will be given at the earliest possible time after employment. A record of the immunization will be kept in his personnel file. The Reserve Officer has the right to refuse the immunization but must sign a form stating he was given the opportunity but declined. This refusal form will be placed in his personnel file.

Section 14. Confidential

Any and all information obtained while working in an official capacity will be kept confidential and disseminated on a need-to-know basis.

Section 15. Court

Court appearances are required when arrests are made for witness testimony.

Section 16. Officers

All male Reserve Officers are only authorized to work with male officers. All female Reserve Officers are only authorized to work with female officers. Unless approved by the Chief of Police or designee.

Section 17. Limited Use of radio and call Sign.

Reserve officers cannot request any information from ACJIS or NCIC unless under the direct authorization from ACJIS or NCIC when not under the direct supervision of an Alabama State Certified Officer will be committing a Class C Felony offense and will be prosecuted.

Section 18. Violations.

- (1) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person not a member of the Reserve to wear, carry or display a Reserve identification card, or uniform, or in any way to represent himself or herself to be connected with the Reserve Division of the Tuskegee Police Department.
- (2) It shall be a misdemeanor for any member of the Reserve to loan, sell, lease, or otherwise permit any person not a member of the Reserve to wear, carry or display an identification card or uniform. -
- (3) It shall be a misdemeanor for any member of the Reserve to assist any person not a member of the Reserve to represent himself or herself as connected with the Reserve Division of the Tuskegee Police Department.

Section 19. Penalty.

Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of Section 18 of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined an amount not exceeding 500.00, or sentenced to imprisonment not exceeding six months, either or both, at the discretion of the court trying the case.

Reserve officer who violate any rules or regulation as set forth in the Tuskegee Police Departments Written Directive, SOP, or Rule and Regulation will immediately be removed from the Roster and all reserve status will be removed from that individual and a written statement of removal will be placed in the (former) Reserve Officers file.

Section 20. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

- C. **Resolution No. 2021-32.** Approving Lease of US National Reserve Facility to UBT.
(Tabled until Work Session to be held on January 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM)

D. **Resolution No. 2021-33.** Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Betty Purter Green, deceased.
Motion was made by Council Member Jackson approving resolution number 2021-33 as stated approving celebrating and remembering the life of Betty Purter Green, deceased. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Betty Purter Green, deceased

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and she who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. She, of whom we speak is Betty Purter Green; and

WHEREAS, with a lasting gratitude for her exemplary life, her tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good she did, the things she taught and 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 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 Betty Purter Green and express sympathy to her family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Resolution and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Ms. Betty Purter Green.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 12th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

E. **Resolution No. 2021-34.** Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Ethel Bulls Elsberry, deceased.
Motion was made by Council Member Ford approving resolution number 2021-34 as stated approving celebrating and remembering the life of Ethel Bulls Elsberry, deceased. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Ethel Marcilette Bulls Elsberry, deceased

(March 17, 1926 – January 9, 2021)

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and she who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. She, of whom we speak is Ethel Bulls Elsberry. Ethel was born to the late Albert C. Bulls, Sr., and Ethel Marcilette Simmons Bulls on March 17, 1926. She is preceded in death by three of her siblings: Althea Bulls, Albert C. Bulls, Jr., and George Simmons Bulls; and

WHEREAS, Ethel was baptized as a small child, she was later confirmed at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. She attended Chambliss Children's House on the campus of Tuskegee Institute now Tuskegee University. She was in the last high school class on the Tuskegee Institute campus prior to Tuskegee Institute High School moving to Franklin Road. After graduating from high school, she joined her siblings at the University of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, she met Joseph Dubois Elsberry, a Tuskegee cadet who later became the 39th commissioned officer for the Tuskegee Airmen. After the 2nd world war, Ethel and Joseph married in August 1946 at the Tuskegee Institute Chapel and

held their reception at the Propeller Club. Ethel began her married life with Joseph in Ohio. She began her life as an Air Force wife and mother of a daughter, Ethel Jolai; and

WHEREAS, in 1954 while living in Portland, Oregon, Ethel was hired as the first black salesperson at Meier and Frank Department Store. In 1958, Ethel and Jolai returned to Tuskegee where Ethel completed her undergraduate degree and received her master's in counseling in 1961 at Tuskegee Institute. The next year Ethel taught at Darden High School in Opelika before returning to work at Tuskegee Institute. In 1968, Ethel was offered a position in Philadelphia at Opportunities Industrialization Centers where she worked for nine (9) years and completed a second master's in labor relations from the University of Utah. In 1975 she was offered a position at General Accident Insurance Company where she was the first minority Department Director at the company. She retired from General Accident Insurance Company in 1991; and

WHEREAS, on her retirement, Ethel returned to Tuskegee where she contributed to the community. She worked with Connie Harper and OIC in Montgomery and Southeast Alabama Sickle Cell Association in Tuskegee. She was the coordinator of the women in red dresses who volunteered at the Chamber of Commerce. She was on the City of Tuskegee's Planning Commission for 14 years. She was the Chair of Episcopal Women at St. Andrews, served on the Altar Guild, Clothes Closet and on the Vestry of the Church and the History Committee of the Church; 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 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 Ethel Marcilette Bulls Elsberry and express sympathy to her daughter, Jolai Elsberry, her sister, Kate Bulls (Bernard) Lafayette; nieces, nephews, other extended family members, and a host of friends.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 12th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

F. Resolution No. 2021-35. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Tracy Larkin, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Lee approving resolution number 2021-35 as stated approving celebrating and remembering the life of Tracy Larkin, deceased. Council Member Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Tracy Larkin, deceased

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 Tracy Larkin; and

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

WHEREAS, Tracy Larkin worked diligently in Tuskegee and Macon County for several years. Tracy was the original Program Manager of Radio Station WBIL and directed its inaugural sign in in the early 1970's. Tracy was actively involved in community involvement in Tuskegee and was an outstanding community partner offering many public affairs initiative while at WBIL; and

WHEREAS, Tracy left WBIL in the mid 1970's to coordinate the inaugural broadcast property WVNS , 95.9 The Voice Of The New South imitating from a broadcast facility in the old City Bank Facility , downtown on the square in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, WVNS FM is Tuskegee's first FM Station that offered a wide array of music, news, and public service programming in which developed in an award-winning broadcast property. WVNS is truly innovative programed by a broadcast genius, Tracy Larkin; and

WHEREAS, Tracy left the broadcast industry and become director of public relations for Wallace and Wallace Chemical and Oil Cooperation. While juggling his broadcast and public relations responsibilities , Tracy found time to be the official announcer for The Tuskegee University Marching Crimson Pipers; and

WHEREAS, Tracy left the broadcast industry and become a public educator in the 1980's and spent 25 years in public education working in the Lowndes and Montgomery County School System. Tracy also served 4 terms on the City Council of Montgomery, Alabama; 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 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 Tracy Larkin and express sympathy to his wife, Adrienne Daniels Larkin and his daughter, Traci Larkin family and a host of other relatives and friends. Tracy was the godfather of City Council Member/Council Member-at-Large, Frank Christopher Lee, II.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence "Tony" Haygood

Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

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

No Public Report.

13. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

NONE.

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

7:44 PM Motion was made by Council Member Ford for council to enter executive session. Council Member-at-Large Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

8:18 PM Motion was made by Council Member Jackson for council to end executive session. Council Member-at-Large Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

15. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-at-Large Lee moved to adjourn at 8:19 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk