

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the L. M. Gregg Auditorium at 101 Fonville Street.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Lawrence "Tony" Haygood.
2. INVOCATION. Nikki Jordan, Airport Manager.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Repeated in Unison.
4. ROLL CALL – Jolai Jenkins, Recording Clerk

PRESENT

Mayor Lawrence "Tony" Haygood
Council Member-At Large - Frank Christopher Lee, II
Council Member Norma Jackson
Council Member Johnny Ford
Council Member Orlando R. Whitehead

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion was made by Councilor Ford to accept the amended agenda adding an additional bond issue for the Airport; discussion of the rental of the location of the Senior Citizen office; Salem Nursing Home; and an assistant for the City Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lee and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes for the previous Council Meeting will be at the next meeting.
7. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS. (limited to 3 minutes each)
 - a. Susan Barnes, a resident of District 2 on Chanault Drive requested that the conditions of her street be looked into. Heavy rains wash the road until the water pipes in the center of the road are visible and can be damaged and become a mud hole. She was told that it was a private road and the city no longer took care of it. The City Manager stated that it was a public road. Ms. Barnes stated that they had to take their trash barrels down to the end of the road. Both the City Manager and the Mayor stated that they would look into this situation.
 - b. Harris Thomas, inquired about the possible annexation of the Taylor Property at the end of South Church Street into the City.
8. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS. Lawrence F. Haygood, Mayor
 - A. City Council Work Session
 - a. BBVA documents were signed to complete the bond issue.
 - b. Tuskegee Airmen quarters were issued on February 19th, 2021.
 - c. City Manager will be looking into the brush and trees behind the American Deli.
 - d. Mayor Haygood reminded the Council that the Confederate Statute discussion is between the County Commission and the owners of the statue.

Meeting closed to enable having the public hearing concerning the vacation of Sullins Drive. None spoke for the vacation; none spoke in opposition. Council meeting was opened – Councilman Ford voted to come out of public meeting; Councilman Whitehead seconded the motion. All voted aye. Mr Vaughan owns all of the property both in front and in rear of the Yellow Store this will all for further develop of property.

- e. Mayor Haygood stated that discussions are still being held about the use of ZOOM and Facebook for Council Meeting.
- f. Mayor Haygood stated that he was in attendance at a meeting concerning rental assistance; food distribution; utility help; and Covid-19 help that would go directly to the cities.
- B. Update on Exit 38 (Council Member Johnny Ford)
 - a. Councilman Ford stated that the weather is getting better and Jeff Potter should be making progress on the Skegee Travel Center.
 - b. Councilman Ford is concerned about the pilot safety at the airport and the brush and trees on the fence line.
 - c. Wanted to know about the 2 year contract with the Red Tails.
 - d. Stated that he received a call from a constituent about the amount of taxes they were paying to Verizon. He wanted to verify the franchise fee for SPIRE was it increase to 3%.
 - e. American Legion check into by the 9th of March.
 - f. Howard Road House to be taken down – Mayor stated that he and the City Manager were working on this.
 - g. Councilman Ford was concerned that Head Start is still in a rented building.
 - h. Salem Nursing Home.
- 9. CITY MANAGER’S COMMUNICATIONS. Derrick Swanson, Temp Acting City Manager.
 - A. Council Updates/Concerns.
 - a. Eich Road
 - b. Macon Motel
 - c. Short Street
 - d. Houses that have been abated since 2007
 - e. Councilwoman District 1 – streets
 - f. Councilman Ford – District meeting will be held on ZOOM on Thursday at 6pm.
 - g. Councilman At-Large – are gutters included in the Bibb Street project; Community youth programs
 - h. Drainage issue on Bibb Street
 - i. Ordinances will be reviewed.
 - j. Councilor Ford wanted to make sure that Lake Tuskegee and Henderson Park would be cleaned up.
 - B. STREET MAINTENANCE. (no report)
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT (Frankie L. Williams) – report given at the last meeting.
 - D. AIRPORT REPORT (Nikki Jordan) – presented by Airport Manager.
 - E. Curfew Resolution (amendment)
Motion by Councilor Ford to further amend the curfew resolution. Attorney Davis stated he would review resolution by the next meeting on March 9th and would go into effect on March 15th.

F. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. Law Office of Milton Carver Davis. Attorney at Law.

a. No written report. Will have a meeting with legal representatives and council on March 9th.

G. ADJOURNMENT. 7:29:47 P. M.

*The February 23, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes were prepared by Jolai Jenkins,
Recording Clerk in the absence of the City Clerk.*

Jolai Jenkins

Jolai Jenkins, Recording Clerk

Date: March 3, 2021

*This is to certify that the attached City Council Meeting Minutes dated February 23, 2021
are deemed the official city council minutes of the City of Tuskegee prepared by Jolai Jenkins,
Recording Clerk.*

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

Date: _____