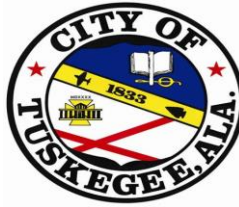


CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA
OFFICIAL MINUTES: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020



The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in **Regular Session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020** at 6:06 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.** John Hicks.
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 Annie L. 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 Curry to accept the agenda with the following additions under Mayor's Communications: add Red Tails, Mayor Johnny Ford, and Tuskegee Airmen Day to be held on March 7, 2020. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (February 10th, February 21st & February 24, 2020):

A. Minutes for February 10, 2020.

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve the minutes for February 10, 2020 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

B. Minutes for February 21, 2020.

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

C. Minutes for February 24, 2020.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes for February 24, 2020 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

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

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Red Tails Foundation.
- C. Mayor Johnny Ford.
- D. Tuskegee Airmen Day- March 7, 2020 (Moton Field Municipal Airport)
- E. Election Items:
 - March 31st Deadline:
 - ✓ *Last day for Councils elected at large to number the places for election purposes (§11-46-22)*
- F. Announcements.

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

9. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Kevin L. Owens, Temporary Acting City Manager.

- A. Chief's Presentations:
 - Police Dept. will have a Town Hall Meeting on March 26, 2020 at the Complex
 - Fire Dept.
- B. Council Updates / Concerns.
- C. Street Maintenance Report.
- D. Financial Report. (Frankie L. Williams)

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

- E. Head Start Report: (Ms. Taquila Monroe)
 - 1. Executive Director's Report (Feb. 2020)
 - 2. Enrollment Report and Attendance Report. (Feb. 2020)
 - 3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA. (Feb. 2020)
 - 4. Education/Disabilities Report. (Feb. 2020)
 - 5. Revenue & Expenditures Report including Credit Card Report. (Feb. 2020)

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to receive the Head Start Report as circulated and presented by Ms. Taquila Monroe, Head Start Director. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- F. Set Public Hearing: Alcoholic Beverage License for 050 Retail Beer and 070 Retail Table Wine (off premises only) - Family Dollar Stores of Alabama, LLC Family Dollar Store #28175

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to set public hearing for Family Dollar Store #28175 at 6:30 PM on April 14, 2020 regarding alcoholic beverage license for retail beer and retail table wine (off premises only). Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

- G. Announcements:
 - Election Items - March 31st Deadline:
 - *Last day for Councils elected at large to number the places for election purposes (§11-46-22)*

10. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2020-26. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Mark J. Rush, Sr., deceased

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve resolution number 2020-26 as stated Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Mark J. Rush, Sr., deceased. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-26

***Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Mark J. Rush, Sr., deceased
(August 20, 1968 – March 2020)***

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 Mark J. Rush, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mark was born on August 20, 1968 to late Rosa Mae Sampson Rush and the late Mark T. Edwards. He confessed and accepted Christ at an early age. Mark attended Lewis Adams Elementary School, Washington Public Elementary School, Tuskegee and Tuskegee Institute High School graduating in 1986. Mark also attended Tuskegee University for several years; and

WHEREAS, Mark became a member of Prince Hall Order while attending Tuskegee University. He was a member of the Blue House Silver Trowel Lodge #10, Booker T. Washington Consistory Scottish Rite 32 Degree, York Rite, Royal Arch, Knights Temple #115, Shriner Mizraim #119 and the Order of Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, Mark was the first president of the Martin Luther King Youth Club on Howard Road. In the early 1990s he owned a Gift and Variety Store located on Old Montgomery Road; during 2000s, he worked at Big Bear/Calhoun Food and the United States Postal Service for many years. He later worked at Thompson Hospitality at Tuskegee University Cafeteria for several years; and

WHEREAS, Mark served as a community activist in Macon County where he served as President of Ridgewood Resident Apartments, Resident Council Executive Board for the City of Tuskegee, an active participant in the movement 46, District 3 Captain for the Tuskegee Clean City Commission, Macon County Clothing Drive and volunteer at Macon County Food Pantry. No matter where he lived in Macon County, he could always fire up the grill and feed everyone in the community. He loved and enjoyed people and his family.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee acknowledges as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Mark J. Rush, Sr. and express our sincerest sympathy to his children: March Rush, Jr., Jaime Allen and Monesha Rush, his granddaughter, Alaysha Zyriah Plummer; the mother of his children: Charlissa Allen Marshall; his sisters, Marie Rush, Mary Rush, Earnestine Kitt-Munson, Cynthia Rush and Diane (Nathaniel) Jerido; his brothers: Edward (Clara) Sampson, Bruce Wimbush, Joe Lewis Rush and Jimmy (Lisa) Rush and a host nieces, nephews, cousins, Masonic Brothers, co-workers and extended family & friends.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2020.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

B. Resolution No. 2020-27. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Clarence Dumas, deceased

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve resolution number 2020-27 as stated Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Clarence Dumas, deceased. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Clarence Dumas, 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 Clarence Dumas; 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;

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 Clarence Dumas and express sympathy to his 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 Clarence Dumas.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2020.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

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

Atty. Davis stated that he did not have a public report.

13. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Ruso Minnifield RE: 1405 Notasulga Road, Building Permit for Pavilion on his property; rezoning of property at Industrial Park
2. Rodney McKnight, Jr. RE: Tuskegee Chess Club Weekly Chess Classes /Red Tails Foundation
3. Mattie Blizzard RE: Concerns about the hole in her backyard/cutting grass/Thanks to Willie Smith for calling her
4. Lt. Willie Boyd RE: Army Aviation/Census 2020
5. Mr. O. Woods Jones RE: Neighborhood Watch/Police Dept. Building
6. Lawrence King RE: Tennis Club, Thanks to Ala Whitehead, Dr. Brooks for Civil Air Patrol

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

7:40 PM Motion was made by Council Member Curry to enter executive session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

8:44 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to end executive session. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to appoint Mayor Haygood as the 2020 Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention Voting Delegate for the business meeting. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to appoint Council Member Shirley Curry as the 1st alternate voting delegate for the 2020 Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention business meeting. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to appoint Council Member-at-Large Brown as the 2nd alternate voting delegate for the 2020 Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention business meeting. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Lee moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk