

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 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 Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
2. **INVOCATION.** Reverend Otis Head.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Jolai Jenkins, Recording 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

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the agenda as circulated. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes for June 12, 2018 & June 26, 2018:

A. Minutes for June 12, 2018:

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to accept and approve the minutes for June 12, 2018 as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

B. Minutes for June 26, 2018:

Motion was made by Council Member Brown to accept and approve the minutes for June 26, 2018 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

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Dr. Elaine C. Harrington RE: Appreciation/Commendations for Supporting T-100 every Friday until it's announced wear buttons and T-shirts every Friday. The City must get cleaned up. The dilapidated houses on Old Montgomery Road need to be taken down.
2. Saladin Porter RE: Announced that the local organizing community meet every Saturday night at the Boat House.
3. Mattie Blizzard RE: Utility Board Meeting. She attends meetings; she is not looking for a job. People need to shop locally.
4. Mrs. Robby Smith RE: Parks & Rec Softball Team need money for cost of softball trip to Childersburg near Talladega. City Manager responded that the City does provide that type of resource.
5. Larry King, Sr. RE: Tuskegee Community Tennis Program – is raising money for a trip to Orlando, FL.
6. Shirley Raymond RE: Is concerned about Robert Street off of Howard Road – absentee owners and abandoned houses.
7. Inez Foye RE: District 1 thanked the City Manager for the cleanup of the Neighborhood but feels that the Public Works employees are not professional
8. Lenora Goode RE: Suggested that citizens assist the Clean City group and thanked the Public Works Department and Edward Thomas for the work that they do.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.

A. **City Council Work Session:**

- a. Thanked DeForrest Brown and Rodney Moon for the presentation concerning SolarUp! – Connecting Solar to Communities.
- b. Stated that T-100 has many people working hard to bring it to Tuskegee. It is not a myth, it is the truth and in the next few weeks we will be looking for an announcement.
- c. Citizens commended the Police Department for the work that is being done and the fast response for crime detection.
- d. Will be working with Ambulance Services.
- e. Mr. Tom McKnight made a presentation about his relative, Carroll Langston who was a Tuskegee Airman who was lost in flight. His remains were recently located and have been interred in a national cemetery in Tennessee.
- f. City had an unmodified audit.
- g. Changes will be made in the City.
- h. The Human Resources Department takes applications when there are job openings in the City.

B. **Announcements:**

- a. Mayor will give summer commencement address at Tuskegee University, July 27, 2018.
- b. Dr. Lily McNair is the first female and the 8th President of Tuskegee University.
- c. There is a need for student housing in Tuskegee.

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

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Bernard Houston, City Manager.

A. Council Updates / Concerns. Eighty percent of the concerns of the council have been addressed.

- a. Mrs. Foye is his new best friend, she is not satisfied with the work that is being done in the City by the Public Works Department. He is looking forward to the day that she comes in and says that the work is being done well without conditions. He wants to hear about the concerns of the Council and the Citizens.
- b. Council Person Whitehead was concerned about Lewis Street which is terrible condition; trees hanging over Auburn Street; assistant needed for the upkeep of Ashdale Cemetery; lake was cut but is not completed. Please have fireworks on the fourth of July next year. Thank you for scraping the roads.
- c. Council Person Curry wanted to thank the Public Works for their work despite their challenging work/efforts. Thank Mr. Goode for his work with the Clean City Commission. Is concerned about South Josephine and Hanna Streets. The mattresses and furniture on Patterson Street near Greenfork Park. The park needs trimming near the Basketball Court.
- d. Mayor Haygood was concerned about Webb Street and Roberts Street.
- e. Council Person Lee would like to see the dilapidated houses cleaned up; commended Saladin Porter and his wife for their efforts in the city; rapid changes and updates are needed for the public and Council about personnel – individuals in the City and on the street know more than the Council - Council Member Whitehead agreed.
- f. Diane White – the city is in the process of updating ordinances for dealing with dilapidated houses; the city is in the planning process for the CDBG grant. Over a million dollars for Bibb Street; 197 houses are being surveyed.
- g. The City Manager stated that the city will go back to advertising in the paper not just on the City's website for job openings; the process for rebranding the city is ongoing to bring the website to the current century.

- B. Street Maintenance Report.
- C. Financial Report. (Frankie L. Williams)

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

- D. Head Start Report: (Dr. Nannette Phillips)
 - 1. Executive Director's Report (Jun. 2018)
 - 2. Revenue & Expenditures Report including Credit Card Report. (Jun. 2018)
 - 3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA (Jun. 2018)
 - 4. Enrollment Report and Attendance Report. (Jun. 2018)
 - 5. FY19 Funding Guidance Letter and Refunding Application.
 - 6. Revised Organizational Structures
 - 7. Training and Technical Assistance Plan (TTA)
 - 8. Program Goals

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

- E. Charter Communication Franchise Contract Agreement (2018). Council Member Lee had concerns about whether the City was receiving the correct amount (5% of the gross). The motion was tabled until the next meeting after talking to Robert Smith of Spectrum.
- F. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (option 1 & option 2). The discussion on which option was tabled until the next meeting.
- G. Announcements:
 - City of Tuskegee will participate in the 2018 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday July 20-22, 2018.

11. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution No. 2018-47. Authorizing Decommission of Mayor's City Vehicle.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and adopt Resolution No. 2018-47. Authorizing decommission of Mayor's City Vehicle. Seconded by Council Person Whitehead and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 – 47
Decommissioning the city vehicle driven by the Mayor

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama has determined that the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee shall no longer use a city owned vehicle full time for city business in the discharge of his duties as Mayor of the City but shall be paid a monthly travel allowance and that the city vehicle being used by the Mayor be declared decommissioned from active service in the city vehicle fleet and declared surplus property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mayor of the City of Tuskegee shall receive in addition to other allowances and compensation, the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.) monthly to be used as a travel allowance as previously approved and adopted by the Council and that the Mayor and City shall comply with all laws, regulations, rules and provisions related to travel allowances for governmental officials in the State of Alabama.
2. That the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle previously used by the Mayor as his full time vehicle and transportation for city business is hereby decommissioned from active service within the City of Tuskegee vehicle fleet and declared by the Council to be surplus property eligible to be sold to the public or otherwise disposed of by the City Manager in accordance with State law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Attorney Davis stated that he had no public report and would make his report in Executive Session.

14. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS (1 minute each):

1. Elaine Harrington reminder of back to school supplies should be bought on the same days as the Tax Free Holidays.
2. Gail Brown would like to encourage art in the City of Tuskegee.
3. Council Person Whitehead District 2 meeting will be on July 16th at the Fire Department at 6:00 PM.

15. OTHER BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSION.

At 8:15 PM Motion was made to go into Executive Session.

At 9:28 PM Council closed Executive Session

16. **ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Pro Tempore Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Pro-Tempore Brown moved to adjourn at 9:28 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk