

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 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 Johnny Ford.
2. **INVOCATION.** Repeated Lord's Prayer in Unison.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Johnny Ford
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Georgette White Moon

ABSENT

Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: Resolutions for Booker Felder, deceased and Jeannie Sanders Carlisle LaGrande, deceased; and Executive Session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (January 26, 2016 & January 28, 2016)

A. Minutes for January 26th:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and corrections. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

B. Minutes for January 28th:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and corrections. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Carlton Blue RE: CBK Energy Solutions / Tuskegee Solar Services LLC

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Johnny Ford

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Announcements.

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

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

A. Storm Damage Update

B. Street Maintenance Report.

C. Financial Report. (Council's Report)

D. Planning Commission: Recommendation to continue vacation of Alexander Street

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to continue the vacation of Alexander Street (Auburn St. to Lane St.) and to set public hearing for March 22, 2016 at 6:30 PM. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

E. MOU / LOI (Thomas Reed, Jr.)

F. 2016 Election:

- Salaries for Elected Officials: Mayor & Council (by Feb. 23rd)
- Qualification fees for candidates
- Appointment of Election Officials
- Council Districts (by Mar. 31st)

G. Announcements.

11. **ORDINANCES:**

A. Ordinance No. 2016-3. An ordinance setting salaries for elected officials: Mayor & Council (1st reading)

B. Ordinance No. 2016-4. An ordinance setting qualification fees for candidates (1st reading)

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2016-18. Resolution appointing elections officials for 2016 municipal election.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve resolution 2016-18 as stated appointing Fartima B. Clark and James W. Harper as the Election Officials for the 2016 Municipal Elections. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18

A Resolution Appointing Election Officials for the City of Tuskegee, Alabama 2016 Municipal Election

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee, Alabama will hold a Municipal Election on August 23, 2016 and a run-off election on October 4, 2016, if necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama that said Election Officials for said election be as follows:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk
James W. Harper, City Manager

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 16th day of February, 2016.



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

James W. Harper, City Manager

B. Resolution No. 2016-19. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Booker Felder, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve resolution 2016-19 as stated celebrating & remembering the life of Booker Felder, deceased. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19
Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Booker T. Felder

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 Booker T. Felder, former beloved professor at Tuskegee University; and with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, although a native of Tampa, Florida Booker Felder was an adopted son of Tuskegee, first as a student, then later as Professor of Tailoring at Tuskegee Institute, and a renowned fashion designer and later still as an entrepreneur with many businesses in the community; 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 PROCLAMATION by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and on behalf of 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 Booker T. Felder and express sympathy to his son, Marc, his brother, Robert N. Felder, his host of cousins, extended family and many friends; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Proclamation and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Booker T. Felder.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



Johnny Ford, Mayor

C. Resolution No. 2016-20. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Jeannie Sanders Carlisle LaGrande.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve resolution 2016-20 as stated celebrating & remembering the life of Jeannie Sanders Carlisle LaGrande, deceased. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

Attorney Gray stated that at either at the last meeting or the meeting before that they have secured summary judgment in the Pitts Case in favor of the City of Tuskegee. The Pitts Case is a discrimination lawsuit filed by a former police officer. There was an appeal period that had to pass and that time has now passed. Atty. Gray stated that he received correspondence from EEOC on another discrimination case. The EEOC has indicated that they cannot conclude that the information obtained establishes violation of the statute. So what that means is that it is over for now but the person has a right to file a lawsuit if they so desire. So from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission standpoint (EEOC) there are no findings against the City of Tuskegee. This case is on Officer Nancy Yarenco a former police officer as well. Also set for February 24, 2016 in the Cox case each of the Council Members should be present at 9:00 AM. Atty. Gray stated that he will have at the next meeting the confidential report.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to receive the City Attorney's Report. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

14. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

6:22 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to enter Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7:03 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to end Executive Session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood moved to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk