

**TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS
STATE OF GEORGIA
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
255 MAIN STREET, TALLULAH FALLS, GA 30573
WITH VIDEO CONFERENCE STREAMING AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC
JULY 23, 2020, 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

The Special Called Council meeting for July 23, 2020 of the Town Council of Tallulah Falls, Georgia was called to order at 6:06 PM. A simultaneous live-stream view of the meeting was available through YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCytr3V3naaBwBwlzBlg-y8A> and had been previously circulated to the media and citizens through e-mail notification and the Town's website. The public was also able to participate in the meeting via Webex with Meeting #794 499 414. Social distancing protocols were observed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and overflow seating was available in the engine bay with audio feed of the meeting.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Mike Early
Mayor Pro tem Larry Hamilton
Councilperson Deb Goatcher
Councilperson Craig Weatherly
Town Clerk Linda Lapeyrouse
Town Attorney Warren Tillery
Police Office Robert Gardner

PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE: Councilperson Joey Fountain

OTHERS PRESENT OR VIA WEBEX: Public at large – see attached list

Mayor Early welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Weatherly and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

An amendment to add an Applicability paragraph to the proposed Ordinance to Allow and Regulate Short Term Vacation Rentals in Certain Zoning Districts was introduced by Mayor Early as provided by Attorney Tillery. **A motion was made by Councilperson Hamilton to approve the Applicability Amendment to the Ordinance to be considered. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Goatcher and unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to approve the Ordinance to Allow and Regulate Short Term Vacation Rentals in Certain Zoning Districts with the Applicability paragraph amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Weatherly. Councilperson Fountain stated there were problems hearing the audio. Those issues were addressed and Mayor Early recapped everything to that point and re-read the amendment to the ordinance being considered.

The motion passed unanimously with Councilperson Fountain abstaining. Councilperson Goatcher stated that there had been an overwhelming response from the community wanting this ordinance to be adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Early stated that the 2021 budget had been advertised and a public hearing had been held as required by law. A motion was made by Councilperson Weatherly to approve the 2021 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Goatcher and unanimously approved.

Councilperson Weatherly presented the bids for paving. His recommendation was to award the bid to Precision Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$65,135. A motion was made by Councilperson Goatcher to award the job to Precision Paving as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Weatherly and unanimously approved.

There being no other business before the Council, a motion was made by Councilperson Weatherly to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Fountain and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Linda Lapeyrouse, Town Clerk