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COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tennille Fire Department
June 1, 2026
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A work session of the Tennille City Council was held on Monday, June 1, 2026, with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding.

Council Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford, David Hartley, and Rhonda L. Lemons.

NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Others in attendance were Michael Howard, *City Attorney*, Danielle Ferguson, *City Clerk*, Farooq Mughal, *MS Global Partners*, & Ishita Samnani, *MS Global Partners*.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Eartha Cummings.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Eartha Cummings.

Invocation

The invocation was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford.

Visitor

- MS Global Partners
 - o Farooq Mughal of MS Global Partners thanks Mayor & Council for their continuous partnership with MS Global. Farooq shares the opportunity of pursuing an EB-5 Immigrant Investment Program application on behalf of the City. The program is a federal program that aims to create new businesses and a minimum of 10 full-time jobs; with all expenses falling on the investor. Farooq continues to note rural areas are desired locations. MS Global will be tasked with creating a business plan with the City for pursuit of this opportunity. Farooq notes that most business options are open.

Minutes For Review

The minutes for May 04, 2026, were presented to council for review.

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Monthly Reports

- The Sheriff's Office incident report for 05/2026 was emailed to council for review.

Attorney - Michael Howard

- Attorney Michael Howard
 - o Attorney Michael Howard has no new updates at this time.

Mayor/Council & Committee Concerns

- Council Member David Hartley
 - o Council Member David Hartley shares the appointed committee reviewed bids submitted regarding the Sewer Rehabilitation project and the committee will recommend awarding the bid to Turnipseed at the next council meeting.
 - o Council Member David Hartley also discusses options on getting large City ditches maintenance.
 - Mayor Eartha Cummings notes the City received a quote for \$16,000 from Tony Screws but one area proposed will need to be reviewed for City or County ownership.
- Council Member Deborah E. Rhodes
 - o Council Member Deborah Rhodes shares the City flowerbed landscaping plans look good and only small issues need to be worked out within the contract.
 - o Council Member Rhodes continues to share she is anxious to move forward with the music at the Depot, but the lack of lighting causes delays.
 - Mayor Cummings remind Council Member Rhodes that funding has been received for the Train Depot and lighting will be included in these plans.

Adjourn

With no further business, the work session is adjourned.