

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings; Attorney Ben Logan and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Councilman Markel Whittington was absent.

Councilwoman Nettie Davis welcomed and invited Rev. Richard Price to give the invocation. Councilman Lynn Bryan led the pledge of allegiance.

President Mike Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, with the follow change:

ADD: Item #18 City of Tupelo Fiscal Year 2020 Continuing Disclosure

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

### **PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA**

#### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Councilman Willie Jennings encourage all to be mindful of VOVID-19 and for all to take the vaccine.

Councilman Buddy Palmer agreed with Councilman Jennings and also encouraged all to get the vaccine.

Councilwoman Nettie Davis reminded everyone that February is Black History Month and that the exhibit in the 2nd floor hallway are artwork created by Jeff Tomlin. She encouraged everyone to look at his work. The 'Read Across America' program is going strong and all the Council members are asked to participate. She congratulated Rev. and Mrs. Richard Price on the birth of their baby girl, Justice. She also congratulated Carl and Debbie Brangenberg on a recently celebrated anniversary. Sympathies were extended to all those struggling with or have lost loved ones and/or friends dur to COVID. She specifically mentioned Sekou Smith, her 1st cousin, and Clay Coleman, owner of CHOP in East Tupelo.

### **IN THE MATTER OF HEALTHY HOMETOWN GRANT FINAL REPORT**

Alex Farned, Park and Recreation Director, introduced Donna Loden, who presented the final report of the \$50,000 Healthy Hometown Grant received from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Shelton started his remarks by reminding everyone to continue to social distance, wash hands and wear masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, but, more specifically that all those who can should get the vaccination as soon as possible. He reminded everyone that today is the Major Thoroughfare election and to go vote, if you haven't already. He also briefly mentioned both the Read Across America program and the passing of Clay Coleman, owner of CHOP, due to COVID. The Park and Recreation was recently the recipient of the following awards from the Mississippi Recreation and Park Association for their programs during the past year: Hayward "Bo" Phillips Award of Merit for the Synthetic Turf Project, Recreation Programming Award of Merit for Tupelo Fit, Special Event Award of Merit for the Drive Thru Dudies Burger Festival, Arts and Humanities Award of Merit for the Black History Month Program and the Award of Excellence in Special Events Sports Programming for USA Synchronized Swimming Masters National Championships.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

This item was moved up from the Study Agenda on the January 19, 2021 Council Agenda. Councilman L Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer to approve an Ordinance Rezoning Property and Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi for two vacant lots located at the intersection of Main Street and Lawndale. The properties will be changed from Mixed Use Residential to Mixed Use Commercial Corridor. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX B**

### **ROUTINE AGENDA**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 19, 2021**

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting dated January 19, 2021. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY**

Bills were reviewed at 4:00 p.m. by Council members: Travis Beard, Willie Jennings, Mike Bryan and Buddy Palmer; and Accounts Payable Clerk Traci Dillard. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX C**

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the advertising and promotional expense list, as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX D**

### **IN THE MATTER OF FY 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT #3**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the FY 2021 budget amendment #3, as presented by CFO Kim Hanna. The budget amendment makes changes to both the general fund and the tourism fund. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX E**

### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 21, 2020**

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the December 21, 2020, Minutes of the Planning Committee. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX F**

### **IN THE MATTER OF TAX ABATEMENT OF STEAK 'N SHAKE**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the application of Steak 'N Shake located at 1665 N Gloster and in a business improvement district for a commercial ad valorem tax abatement in the amount of \$3,100,000 for a period of five (5) years. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX G**

### **IN THE MATTER OF UNMARKED VEHICLES OF THE TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT AS OF JANUARY 27, 2021**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to approve the list of unmarked vehicles for the Police Department, as of January 27, 2021, as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the list is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX H**.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORARY SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE TUPELO AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Tupelo Airport Authority Chairman Eric Givens, submitted a request for temporary security services from the Tupelo Police Department. This request is in response to a shortage of qualified law enforcement officers currently employed by the airport. The Airport Authority is in the process of hiring and training additional personnel for security and fire protection. Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the request from the Tupelo Airport Authority Chairman. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX I**

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TUPELO POLICE DEPT AND ATF**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve the amended Memorandum of Understanding between the Tupelo Police Department and the ATF, changing the Point of Contact for each entity. This MOU allows the Tupelo Police Department and the ATF to partner in investigations,

undercover operations, etc. when needed. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX J**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TUPELO POLICE DEPT AND ATF**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the amended Memorandum of Agreement between the Tupelo Police Department and the ATF, changing the Point of Contact for each entity. This MOA allows reimbursement for overtime to the City of Tupelo for the task force, when there is a joint venture. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX K**

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2020-039PW SUPPLY/INSTALLATION OF THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC MARKING AND PAINT TRAFFIC MARKING MATERIALS - 12 MONTH**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to award Bid 2020-039PW - 2021 Supply/Installation of Thermoplastic Traffic Marking and Paint Traffic Marking Materials - 12 Month to the lowest and best qualified bid submitted by Riverside Traffic System, Inc. Of those present the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX L**

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2020-040WL L.E.D. LUMINARIES**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to award Bid 2020-040WL - L.E.D. Luminaries to the lowest and best bidders, as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX M**

**IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS VEHICLES**

TWL Director Johnny Timmons submitted a list of vehicles, no longer needed for use by the City of Tupelo. Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to surplus this list of vehicles, remove from the fixed asset list, and sell at auction. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX N**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A FIRE PROTECTION RATE INCREASE**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the Ordinance Amendment to all Previous Ordinances Establishing Schedule of Rules and Fees for Utility Services Furnished to Consumers of the City of Tupelo. This Ordinance enacts a fire protection rate increase. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX O**

**STUDY AGENDA**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to determine the need for an Executive Session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (g) (c) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to enter an Executive Session. The vote was unanimous in favor. The following were invited to attend the Executive Session: Mayor Jason Shelton, Don Lewis, Kim Hanna, DDS Director Pat Falkner, and Steven Reed.

A discussion was held concerning the topic approved for Executive Session.

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to leave Executive Session and re enter the Regular Meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. This the 2nd day of February, 2021.

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Mike Bryan, President  
City Council

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

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Jason Shelton, Mayor

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Date