

**SPECIAL CALL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was scheduled to be held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Due to winter weather, the regular meeting was cancelled and a special meeting of the Tupelo City Council was called to be held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings; Attorney Ben Logan and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Councilman Lynn Bryan led the invocation, and Councilwoman Nettie Davis led the pledge of allegiance.

President Mike Bryan called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

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

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

ADD: Item #7 Ratify Proclamation of Local Emergency

The vote was unanimous in favor.

**PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA**

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Councilwoman Nettie Davis asked for prayers for the Norwood family. She also asked that everyone remember the family of Barbara Ivy. Mrs. Ivy was the wife of Lee County Supervisor, Tommy Ivy.

Councilman Travis Beard thanked the administration and all the workers of the City of Tupelo for all their hard work during the winter storm. He also extended his condolences to the Ivy family.

Councilman Markel Whittington also thanked the various departments who were heavily involved in the work during the winter storm. He specifically mentioned Administration, Public Works, Park and Recreation and Tupelo Water & Light.

Councilman Buddy Palmer thanked Public Works, Tupelo Water & Light and the Police Department for all the hard work and the help administered during the winter storm. He also mentioned the family of David Puckett.

Councilman Willie Jennings thanked all the city departments for their work during the winter storm and the quick responses when he called them. He reminded everyone to get the COVID vaccine as soon as possible.

Councilman Mike Bryan thanked the City for their quick response to the winter storm and for all the preparedness that the City showed.

#### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Jason Shelton thanked all the departments for the team effort in the response of the winter storm. He also thanked the Council for all the support they give. He thanked the legal team and the administration in the quick response of the emergency declaration. He echoed the Council with his sympathies for the Logan, Norwood, Ivy and Puckett families. He reminded everyone that, if possible, they should take the COVID vaccine because this is the best hope of getting back to normal.

#### **ROUTINE AGENDA**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5, 2021**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 5, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

Bills were reviewed at 2:00 p.m. by Council members: Markel Whittington, Nettie Davis, Travis Beard, Willie Jennings, and Buddy Palmer; and Accounts Payable Clerk Traci Dillard. Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX A**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman L. Bryan, to approve the February 1, 2021, Minutes of the Planning Committee. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX B**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING MISSISSIPPI ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH MOU FOR INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

Police Chief Bart Aguirre addressed the Council with his condolences to retired Police Officer Jessie King in the loss of his son. He then asked that the Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Tupelo Police Department and office of Attorney General Lynn Fitch for internet crimes against children. This MOU will provide grant resources, joint operations, and extensive training

opportunities. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the MOU with the Attorney General's office. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX C**

**IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2021-003WL**

TWL Director Johnny Timmons asked the Council to award bid # 2021-003WL for The Hive Sewer Line to the lowest and best bid submitted by TL Wallace Construction in the amount of \$517,967.15. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to award the lowest and best bid to TL Wallace Construction. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX D**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

The City of Tupelo experienced a winter storm and extremely cold conditions commencing at approximately 12:01 p.m. on February 14, 2021, making conditions of extreme peril to the safety and property within the municipal boundaries. Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX E**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m. This the 22nd 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

February 23, 2021