

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MAY 19, 2026

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Bentley Nolan, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones. Also attending were Ben Logan, City Attorney and Sandra Shumaker, Clerk of the Council. Travis Beard asked Reverend Harold Wilson with New Dimension Community Church to give the invocation, and Vice President Lynn Bryan led the pledge of allegiance. President Gaston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the agenda and agenda order with the addition of the following item. The vote was unanimous in favor.

19. IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 1510 FORREST STREET AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEMOLITION OF THE SURPLUSSED STRUCTURE(S)

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Jordan recognized Co-Counsel Stephen Reed and presented him with a five-year certificate of service.

Mayor Jordan recognized Chief Building Inspector Patrick Reagan and presented him with a five-year certificate of service.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nettie Davis said she was happy to see so many in the community present, and she hoped they will come back to attend other meetings.

Vice President Lynn Bryan complimented DTMSA on a fabulous opening day of the Farmers Market at the Depot.

Rosie Jones invited everyone to attend the “Cycle For Hope, Mind Over Matter” bikeathon and parade on May 30. She thanked North Mississippi Rehab for inviting her to the well-attended celebration for Nursing Home Week.

Bentley Nolan echoed the compliments of Vice President Bryan and stated the annual Farmers Market was a success as usual. He congratulated the teachers and school staff for a successful school year. He invited everyone to the Memorial Day Ceremony at Veteran’s Park on May 25th. He praised the Parks & Recreation Department for always doing a great job hosting the event.

President Janet Gaston asked “If you could save someone’s life, would you?” She encouraged everyone to visit Vitalant, located on Eason Boulevard to donate blood. The need for blood supply increases

during the summer, and blood supply remains low.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan stated that giving blood one time can save up to three lives. It takes about forty minutes and suggested the donor take a blanket because they keep the room temperature cold!

The estimated number of attendees at the Tupelo Farmers Market was close to 1000 people. The Over Fifty-Five tennis tournament had 300 participants. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be at the Aquatic Center if it rains.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak on this matter. APPENDIX "A"

CITIZEN HEARING

Michael Carter is eleven years old and spoke to the council about the C.C. Augustus Pool. Michael stated that he can walk to the C.C. Augustus center from his house, and he has spent many summers there enjoying swimming and socializing with friends and family. His younger siblings enjoyed the kiddie pool. He does not have transportation to the Aquatic Center. His dream is that the pool will open next summer and plans to become a lifeguard when he gets older. He requested the city council and mayor fix the pool as fast as possible.

Chevelle Champ spoke on behalf of the Lee County chapter of "Working Together Mississippi". This group stands with members of the community that would like to see the repair of the CC August Center. The council has heard from constituents across all seven wards. Members of the community have spoken at council meetings regarding the legacy and history and personal meaning of the CC Augustus pool. They feel that an updated pool and community center will increase property values, increase educational opportunities, and lower crime rates. They are asking the council to make plans to rebuild and re-open the facility in a timely manner. They would like to be included in the process and planning of the revitalization of this historic facility. She asked everyone in attendance to stand if they were in support of the pool. She thanked council for their service.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2026

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026, council meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

The bills were reviewed by Vice President Bryan, Council Member Beard, and Council Member Mims. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve payment of the bills with check numbers D-441835-442223 and 50004332-50004361. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF DEPUTY CITY CLERKS APPROVAL

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the removal of Carol Botts as Deputy City Clerk due to her retirement and appointment of Christy Hardin as the new collection office manager and Deputy City Clerk. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the following advertisement items. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

Mississippi Radio Group	Memorial Day ads	\$299.00
Mississippi radio group	July 4th ads	\$299.00

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW OF THE RESPONSES TO RFQ 2026-019PW AND AWARD TO THE MOST RESPONSIBLE OFFEROR WHOSE PROPOSAL IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF TUPELO AS DETERMINED BY THE EVALUATION CRITERIA CONTAINED IN THE RFP - HDR – FY22 RAISE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING MAY 2026

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to find the HDR proposal as most advantageous to the city and award the FY22 Raise Grant preliminary engineering services contract to HDR. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND HDR FOR RFQ NUMBER 2026-019PW – FY22 RAISE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TUPELO

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to table this item until the contract was received and reviewed by legal. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026, APRIL 6, 2026, AND MAY 4, 2026 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to find the properties in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, in need of cleaning and approve the final lot mowing list as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE LOT MOWING LIENS

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve liens to be filed against

the properties listed below for the cost of lot mowing performed by city. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

100 Andrews Circle	101H-01-239-00	\$300.00
514 Clinton Street	089F-30-005-00	\$100.00
520 Clinton Street	089F-30-002-00	\$ 75.00
555 Magazine Street	089P-31-070-00	\$340.00
561 Magazine Street	089P-31-068-00	\$340.00
411 Lakeview Drive	101B-02-123-00	\$ 75.00
418 Lake View Drive	101B-02-130-00	\$125.00
2209 Lawndale Drive	101M-12-010-00	\$100.00
811 North Madison	089E-30-183-00	\$340.00
206 West Dozier	089F-30-302-00	\$540.00

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE DEMOLITION LIENS

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the following liens to be placed against the properties listed below for the cost of demolition. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

405 South Foster	077P-35-232-00	\$4200.00
514 Clinton Street	088L-34-027-00	\$3900.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 2026

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, MTP meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 2026

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, MTP meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL BID NO. 2024-069MT JACKSON ST IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the Final Summary Change Order for Bid No. 2024 069MT in the amount of \$ 2,256,608.32. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD APPROVAL 2026-026PW TERM BID VARIOUS DRAINAGE PIPE

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve and award the term bid for various drainage pipes to G&O Supply. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO REJECT BID NO. 2026-024WL (WATER MATERIALS - 6 MONTH SUPPLY BID)

Johnny Timmons, Director of Water & Light Department, stated that no bids were received. This item will be rebid. Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to reject the bid. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF INITIAL RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES BY EXXEL OUTDOORS, LLC

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the tax exemption to Exxel Outdoors, LLC for a period of nine years beginning January 1, 2026. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF THE CITY, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN A TOTAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CAPITAL PROJECTS AS DESCRIBED IN THIS RESOLUTION; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID BOND, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE SALE OF THE NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026 (CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT), IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the resolution for the issuance of GO Bonds as presented. Council Member Davis stated she desires part of the bond proceeds be allocated during upcoming budget discussions to upgrade the C. C. Augustus community center and replace the swimming pool. Council Member Jones stated that she is also in favor of the bond and the restoration of the C.C. Augustus community center and pool. City Attorney Ben Logan recognized city bond counsel Elizabeth Clark of Butler Snow, LLP. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY AND DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 1510 FORREST STREET AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEMOLITION OF THE SURPLUS STRUCTURE(S)

Vice President Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the order to find that the property was no longer of use to the city, demolish the structures located on the property, and surplus 1510 Forrest Street for redevelopment and sale. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to adjourn the meeting of May 19, 2026 at 6:28 pm. The vote was unanimous in favor.

JANET GASTON

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SANDRA SHUMAKER
COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED

TODD JORDAN, MAYOR

DATE