

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 21, 2025

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Bentley Nolan, and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Sandra Shumaker, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Janet Gaston was absent. Council Member Travis Beard gave the invocation and Council Vice President Lynn Bryan led the pledge of allegiance. Council Vice President Lynn Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to confirm the agenda and agenda order. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

There were no proclamations or recognitions.

PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Council Member Travis Beard congratulated the Park and Recreation Department and Boyd Yarbrough for a successful Dudie Burger Festival. He thanked City Attorney Ben Logan for working with him on the grill. He complimented the success of the Communities Forward Festival. He also recognized the Public Works Department and Police Department for handling the streets and traffic and crowd control on a Saturday filled with the final day of this season's Farmers Market, Pumpkin Run, Dudie Burger Festival, athletic events at the parks, Community Forward Festival and a "No King's" demonstration.

Council Member Nettie Davis thanked everyone for the support during her short absence. She also thanked everyone for supporting the Communities Forward Festival. The festival had its most attendees this year.

Council Member Bentley Nolan seconded the sentiments of Councilman Beard. He also congratulated Downtown Main Street Association on a successful Farmer's Market and the popularity of the Depot.

Council Member Mims welcomed Ms. Nettie back.

Council Member Bryan welcomed Ms. Nettie back and reminded everyone that the Chili Fest will be held on Friday, October 24 at Fairpark along with Family Fun Day at the Depot on Saturday, October 25.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan reported that there were 45 teams in Tupelo over the weekend and congratulated Parks & Recreation Director Alex Farned on a successful state swim meet. The Tupelo Swim boys team won first place and the Tupelo girls swim team placed second. The Mayor reminded everyone that a ribbon cutting for the Dot Cooper Kelly Building will be held on Friday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. He closed his remarks by welcoming Ms. Nettie back.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak on properties on the lot mowing list. APPENDIX "A"

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION AND CLEAN UP

Toni Hill spoke regarding the demolition proceedings for 505 Barnes Street. The home was built by Habitat for Humanity. They had problems with the flooring of the home from the beginning. They had intended to fix the home but could not afford to do so. She said they had spoken with someone regarding a purchase by the city. Her estranged husband, Jimmy Hill, filed bankruptcy and included the home in his bankruptcy. Mr. Hill said that the repairs were too costly, and he has spoken with The Department of Development Services regarding purchase of the property. APPENDIX "B"

ACTION AGENDA

THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT TO CITY OF TUPELO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 26 - UTILITIES, ARTICLE II - SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, DIVISION 4 - PROHIBITED DISCHARGES BY ENACTING PROVISIONS FOR GREASE TRAP, INTERCEPTOR AND SEPARATOR INSPECTION PROGRAM

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the ordinance amendment as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "C"

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT BURLESON TO THE TUPELO AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD

The Mayor recommended Scott Burleson for the appointment to the Tupelo Airport Authority Board. Council Member Davis seconded the nomination. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the nomination. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "D"

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the minutes of October 7, 2025, council meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "E"

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Council Members Bryan, Mims and Davis reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the payment of the bills, with check numbers 437341-437703 and 50003924-50003950. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “F”

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the advertising and promotional item as listed.

PPI-\$2,175.00 Splash Brochures for Tupelo Aquatics
PPI-\$2,015.00 Leisure Service Guides for Tupelo Parks & Rec
North MS Daily Journal \$495 Veterans Day Program ad (from Mayor & Council)

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “G”

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTRIC FUND AUDIT FOR FY 2025

Michael Little with the Jarrell Group, PLLC, presented the unmodified City of Tupelo Electric audit statement to the council with no material or negative findings. Mr. Little also complimented both the Water & Light Department and the Finance Department on keeping good records and being cooperative. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the audit findings. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “H”

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL LOT MOWING LIST

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the final lot mowing list as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “I”

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE LOT MOWING LIENS

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the following lot mowing liens. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “J”

103 Mulberry Drive	077K-35-157-00	\$350.00
5102 Fain Lane	074T-17-059-01	\$300.00
Lake & Hankins (Corner)	088N-33-103-00	\$300.00
3793 Fair Oaks Drive	075Q-22-002-00	\$500.00

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP PROPERTIES

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the following properties for demolition and/or clean-up. Council Member Jones recused herself from this vote. The vote was 5 Yay, 1 Recused and 1 Absent. APPENDIX “K”

429 Barnes	089F-30-045-00	Remove Retaining Wall
420 Tolbert	089F-30-089-00	Remove Wall & Steps

505 Barnes	089F-30-047-00	Demolition
611 North Church	089F-30-131-00	Demolition
428 Tolbert	089F-30-092-00	Demolition

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1193 KELLY STREET

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the request. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “L”

IN THE MATTER OF RENEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - ASSISTANCE WITH DEVELOPMENT CODE, ZONING MAP AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Director of Development Services Tanner Newman requested renewal of the professional services contract with Pat Falkner through October 1, 2026, for assistance with 2026 Development Code, Zoning Map and Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan to approve the contract. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “M”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE SOLE SOURCE FOR ARIZON AIR STRUCTURE FOR INSTALL AIR HANDLING UNIT AND RAIN FLAPS

Parks and Recreation Director Alex Farned requested Arizon be approved as the sole source provider for all services related to the air structure (bubble) covering the tennis courts at City Park in Tupelo. Legal counsel has reviewed and approved the sole source and proposal. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to find Arizon as the sole source provider and award the contract to Arizon for repairs and winterizing the tennis courts bubble. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “N”

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO SPORTS COUNCIL DONATING FUND FOR THE OVERSEEDING OF THE BASEBALL AND SOCCER FIELDS

Alex Farned requested approval of a donation of \$18,186.00 from the Tupelo Sports Council for Eagle Turf Seed Blend to over-seed the baseball and soccer fields. Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the request. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “O”

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 APPROVAL FOR FRONT ST. IMPROVEMENTS - MAIN ST. TO JEFFERSON ST. 2025-030PW

Public Works Director Kelly Knight informed the council that the project had encountered two hurdles with valves and water lines during the repair. This change order reflects an increase of \$50,452.55 for water line relocation less a deduction for temporary stripe quantities of \$10,795.00, for a net change order of plus \$39,657.55. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the change order. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “P”

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2025-020WL – SALE OF SURPLUS BUCKET TRUCK

Director of TWL Johnny Timmons informed the city council he had solicited competitive sealed bids, and the highest qualified bid was submitted by J.J. Merchant in the amount of \$3,777.77. Note: This item was declared surplus at the regular council meeting on June 3, 2025. Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to award the bid. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “Q”

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2025-031WL WATER MATERIALS (6 MONTH SUPPLY BID)

Water & Light Director Johnny Timmons recommended the lowest and best bid items be awarded to Consolidated Pipe and Supply Southern Pipe & Supply. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to award the lowest and best bids of each line item to these companies. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “R”

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2025-032WL – CONCRETE POLES (12 MONTH SUPPLY BID)

Water & Light Director Johnny Timmons recommended the bid be awarded to Stresscrete, Inc. as indicated on the attached bid tabulation. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve to award the 12-month supply bid Stresscrete. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “S”

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID NO. 2025-033WL (15 kV, 500 MCM COPPER PRIMARY URD CABLE

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to award the lowest and best bid for cable supply to T&C Specialty in the amount of \$220,501.38. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “T”

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO CURTIS RYAN OF A PERPETUAL NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS “WEST” KELLY STREET EXITING TO THE WEST FROM N. VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD. AND EXTENDING TO THE GRANTEE’S PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL NO. 088J-33-004-00

Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to grant a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over and across city-owned property on “West” Kelly Street to grantee Curtis Ryan’s property, subject to final language in the conveyance document. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “U” Hold up on getting this signed; there has been a glitch in the language.

IN THE MATTER OF FINDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PROCUREMENT IS THE MOST PRACTICABLE AND ADVANTAGEOUS METHOD TO OBTAIN PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ROADWAY MAPPING AND ANALYSIS TO PROVIDE A PAVEMENT CONDITION SURVEY OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF

THE CITY TO BE USED FOR PRIORITIZING AND MANAGING ROAD BUILDING, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

City Attorney Ben Logan explained that the preferred method used by the State of Mississippi for certain professional and personal services is the Request for Proposal (RFP) method. While not required of governing authorities, this method is considered best practices. This service will provide roadway mapping and analysis to create a pavement condition survey of the city system of the city. The city will be able to prioritize repairs, maintenance and overlay of the streets and road network of nearly 700 lane miles.

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to find the RFP procurement method the most advantageous and practicable way to competitively solicit these services and approve advertisement of the RFP. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "V"

(CLOSE OF REGULAR SESSION)

STUDY AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS DEFINING AND ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS FOR BREWPUBS, MICROBREWERIES, LIQUOR STORES AND CONVENIENCE STORES WITH FUEL SALES

Council voted to leave this on the study agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to determine the need for executive session. City Attorney Ben Logan said the session is for a report from the Neighborhood Development Corporation and involves the acquisition of real property and economic development, both proper subjects for discussion in executive session. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor to determine the need and enter closed session.

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to enter executive session at 6:40 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to return to regular session at 7:18 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. this the 21st day of October 2025.

Lynn Bryan, Council Vice President

ATTEST:

Sandra Shumaker, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date