

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 6, 2026

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Bentley Nolan, Janet Gaston, and Rosie Jones. Also attending were City Attorney Ben Logan, and Sandra Shumaker, Clerk of the Council. Council Members Chad Mims and Nettie Davis were absent. Council Member Beard gave the invocation, and Council President Lynn Bryan asked Ashley Adkinson from Boy Scout Troop #12 to lead the pledge of allegiance. President Lynn Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to amend the agenda order to add the following items. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

**#2 IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REQUEST TO REZONE
PROPERTY PARCEL 075V-22-004-01 LOCATED ON COLEY ROAD –
AGRICULTURE/OPEN SPACE TO MIXED USE-MUAC**

**#22 IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE TO REZONE
PROPERTY PARCEL 075V-22-004-01 LOCATED ON COLEY ROAD –
AGRICULTURE/OPEN SPACE TO MIXED USE-MUAC**

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Jordan presented Brad Deramus, director of the Chickasaw Heritage Center with a proclamation for Piominko Day to be observed on October 12, 2026. APPENDIX “A”

RECOGNITION OF GIRL/BOY SCOUTS

Council President Bryan recognized and welcomed boy scout Ashely Adkinson, son of Angela and Payne Adkinson from First Methodist Church Troop #12.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Jordan presented Gabby Bowen with the Huntington Bank Arena with a certificate and congratulated her on five years of employment with the City of Tupelo.

PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Council Member Beard invited everyone to come to the Dudie Burger Festival for a burger and moon pie on Saturday at the Oren Dunn Museum. He recognized Council Members Janet Gaston and Bentley Nolan for their contributions that led to Target coming to Tupelo. He also asked everyone to keep Councilwoman Nettie Davis in their prayers.

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Council Member Gaston congratulated Lucia Randle and the DTMSA team for another great season at the Farmer Market.

Vice President Nolan invited everyone to attend the Family Fun Day on Saturday at the Depot.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan announced the soft opening of Target went very well and was well attended. Woodford Way is being striped, and signs should be in place on Friday in time for the ribbon cutting. Everything should be open this weekend.

Mayor Jordan reported that Parks and Recreation hosted over 60 events in the last year which generated over six million dollars, an increase from last year of over \$500,000. The Aquatic Center generated \$613,000.in revenue, an increase of over \$100,000. from last year. The city will host the State Swim Championships and the Community Forward Festival on October 17 and Community Suicide Prevention Walk on October 24.

Mayor Jordan asked Mr. Brad Deramus to speak on the opening of the Chickasaw Heritage Center. Mr. Deramus stated that Phase One of the opening of the center would occur in approximately six months. The entrance will be off Natchez Trace Parkway. Most of the campus activities will be free of charge to visitors and include seasonal and quarterly events. The venue will also include a museum and a gift shop. Phase Two will include a cafeteria, a theatre, a playground, a traditional village site, trails and more. They expect to host well over one hundred thousand visitors a year.

Mr. Deramus invited everyone to attend the laying of the wreath celebration on Piominko Day in Fairpark on October 12.

PUBLIC AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY
PARCEL 075V-22-004-01 LOCATED ON COLEY ROAD – AGRICULTURE/OPEN
SPACE TO MIXED USE-MUAC

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

CITIZEN HEARING

Joahn Dale Haas Summers addressed the council and presented a picture of a dangerous road hazard located at her home. The hole created by the erosion is 29'long, 16' wide, 6'7" deep, and

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growing. There is 24” of shoulder on her side of the street and no shoulder on the other side of the street. She stated that she has requested assistance from the city for the past seven years and, aside from rock and dirt being placed on the ditch, nothing has been done. There is an accident here every three to four years. She requested that, if the city does not see a need to repair this issue, please at least place guard rails along this section of Elvis Presley Drive. APPENDIX “D”

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the minutes as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “E”

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve the minutes as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “F”

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

The bills were reviewed by Vice President Bentley Nolan and Council Member Travis Beard. Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve and pay the bills as presented with check numbers: 444870-445319 and 50004611-50004638. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “G”

IN THE MATTER OF FY2027 PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

President Bryan stated that this was an annual approval naming custodians of petty cash accounts for each department that occurs with the beginning of every fiscal year. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve the list as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “H”

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the promotional items listed below. Of those present the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “I”

Various Vendors	\$10,000	Community Forward Festival
Kathryn Stockett	\$ 7,500	Tupelo Reads Event Speaker (April 7, 2027)

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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT RFP2026-042BA TO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

President Bryan stated that this was an RFP to update storage and data for city servers. Three additional servers will be purchased and placed at City Hall, Tupelo Police Department and Fire Station #5. Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve and award Business Communications, Inc. as the sole respondent. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “J”

IN THE MATTER OF MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUISTIONNAIRE

President Bryan explained that this questionnaire is required of the city on an annual basis at the end of every fiscal year. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the annual submission of the municipal compliance questionnaire as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “K”

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FINAL LOT MOWING LIST

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

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE REVISIONS OF LOT MOWING LIENS

Due to a clerical error, revisions were made to the following liens to be filed at Lee County Circuit Court. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the revisions to the liens as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “M”

<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>PARCEL:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
1400 Central	077Q-36-081-00	\$75.00
905 Harrison Street	101D-01-179-00	\$75.00
Canal Street	088N-33-047-00	\$100.00
2411 Danny Street	077P-35-006-00	\$75.00
605 Trout Street	101B-02-025-00	\$75.00
202 Enoch Avenue	077Q-36-219-00	\$75.00
2308 Torrey Street	077P-35-187-00	\$75.00
909 Desoto Drive	077G-25-031-00	\$100.00
2317 Englewood Drive	101B-02-247-00	\$100.00
213 North Thomas Street	077J-35-005-00	\$75.00
401 Monument Drive	101B-02-140-00	\$100.00
1518 Central Avenue	077Q-36-156-00	\$100.00
2607 Bryan Drive	101B-02-195-00	\$75.00
122 Harvesters Square	079V-32-147-00	\$75.00
2411 Danny Street	077P-35-006-00	\$75.00

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2026**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “N”

**IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD APPROVAL 2026-039PW CHICKASAW HERITAGE
CENTER NATCHEZ TRACE INTERSECTION**

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve and award the bid to James A. Hodges Construction, Inc. as the lowest bidder with a bid of \$434,943.30. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “O”

**IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT APPROVAL CHICKASAW HERITAGE CENTER
NATCHEZ TRACE INTERSECTION BID NO. 2026-039PW**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve the execution of a contract with James. A. Hodges Construction, Inc. following the approval of Bid 2026-039PW. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “P”

IN THE MATTER OF SOLE SOURCE FOR ACCUTAB FROM MEMPHIS POOL

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve this sole source purchase as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “Q”

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LEE COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION TASK FORCE
INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

Assistant City Attorney Stephen Reed stated that this agreement would join the Tupelo Police Department with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office and the First District Circuit Court District Attorney’s office in a multi-jurisdictional task force hosted by Lee County. This task force will address issues with prosecution of crimes against children. Each of these entities would have a detective on the task force. Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve this agreement as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “R”

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND NORTHEAST
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Assistant City Attorney Stephen Reed stated that this is the annual renewal of an MOU with Mississippi Community Services, Inc. that provides the Tupelo Transit Program. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve this agreement as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “S”

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF HUNTINGTON BANK ARENA MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2026

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the minutes as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “T”

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve the surplus of two Water & Light floating aerators removed from the Colonial Estates sewer pumping station. These items will be sold as scrap. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “U”

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD BID #2026-036WL – FRONT STREET RENOVATIONS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve and award the bid for the Water & Light front street renovations to M&N Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$1,189,770.00. This bid came in under budget. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “V”

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY PARCEL 075V-22-004-01 LOCATED ON COLEY ROAD – AGRICULTURE/OPEN SPACE TO MIXED USE-MUAC

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve this ordinance that will rezone 3.4 acres that has been sold to the NMMC from Agriculture/Open Space to Mixed Use-MUAC. Of those present the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “W”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to determine the need for executive session. City Attorney Ben Logan advised that the matter related to acquisition of real property interests by the city and represented a proper matter for executive session. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to enter executive session at 6:31 PM. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to exit executive session and return to regular session at 6:53 PM. Of those present the vote was unanimous in favor.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the council at this time, Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to adjourn the October 6, 2026, council meeting at 6:53 PM. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

LYNN BRYAN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SANDRA SHUMAKER
COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED

TODD JORDAN, MAYOR

DATE