

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 1, 2024

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, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Travis Beard led in prayer, and Carter Dandy, member of Boy Scout Troop #12 led the pledge of allegiance.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the agenda and agenda order, with the following deletions:

Delete # 10 Duplication from 9-3-2024

In the Matter of Approval of an Agreement Between the MS Department of Homeland Security and the City of Tupelo and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Said Agreement – Extrication Equipment

Delete # 11 Duplication from 9-3-2024

In the Matter of Approval of an Agreement Between the MS Department of Homeland Security and the City of Tupelo and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Said Agreement – Robot and Accessories.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATION FOR PIOMINKO DAY

Mayor Todd Jordan introduced Mr. Brady Davis, who read the proclamation for Piominko Day, followed by the presentation. APPENDIX A

RECOGNITION GIRL/BOY SCOUTS

Carter Dandy, member of Boy Scout Troop #12, was recognized for his attendance.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were recognized for employment with the City of Tupelo:

Christy Johnson	15 years	Municipal Court
Ohaji Shakur Davis	5 years	Police Department
Lucia Randle	5 years	Downtown Mainstreet

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Palmer invited everyone to attend the Damon Palmer photography exhibition at the Renasant Gallery October 2-31. 2024.

Council Member Jones thanked everyone for their help, participation and attendance at the Community Forward Festival held last weekend at Gumtree Park.

Council Member Mims thanked Regional Rehabilitation for all they do and asked everyone to consider participation in the upcoming fundraiser.

Council Member Davis thanked Chief Quaka, Deputy Chief Hill and all the city’s departments who helped with the Community Forward Festival.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan recognized all the good work that is done by the Regional Rehabilitation Center and also announced that they will be the Grand Marshall at the 2024 Reed’s Christmas Parade. He gave an update on the ARPA projects: 7 projects complete, 6 projects under construction and 5 projects to start in the Fall. He reported that the Park and Recreation Department is hosting several baseball and soccer tournaments for the upcoming weekend. We should have over 125 teams involved.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to address the properties on the final lot mowing list.

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Location</u>
089N3100601	123 S INDUSTRIAL RD
089J3104700	517 N GLOSTER ST
089J3104600	515 N GLOSTER ST
077L3613400	208 ROOSEVELT AVE
113E0602300	S MADISON ST

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING APPLICATION RZ24-02

Reid Wuestefeld, Civil Engineer with Kimley-Horn, appeared to speak on behalf of both the property owner and the Target Corporation.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF REGULAR SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING AND SPECIAL CALL SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 MEETING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 17, 2024, and the special call meeting held on September 24, 2024. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Beard, Davis, Mims, Bryan, and Palmer. Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF FY 2025 PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Petty Cash Accounts for FY2025, as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire as submitted by City Clerk Kim Hanna. The period covered by this questionnaire is October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ FOR ARPA PROJECTS – UPDATED BUDGETS

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the modifications between the City of Tupelo and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for the ARPA projects and to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTIES FOR LOT MOWING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to adjudicate the properties on the final lot mowing list as menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and to approve cleaning in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Sec. 21-19-11. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF LIENS FOR UNPAID LOT MOWING INVOICES

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve a Resolution Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Liens Against Real Property associated with property cleanups under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972 as amended) for the following properties:

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>LIEN AMOUNT</u>
151 Canal Street	088N-33-057-00	\$375.00
527 N Church St	089F-30-105-01	\$330.00
523 N Church St	089F-30-106-01	\$330.00
1502 Reed St	077Q-36-107-00	\$300.00

The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING APPLICATION RZ24-02

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the rezoning application RZ24-02. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR SITE PLAN APPLICATION MSP24-01

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve major site plan application MSP24-01. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID NO. 2024-050PW 2024 CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to reject Bid # 2024-050PW – Cured-In-Place Pipe Improvements. All bids received were over the budgeted estimate. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT APPROVAL BID # 2024-024PW MDOT PROJECT # STP-0430-00(07) LPA/109149-701000 WARD 4 BARNES CROSSING SIDEWALKS

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the contract with Phillips Contracting Co., Inc. for Bid # 2024-024PW MDOT Project # STP-0430-00(07) LPA/109149-701000 – Ward 4 Barnes Crossing Sidewalks in the amount of \$298,012.50. This bid was awarded on July 16, 2024. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF POOL TABLE FROM TUPELO SPORTS COUNCIL

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to accept the donation of a pool table (value of \$1,500.00) to be used at the Bel-Air Center from the Tupelo Sports Council. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR AQUATIC CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve a contract with JBHM Architects for architectural services for the sound panels and relining of the Elvis Presley Pool at the Tupelo Aquatic Center and to allow the Mayor to sign the contract, which has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF ARPA PROJECT #2024-052 CVB RFP PUBLIC RELATIONS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve ARPA RFP 2024-052CVB – Public Relations submitted by Turner Public Relations. Three responses were received and scoresheets are attached to these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CADENCE BANK ARENA REGULAR MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2024 AND AUGUST 29, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2024, and special call meeting of August 29, 2024. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF RFQ 2024-055AD AND TO AWARD AN ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT TO SCHNIEDER ELECTRIC AS THE MOST QUALIFIED RESPONDENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF SUCH CONTRACT SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

The City of Tupelo advertised a Request for Qualifications seeking to procure a contract for energy savings services pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-14. After having received the proposals, each were evaluated by a scoring committee, and the most qualified respondent was selected by the Committee. The scoring committee recommends awarding a contract to Schnieder Electric. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to award the contract for RFQ 2024-055AD - Energy Services to Schnieder Electric. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE THEIR UNIFORM, SERVICE WEAPON AND VEHICLE WHILE PERFORMING PRIVATE SECURITY DETAIL FOR TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

Council Member Palmer recused himself.

Tombigbee Electric Power Association will be installing fiber internet along Gloster Street over the next few months. Most of the construction will take place during the night. Tombigbee has requested to employ several police officers to perform traffic duty during the time that crews will be working. Tombigbee will compensate the officers on an hourly rate for their services and will reimburse the City of Tupelo for costs associated with the use of the vehicles. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve this request. A hold harmless agreement is attached to these minutes, as well as a list of the officers. APPENDIX Q

Council Member Palmer rejoined the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, DETERMINING THE NECESSITY FOR AND INVOKING THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE CITY BY THE LEGISLATURE WITH RESPECT TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 45 OF TITLE 21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, DETERMINING THAT THE PROJECT (AS DEFINED HEREIN) IS A PROJECT ELIGIBLE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the 'Resolution of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Determining the Necessity for and Invoking the Authority Granted to the City by the Legislature with Respect to Tax Increment Financing as Set forth in Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended, Determining that the Project (as Defined Herein) is a Project Eligible for Tax Increment Financing Under the Laws of the State of Mississippi, that a Public Hearing be Conducted in Connection with the Tax Increment

Financing Plan, and for Related Purposes’. This item represents the city’s resolution announcing its intent to notice and conduct a public hearing to determine the necessity and eligibility of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and TIF Plan for Project Target. The notice will be advertised on October 17, 2024, and the public hearing will be conducted on October 31, 2024. The vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX R

IN THE MATTER OF AN AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTERS 2, 6, 8 AND 12 CONCERNING THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ALL NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES SHALL HAVE CONSTRUCTED A GARAGE OR CARPORT AND THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES BE ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETE SITE PLANS (TABLED AT SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING)

This item was moved to the regular agenda on September 17, 2024, but was inadvertently left on the study agenda. At this time, the Council decided to table this motion.

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS TA-23-01

This item was left on the study agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 1st day of October, 2024, at 6:32 p.m.

Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date