

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY 05, 2021

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, January 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, and Mike Bryan; Attorney Ben Logan and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Councilman Willie Jennings attended by ZOOM.

Councilman Buddy Palmer invited Police Officer, Robert Cook to give the invocation. Councilman Mike Bryan led the pledge of allegiance.

President Mike Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to confirm the agenda and agenda order as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

Councilwoman Nettie Davis, wished everyone a Happy New Year and extended her hope for blessings and strength to all. She congratulated Reverend Richard Price and his wife on the birth of their baby girl.

Councilman Willie Jennings offered his thanks for 2021 and asked all to continue to stay safe, as the pandemic seems to be getting worse.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Shelton said it seems that we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel concerning COVID-19 as the vaccinations have begun. The National Guard and others are distributing and assisting with the vaccinations, as needed. He feels that we are in the worst of the worst part of the pandemic, with the emergency rooms being used for patients who can't get a room. He asks for everyone to continue to wear masks, social distance, and follow the safety protocols set by the CDC guidelines, and both the State and Local mandates.

He wished everyone a Happy New Year. The celebration of 2021 is nothing like 2020's celebration, and asked that the Council continue to support the New Year's celebrations in 2022 and beyond.

The Dr. Martin Luther King celebration will be different this year, but is still considered the largest in Mississippi. He asked that all support and participate in the celebration, if possible. January 18-19 will be the National Day of Service.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING

No one appeared to speak at this Public Hearing.

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION

1204 Hilda Avenue

Andy Portillo spoke to the Council concerning the possible demolition of the structure located at 1204 Hilda Avenue.

1410 Forrest Street

No one appeared to speak.

571 N Church Street

No one appeared to speak.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

This item was tabled at the December 1, 2020 Council meeting and a Public Hearing was held earlier in tonight's meeting. Councilman L Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the Ordinance Rezoning Property and Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi. Pat Falkner, Director of Development Services, addressed the Council with a request to rezone the property located at 2030 South Veterans Memorial Drive from industrial to mixed use residential. The Planning Committee unanimously approved the request at a prior meeting. Red Oak Church purchased this property, located across the street from their current location, and wishes to expand their after school program to this location. The vote was unanimous in favor of the Resolution. **APPENDIX A**

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 15, 2020

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting dated December 15, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:00 p.m. by Council members: Travis Beard, Markel Whittington, and Buddy Palmer; and Accounts Payable Clerk Traci Dillard. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX B**

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the advertising and promotional expense list, as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX C**

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION PAY FOR DEPUTY CLERK

City Clerk/CFO, Kim Hanna addressed the Council with the request to pass a Resolution Providing for the Deputy City Clerk to Act as the Election Registrar and to Provide Compensation for Such Duties. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the Resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX D**

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR POLL WORKER COMP

City Clerk/CFO Kim Hanna asked that the Council approve A Resolution Establishing Compensation for Election Commissioners, Poll Workers, Poll Managers, Resolution Board Members and Other Election Workers in the 2021 Municipal, Special, Primary and General Elections. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the Resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX E**

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT OF GEORGE TAYLOR TO TUPELO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to reappoint George Taylor to the Tupelo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX F**

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF ORLANDO IVY TO POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to appoint Orlando Ivy to the Police Advisory Board in the at-large position. The vote was as follows:

Markel Whittington	AYE
Lynn Bryan	AYE
Travis Beard	AYE
Nettie Davis	AYE
Buddy Palmer	AYE
Mike Bryan	NAY
Willie Jennings	AYE

APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF STEVE MCALILLY TO THE TUPELO AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to appoint Steve McAlilly to the Tupelo Airport Authority Board. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX H**

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS K9 APPOLLO FOR RETIREMENT

Police Chief Aguirre submitted a request to the City Council to retire K9 Appollo. Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the request and retire K9 Appollo from the Tupelo Police Department, with all further care and cost belonging to his Handler. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX I**

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS K9 EDGE FOR RETIREMENT

Police Chief Aguirre submitted a request to the City Council to retire K9 Edge. Councilman Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the request and retire K9 Edge from the Tupelo Police Department, with all further care and cost belonging to his Handler. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX J**

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 21, 2020

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to approve the December 21, 2020, Minutes of the Planning Committee. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX K**

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION

Donna Jarrell, Development Services, presented a list of structures that should be considered for demolition. After a brief explanation of each property, Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the list for demolition, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX L**

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #3 FAIRPARK PHASE IV BID 2020-14FP

Debbie Brangenberg, DTMSA Director, requested that Change Order #3 for the Fairpark Phase IV Bid 2020-014FP be approved. The change order request is for a time extension due to the delay of delivery for the street lamps. There is no monetary change. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings to approve the change order. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX M**

IN THE MATTER OF MOA MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan to approve a 2021 Memorandum of Agreement for continuation in the Mississippi Main Street Association Main Street Program. This agreement is entered into and executed by the Mississippi Main Street Association, the City of Tupelo and sponsoring organization, Downtown Tupelo Main Street, for the purpose of continued participation in the Mississippi Main Street Program. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the Agreement is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX N**.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 5th day of January 2021.

Mike Bryan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor