

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Be it remembered that a recessed meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Church Street School auditorium on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney; and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Travis Beard was absent. Council Member Davis introduced Rev. Raphael Terry, Pastor of Lane Chapel Church, who led the invocation. Council Member Lynn Bryan, introduced Boy Scout Braxton Johnson, who led the pledge of allegiance.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the agenda and agenda order, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

RECOGNITION OF GIRL/BOY SCOUTS

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized and introduced members of Boy Scout Troop #12, as follows: Sam Agnew, Braxton Johnson and Charleston Root.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Stephanie Coomer was recognized for 15 years of employment with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Mims commented on the King City Classic held last weekend. There were eighteen schools represented.

Council Member Gaston said the short course swim meet last weekend was a great success.

Council Member Jones asked that everyone remember the family of the boy who was involved in the homicide over the weekend.

Council Member Palmer stated that Tupelo has progressed and changed over the years and, in his opinion, this is related to great leadership.

Council Member Bryan read a list of sports activities coming up this weekend that will bring a lot of visitors to Tupelo.

Council Member Davis mentioned the black history presentation that was held at the Oren Dunn Museum recently. Those added to the list were: Nettie Davis, Joe Ruff, Wayne Hereford and Zell Long. She also thanked the City of Tupelo for supporting the UNCF Rust College event.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan agreed with Council Member Palmer on how much Tupelo has changed and progressed over the years and said we have to keep it up. He thanked the Police Department on their quick apprehension of those involved in the homicide last weekend.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP OF 502 NORTH SPRING STREET

No one appeared to speak concerning this property.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak concerning the property located at 527 N Church Street.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Council meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Buddy Palmer, Nettie Davis and Janet Gaston. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 FOR FY 2024

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve Budget Amendment #5 for fiscal year 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF REV. ROBERT SHAMBLIN-TRAYLOR TO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE – WARD 4

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to confirm the appointment of Reverend Robert Shamblin-Traylor to the Major Thoroughfare Committee to represent Ward 4 for a term of 4 years. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND HAROLD B WILSON TO POLICE CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD – WARD 3

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to confirm the appointment of Reverend Harold B Wilson to the Police Citizen Advisory Board for a term of 3 years to represent Ward 3. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT OF LUCAS BERRYHILL TO THE POLICE CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD - WARD 2

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to confirm the reappointment of Lucas Berryhill to the Police Citizen Advisory Board, as Vice Chairman, to represent Ward 3 for a term of 3 years. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTIES FOR LOT MOWING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, 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. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP OF 502 NORTH SPRING STREET

DDS Director Tanner Newman requested that the Council consider the adjudication of property located at 502 North Spring Street having been found to be in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning by demolition as authorized by Miss. Code § 21-19-11 (1972 as amended). This property was found to be in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning by demolition.

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the property located at 502 North Spring Street be found to be in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning by demolition as authorized by Miss. Code § 21-19-11 (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of approval of the demolition. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to accept the License Commission minutes of January 23, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION MAJSUB24-01, MAJOR SITE PLAN, AND PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR MT VERNON PLACE SUBDIVISION

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the major subdivision application MAJSUB24-01, the major site plan and the preliminary plat for Mt. Vernon Place subdivision. This project consists of a 26-lot residential subdivision east of Mt. Vernon Road at the intersection of McCullough Boulevard for single-family housing. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR PARKSIDE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a development agreement for Parkside Residential Subdivision with Southern Oaks at Mooreville, LLC. This project consists of 37 total lots in Phase I and 20 lots in Phase II. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the Major Thoroughfare Committee minutes of January 8, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR BID NO. 2023-068PW - DIESEL GENERATOR PACKAGE SYSTEM LABOR AND MATERIALS – FIRE STATIONS 3, 4, 6, 7

Bid # 2023-068PW – Diesel Generator Package System Labor and Materials for Fire Stations 3, 4, 6 and 7, was awarded to Liberty Electric of Nettleton, MS LLC at the February 6, 2024, Council meeting. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the contract for this project. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF CONVENTION AND VISITOR’S BUREAU BOARD MINUTES

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Board minutes of February 6, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF BID # 2023-066WL - JACKSON STREET - BETWEEN MADISON AND FRONT – OVERHEAD TO UNDERGROUND UTILITY RELOCATION

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2023-066WL – Jackson Street Between Madison and Front – Overhead to Underground Utility Relocation. Multiple bids were received with the lowest and best bid being from Reinhold Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$5,455,103.70. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to award the bid to Reinhold Electric, Inc. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER # 1 FOR THE REPAIR AND REPAINT OF THE BELDEN ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK - BID NO 2023-042WL

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve change order #1 for Bid # 2023-042WL – Repair and Repaint of Belden Elevated Water Storage Tank. This change order is a deduction of \$1,975.00, and will change the original contract amount to \$330,530.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF TWELVE (12) 37.5 kVA PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve an emergency purchase of twelve 37.5kVA padmount transformers because of the lead time and possible escalator charge to aluminum and aluminum windings when shipped. Quotes were received, with the lowest and best quote being \$39,060.00 from Arkansas Electric. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT – MULTIFAMILY (TABLED AT NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING)

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to move this item to the Study Agenda. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT – SIGNS (TABLED AT NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING)

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to move this item to the Study Agenda. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to determine the need for an executive session. City Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the acquisition and disposal of real property under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of possible acquisition of real property under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor at 6:25 p.m.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims to return to the regular meeting at 6:58 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 Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 20th day of February, 2024.

Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date