

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Janet Gaston, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Bentley Nolan, and Rosie Jones, Ben Logan, City Attorney and Sandra Shumaker, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Chad Mims was late. Council Member Lynn Bryan gave the invocation and Council Member Nettie Davis led the pledge of allegiance. Council President Janet Gaston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to amend the agenda and remove the following item:

**# 10, IN THE MATTER OF REVISIONS TO DOWNTOWN TUPELO DESIGN GUIDELINES (FOR DOWNTOWN TUPELO OVERLAY).** Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Member Nettie Davis asked for prayer for the family of Reverend Jesse Jackson who passed away on February 17, 2026.

Council Member Bentley Nolan invited everyone to join Tupelo Reads as they welcome Mr. Allen Levi, who is the author of “Theo of Golden” at the Lee County Library on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Todd Jordan announced that the recently purchased air-burner is operational and has already started burning brush and trees at the Class II rubbish site. The Mayor announced this weekend will be a busy weekend for sports with 130 soccer teams, 60 baseball teams and 25 softball teams playing in Tupelo.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 23.5 - SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL**

City Attorney Ben M. Logan stated that this ordinance would primarily address contract haulers' permitting, fees and penalties and amend the following provisions:

Solid Waste Collection, Removal and Disposal:

Definitions

Business establishments to provide own containers; placement; interference prohibited; maintenance in sanitary condition.

Removal of construction debris.

Business establishments responsible for collection, removal and disposal of own waste.

Contract haulers.

Disposal of waste.

Use of streets for transportation of waste restricted.  
Violations, penalty.  
Additional provisions as needed.

Council Member Nettie Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the amendments of certain provisions of Chapter 23.5 – the Solid Waste Collection, Removal and Disposal Ordinance. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “A”

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026, council meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “B”

**IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY**

The bills were reviewed by Council Member Nettie Davis, Council Member Bentley Nolan and Council Member Travis Beard. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to pay the bills with check numbers 439866-440145 and 50004155-50004180. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “C”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT WITH RENASANT BANK**

CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna informed the council that this Depository Agreement with Renasant Bank will be effective from the date signed through January 31, 2028. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan. to approve the depository agreement for investments as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “D”

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT WITH CADENCE BANK**

Council President Janet Gaston recused herself and left the room.

CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna stated that the purchase agreement had been approved at the special call meeting held on January 29, 2026 and this ratification of the agreement was routine. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the ratification. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “E”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE CITY TO SUBMIT THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT WITH SPAIN HOUSE AND TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION**

Council President Janet Gaston returned to council chambers.

This Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant will be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH). The match is 50%, (\$10,000 cash contribution from the Church and \$10,000 from the MDAH), and the submission deadline is February 20, 2026. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the submission. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “F”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE CITY TO SUBMIT THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLCIATION**

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP), application will be submitted to the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS). The grant is for \$212,000 for three servers and 55 switches with is no match required. The submission deadline is February 27, 2026. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the submission. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “G”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE CITY TO SUBMIT THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT WITH SPRING HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION**

The Certified Local Government Grant will be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH). The match is 50%, (\$10,000 cash contribution from the Church and \$10,000 from the MDAH), and the submission deadline is February 20, 2026. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the submission. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “H”

**IN THE MATTER OF COURT CLERK TRAINING CERTIFICATE**

The annual renewal of the training certificate is routine. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve this item. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “I”

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING AN MOU BETWEEN THE TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE MISSISSIPPI ATTORNEY GENERAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**

Police Chief John Quaka stated that this was a renewal of a continuing partnership with the Attorney General’s Office. Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the MOU. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “J”

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING AN MOU BETWEEN THE TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE**

Police Chief John Quaka stated that the purpose of this MOU would allow the Tupelo Police Department to assist the Capital Police when additional manpower is needed and allow for reimbursement of the Tupelo Police Department for expenses and use of protective services. Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “K”

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM IDEAL BLASTING INC. DBA IDEAL BLASTING SUPPLY**

Police Chief John Quaka informed the council that this purchase will be made for the Tupelo Police Department EOD Unit for 1 Zeus Universal Transmitter Spare Package and 1 Zeus Remote Firing Device Spare Package. These items are available only from Ideal Blasting Inc. The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security has reviewed this sole source procurement and provided documentation that this purchase is in the best interest of the agency. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “L”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “M”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2025**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2025 Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “N”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2026, Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “O”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2025**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “P”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2026**

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2026 Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “Q”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER FOR COLEY ROAD  
CURB & GUTTER (MCCULLOUGH BLVD TO RIDGEWAY DRIVE) BID NO 2025-017 PW**

This Change Order is in the amount of \$ 9,329.50 Coley Road Curb & Gutter. This project was completed, and final quantities were calculated. All Pay Items were adjusted as warranted through the course of the project. Minimal amounts of select borrow and limestone were needed, which resulted in significant cost savings for the project. The total amount is \$242,260.14. Changes resulted in a net decrease in the amount of \$ 101,815.91. The contract price including this change order is \$ 344,076.05. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the change order. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “R”

**IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD APPROVAL 6 MONTH HOT MIX SUPPLY 2026- 003PW**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve and award Bid 2026-003PW 6-Month Hot Mix Supply to APAC-MS as the sole and best bidder. The bid was properly advertised and commercially reasonable. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “S”

**IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD MINS. JANUARY 6, 2026**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 CVB Board Meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “T”

**IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD MINS. FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to the approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 CVB Board Meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “U”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF PEGGY GARDUNO TO SERVE ON THE TUPELO COLISEUM COMMISSION**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the nomination of Peggy Garduno to the Tupelo Coliseum Commission. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “V”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF MR. VANCE PHILIPS TO THE NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the nomination of Vance Philips to the NEMS Regional Water Supply District Board for a third term. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “W”

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT XVI TO THE COOPER TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY INDUSTRIAL POWER CONTRACT, DATED MAY 14, 1986, TO CHANGE THE NAME TO GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve Amendment XVI to the Cooper Tire and Rubber Company Industrial Power Contract, originally dated May 14, 1986, to change the name to Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “X”

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS**

Water & Light Director Johnny Timmons requested council to approve the surplus five Westinghouse substation circuit breakers removed from South Tupelo Substation: Serial Numbers: 75M104VB 75M103VB 75L125VB 75L109VB 75L108VB. These items will be sold as scrap. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the list of items as surplus. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “Y”

**STUDY AGENDA**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR PHASE VIII (“PRIORITIES ORDINANCE”)**

City Attorney Ben M. Logan stated that there would be a work session held on February 24, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers for the Priorities Ordinance and the setting of election. The council voted to move this item to the action agenda at the March 3, 2026 meeting. APPENDIX “Z”

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 7 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS BY ADOPTING 2024 ICC CODE SERIES WITH EXCEPTIONS**

City Attorney Ben M. Logan stated that there would be a work session on this ordinance held on March 2, 2026, following the pre-council meeting. The council voted to move this item to the action agenda at the March 3, 2026, meeting. APPENDIX “AA”

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 10 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION BY ADOPTING 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (IFC) CODE WITH APPENDICES B, C, D, E AND I; NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE; AND WITH EXCEPTIONS**

City Attorney Ben M. Logan stated that there would be a work session on this ordinance held on March 2, 2026, following the pre-council meeting. The council voted to move this item to the action agenda at the March 3, 2026, meeting. APPENDIX “BB”

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the city council at this time, Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the meeting of 02/17/26 at 6:15 p.m.

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JANET GASTON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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SANDRA SHUMAKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED

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TODD JORDAN, MAYOR

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