

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MAY 18, 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, May 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer and Willie Jennings; Attorney Ben Logan and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Councilman Mike Bryan was absent at the beginning, but joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Travis Beard led the invocation. Councilman Lynn Bryan introduced members of Boy Scout Troop #12, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Vice President Buddy Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

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

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION FOR QUEEN'S REWARD MEADERY

Mayor Jason Shelton presented a proclamation proclaiming May 25, 2021, as Queen's Reward Meadery Day. APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION TO LESLIE PURVIS TALLEY

Mayor Jason Shelton presented a proclamation to Mrs. Leslie Purvis Talley proclaiming May 21, 2021, as Leslie Purvis Talley Day. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF BOY/GIRL SCOUTS

Mayor Jason Shelton recognized 3 members of Boy Scout Troop #12, along with Duke Loden. The Scouts recognized were Isaac Shumaker, Daklin McCullough and Tanner Jones.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nettie Davis thanked everyone who remembered her and her family during the time of the death of her brother, Jimmie Young.

Council Member Travis Beard first commended Mrs. Davis for her dedication to the City of Tupelo and the Tupelo City Council by attending tonight's meeting, even though she is going through the time of the death of her brother.

Council Willie Jennings also thanked Mrs. Davis for attending the meeting tonight. Then he thanked his colleagues, the City's administrations, the Department Heads and all the Ward 7 supporters for the last 12 years.

IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor asked that a copy of the 'State of the City' address be added to his remarks, which is attached as APPENDIX C. He, too, thanked Mrs. Davis for her dedication and love for the City of Tupelo. He reported the tornado cleanup was coming along well. Public Works and volunteers have made a big difference in getting all the debris cleaned up. There is a cleanup day scheduled for the Park Hill area and Garden Spruce Up Day scheduled for Haven Acres on Saturday.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak on the public hearing for the following properties:

Parcel	Location
089J3131800	1004 W JEFFERSON ST
077Q3615300	1527 CENTRAL
077P3500600	2411 DANNY ST
113J0703700	1016 CHICKASAW TRL
101A0220500	469 S THOMAS ST
075R2205600	3575 LANSDOWNE DR

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR LEGGETT & PLATT COMPONENTS #0341

Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the resolution granting ad valorem tax exemption to Leggett and Platt Components Company, LLC #0341. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR LEGGETT & PLATT COMPONENTS #0908

Council Member Jennings moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the resolution granting ad valorem tax exemption to Leggett and Platt Components Company, LLC #0908. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR LEGGETT & PLATT COMPONENTS #4201

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the resolution granting ad valorem tax exemption to Leggett and Platt Components Company, LLC #4201. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council members: Markel Whittington, Travis Beard, and Buddy Palmer; and Accounts Payable Clerk, Traci Dillard. Council Member Jennings moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jennings, to approve the advertising and promotional items as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #7

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve Budget Amendment #7, as presented by CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF BRIDGETTE WILSON TO THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the re appointment of Bridgette Wilson to the Citizen's Police Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of Mayor Shelton. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF SALES PARAMETER BOND RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF TIF BONDS - FAIRPARK TIF DISTRICT

The following documents were taken up for consideration in connection with the Tupelo Fairpark District Development Project:

(A) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE TAX INCREMENT LIMITED OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021 (FAIRPARK DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT), OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000) (THE "BONDS") TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (AS HEREINAFTER DEFINED), FUNDING THE DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND, IF APPLICABLE, AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE FOR THE BONDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(B) FORM OF THE BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PRIVATE PLACEMENT)

Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the above referenced items. The motion was unanimously approved and both items are attached as APPENDIX J and APPENDIX K in these Minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2021

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington, to accept the Minutes of the Planning Committee on May 3, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the final lot mowing list, as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor, and a copy of the list is included as APPENDIX M.

IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 8, MARCH 8 AND APRIL 12, 2021

Council Member Jennings moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the Minutes of the Major Thoroughfare Committee on February 8, March 8 and April 12, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF LIST OF CURRENT UNMARKED VEHICLES

Police Chief Bart Aguirre submitted a list of unmarked vehicles, used by the Tupelo Police Department, to be approved by Council. Council Member L Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington, to approve the list, as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM FROM DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Police Chief Bart Aguirre requested the Council to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tupelo Police Department and Veterans Affairs Police Department, Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Council Member M Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennings, to approve the MOU. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE TPRD ADVISORY BOARD

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the appointment of Mattie Mabry to fill the open Ward 7 position on the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

IN THE MATTER OF BID FOR TENNIS COURT LIGHTING PROJECT BID #2021-012PR

The reverse bid process was used to procure bids for the purchase of Bid 2021-012PR Tennis Court Lighting Project, as required by law. Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to award Bid 2021-012PR Tennis Court Lighting Project to the lowest and best qualified bid submitted by Qualite Sports Lighting, LLC in the amount of \$70,899.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the request to award, Bid Tabulation Sheet and other supporting documentation are attached hereto as APPENDIX R.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF TPRD ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 23, 2021 AND APRIL 13, 2021

Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member L Bryan, to accept the Minutes of the Tupelo Park and Recreation Department Advisory Board of March 23 and April 13, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX S

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #3, SITE IMPROVEMENTS – #2019-017CO

Change order #3 for Bid 2019-017CO - Site Improvements - was submitted for approval by the Council. This change order serves as a reconciliation item for the completed project and will decrease the contract by \$2,673.00. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve the change order as commercially reasonable and not for purposes of avoiding the purchasing laws. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX T

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #3, STRUCTURAL CONCRETE #2019-018CO

Change order #3 for Bid 2019-018CO - Structural Concrete - was submitted for approval by the Council. This change order serves as a reconciliation item for the completed project and will increase the contract by \$15,786.00. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington to approve the change order as commercially reasonable and not for purposes of avoiding the purchasing laws. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX U

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #3, MASONRY #2019-019CO

Change order #3 for Bid 2019-019CO - Masonry - was submitted for approval by the Council. This change order serves as a reconciliation item for the completed project and will decrease the contract by \$3,876.80. Council Member Jennings moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve the change order as commercially reasonable and not for purposes of avoiding the purchasing laws. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX V

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #3, GLASS AND GLAZING #2019-022CO

Change order #3 for Bid 2019-022CO - Glass and Glazing - was submitted for approval by the Council. This change order serves as a reconciliation item for the completed project and will decrease the contract by \$5,000.00. Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member M Bryan to approve the change order as commercially reasonable and not for purposes of avoiding the purchasing laws. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX W

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #3, GENERAL WORKS #2019-024CO

Change order #3 for Bid 2019-024CO - General Works - was submitted for approval by the Council. This change order serves as a reconciliation item for the completed project and will increase the contract by \$3,903.70. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member M Bryan to approve the change order as commercially reasonable and not for purposes of avoiding the purchasing laws. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX X

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #3, MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING #2019-027CO

Change order #3 for Bid 2019-027CO - Mechanical and Plumbing - was submitted for approval by the Council. This change order serves as a reconciliation item for the completed project and will decrease the contract by \$2,134.00. Council Member Jennings moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve the change order as commercially reasonable and not for purposes of avoiding the purchasing laws. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Y

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #3, ELECTRICAL #2019-028CO

Change order #3 for Bid 2019-028CO - Electrical - was submitted for approval by the Council. This change order serves as a reconciliation item for the completed project and will increase the contract by \$4,947.28. Council Member M Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve the change order as commercially reasonable and not for purposes of avoiding the purchasing laws. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Z

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A DEPOSIT INCREASE FOR TEMPORARY WATER METERS

Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the Ordinance - Amendment to all Previous Ordinances Establishing Schedule of Rules and Fees for Utility Services Furnished to Consumers of the City of Tupelo. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX AA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM E. GROVES, INC. dba GROVES ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR BID 2021-007WL

Council Member M Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the contract with William E. Groves, Inc. dba Groves Electrical Services for Bid 2021-007WL, - 46kV pole change-out from Southwest Tupelo substation to Northwest Tupelo substation, in the amount of \$740,642.35. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX BB

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time. Council Member Jennings moved, seconded by Council Member M Bryan to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. This the 18th day of May, 2021.

Mike Bryan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

Date