

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

NOVEMBER 03, 2020

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, November 3, 2020 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 was absent.

Councilman Mike Bryan asked Fire Chief Thomas Walker to give the invocation. Councilman Buddy Palmer 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, with the following amendments:

ADD: Lot Mowing Public Hearing

ADD: Lot Mowing as Item #14

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Jason Shelton presented a proclamation for Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month - November 2020. **APPENDIX A**

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Councilman Palmer gave congratulations to Debbie Brangenberg and the Downtown Main Street Association Team for the Great American Main Street Award (GAMSA). Annually, only three Main Street organizations nation-wide win this prestigious award. The presentation at the luncheon held on Friday, October 30, 2020, celebrated the culmination of almost 21 years of the vision and hard work of Ms. Brangenberg and the hundreds of leaders and volunteers working with Down Main Street. Councilwoman Nettie Davis also gave her congratulations to Debbie Brangenberg and her team and commended everyone for working together to create such a team effort.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Shelton echoed the remarks made by Councilman Palmer and Councilwoman Davis concerning the GAMS Award. He said that this award is very significant and helps in the city's economic development and recruitment. Today is Election Day and if you haven't voted, please go vote before 7:00 PM. 2020 has been a difficult year in many ways. However, no matter your party affiliation or opinion, we are all Americans and need to work together. COVID 19 continues and the state and local mandates are still in effect until November 11. Mayor Shelton asked the Council to approve the additional holidays for the employees, as proclaimed by Governor Tate Reeves. The Veterans Day program will be at Veterans Park on November 11, 2020, with Councilman Buddy Palmer serving as the MC.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No one appeared for the Lot Mowing Public Hearing on the following properties:

PARCEL	LOCATION
089P3121200	516 MAPLE ST
077C2507400	1304 LUMPKIN AVE
077J3506900	331 BATTLEFIELD DR
077J3506800	319 BATTLEFIELD DR
077J3506700	309 BATTLEFIELD DR
077J3506600	300 BATTLEFIELD DR
077J3508400	2033 BRIARFIELD DR
077P3500600	2411 DANNY ST
077Q3608400	121 S HIGHLAND DR
077R3608200	1226 BOGGAN DR
089F3017800	536 N GREEN ST
089F3005400	527 W BARNES ST
077L3607800	1894 NELLE ST UNIT A-C

ACTION AGENDA

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting dated October 20, 2020. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, PAY BILLS AND APPROVE UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

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. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX B**

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL EXPENSE LIST

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

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve Budget Amendment #1. After an explanation by CFO Kim Hanna, of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX D**

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MAJOR THOROUGHFARE ELECTION

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to set the public hearing for the priorities of Phase VII of the Major Thoroughfare program for December 1, 2020. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX E**

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to accept the minutes of the Coliseum Commission of September 21, 2020, as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX F**

IN THE MATTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AND CONTRACT FOR STATEWIDE COORDINATOR

Fire Chief Thomas Walker submitted a request for the approval of the Homeland Security pass-through grant agreement. The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security has allocated \$50,000 in grant funding for Statewide Coordinator William Grantham. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the grant from Homeland Security in the amount of \$50,000 and to approve the contract with William Grantham as the Statewide Trainer Coordinator. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX G**

IN THE MATTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR TUPELO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Thomas Walker submitted a memorandum of request for approval of a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$10,000, designated for the acquisition of 4 Level A & B suits and 3 four gas monitors for Hazmat and Confined Space response. There is no match for this grant. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve this grant, as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX H**

IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID 2020-035FD FIRE STATION #2

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for the construction of a new Fire Station #2. All bids received were significantly over the budget estimates for the construction. Fire Chief Thomas Walker, along with Architect Rud Robison, submitted a request to reject all bids submitted due to the price and rebid when construction costs come down or a new budget amount is approved. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to reject all the bids received for Bid # 2020-035FD Fire Station #2. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of rejecting the bid. **APPENDIX I**

IN THE MATTER OF BID 2020-036PW - EASON BRIDGE BANK STABILIZATION AT KINGS CREEK AND TOWN CREEK

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for Bid # 2020-036PW - Eason Bridge Bank Stabilization at Kings Creek and Town Creek. When reviewing the bids, City Engineer Dennis Bonds found that the lowest bid received from Site Masters Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$397,784.25 was extremely low compared to the others. When Site Masters Construction was contacted, it was found that an error was made in the calculation of the bids. Site Masters Construction withdrew the bid originally submitted. The apparent second lowest and best bid was received from Parsons Earthworks, Inc., of Iuka, MS, in the amount of \$572,353.25. Councilwoman Nettie Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the bid of Parsons Earthworks, Inc. in the amount of \$572,353.25. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX J**

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve a contract with Three Rivers Planning and Development District for grant writer services. This contract will be for a one year time period with the total amount not to exceed \$73,866. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX K**

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR CITY OF TUPELO EMPLOYEES

Governor Tate Reeves issued a proclamation in accordance with Miss Code Anno. §3-3-7(1972 as amended), authorizing cities, at their discretion, to close all offices on Friday, November 27, 2020, in further observance of the Thanksgiving holiday; on Thursday, December 24, 2020, in further observance of Christmas and on Thursday, December 31, 2020 in further observance of New Year's. Councilwoman Nettie Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Travis Beard, to approve this proclamation. Of those present, the vote was, as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Whittington, Councilman Beard, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Palmer, Councilman M Bryan

Voting Nay: Councilman L Bryan

APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL LOT MOWING LIST

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the final lot mowing list. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX M**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASE OF LANDS – MISS. CODE ANNO. § 25-41-7 (4) (g) (1972 AS AMENDED)

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer to determine the need for an Executive Session. City Attorney Ben Logan indicated that the item for discussion, being purchase of property, fell under 25-41-7(4) (g) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, and is, therefore, an appropriate item for discussion. Of those present, the vote was unanimous to determine the need and enter closed session.

Councilwoman Nettie Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard to enter an Executive Session. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor, and at 6:21 P.M. the city council entered closed session.

After a thorough discussion regarding the prospective purchase of lands, Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer to leave Executive Session. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor, and open session resumed with no action taken on the matter discussed in the Executive Session at 6:40 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to adjourn the meeting, this the 3rd day of November, 2020 at 6:41 PM. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mike Bryan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

Date