

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Council Member Lynn Bryan gave the invocation. Council Member Nettie Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Buddy Palmer 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 Beard, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, with the following changes:

ADD ITEM: #15 IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF TRA MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2021

ADD ITEM: #S4 IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT OF LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT ORDINANCE

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

RECOGNITION GIRL/BOY SCOUTS

Council Member Lynn Bryan recognized Will Perry with Boy Scout Troop #12.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized Kyle Conwill for employment with the Public Works Department for 5 years.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nettie Davis said there will be a Rental/Utilities Assistance Fair at the Aberdeen High School on Friday, August 20 from 4:30 - 6:00 and again on Saturday, August 21 from 9:30 - 2:00. There are also forms available if a citizen wishes to fill the forms out online.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan said that sales tax is up 5% over last year. There have been several ribbon cuttings lately and there are several more scheduled for the upcoming days. He said business is good.

PUBLIC AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

A public hearing was held for the following properties concerning lot mowing:

077M3605701 1100 CHAPMAN DR
075T1501102 2308 MCCULLOUGH BLVD
088J3303600 1250 BERRY ST
088N3314501 1218 E MAIN ST
089T2900500 1033 HUNTER DR
089T2901800 1040 HUNTER DR
084N1907600 1527 N MADISON ST
089J3121200 905 ALLEN ST
089J3118902 910 ALLEN ST
078D2705800 WINCHESTER CIR
078D2704700 WINCHESTER CIR
078D2705800 WINCHESTER CIR
077P3510900 203 NANNEY DR
113E0607700 925 LYNDEN BLVD
088N3304700 335 CANAL ST
088N3310300 LAKE ST
088N3305700 151 CANAL ST
089F3008900 420 TOLBERT ST
089F3008400 638 N CHURCH ST
101D0106200 1105 LAWNSDALE DR
085N2103601 ELVIS PRESLEY DR

No one appeared to speak on any of these properties.

CITIZEN HEARING

Mr. Austin Marshall, of 209 N Foster Dr., addressed the Council about concerns of safety and code enforcement in his neighborhood.

Council Member Davis moved to suspend the rules to allow Dinetia Newman, of 701 Highland Circle, to speak to the Council. Her request was received by the Council Clerk on Tuesday, August 17. Council Member Gaston seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Newman, representing Indivisible NEMS, spoke concerning a resolution for the \$85 million bond issue that is being discussed by the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on August 3, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY AUGUST 17, 2021

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Rosie Jones, Travis Beard, and Buddy Palmer and Accounts Payable Clerk, Traci Dillard. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF ALEX FARNED AS PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE AUG 17, 2021

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the re-appointment of Alex Farned as Director of the Park and Recreation Department effective August 17, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR JUNE 14, JULY 6 AND JULY 12, 2021

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the Major Thoroughfare Committee minutes for June 14, July 6 and July 12, 2021 meetings. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to adjudicate the properties on the submitted, final lot mowing list, as being in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and direct the appropriate city departments to mow them or have them mowed. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH DAVIS INSPECTION SERVICES

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve a contract with Davis Inspection Services for the assessment, analysis and implementation of best practices, policies and procedures regarding building inspections by Development Services. The contract is for a maximum of 90 days at a rate of \$97.50 per hour not to exceed 76 hours and capped at a total compensation of \$7,410. The vote was unanimous and a copy of the executed contract is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX F.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF DEMOLITION RESOLUTIONS (TABLED JULY 20, 2021)

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to take this matter from the table. The vote was unanimous in favor. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to adjudicate the properties on the submitted, demolition resolutions as being in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, approve the resolutions and direct the appropriate city departments to have them demolished. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF PARK ADVISORY MINUTES FOR MAY 11, 2021

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to accept the minutes of the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes of May 11, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE BALLARD PARK DRAINAGE BID #2021-018PR

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the contract with Hanna Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$145,545.00 for Ballard Park Drainage Bid # 2021-018PR, and to allow the Mayor to execute any and all documents to execute the contract, subject to subsequent ratification by the City Council. The vote was unanimous. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2021-019CO AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for Bid # 2021-019CO for the purchase of Audio Visual Equipment for the Bancorp South Arena and Conference Center. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to award the bid to Troxell Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$35,018.00 which is the lowest and best bid received. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2021-020CO KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for Bid # 2021-020CO for the purchase of Kitchen Equipment for the Bancorp South Arena and Conference Center. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to award the bid to the lowest and best bid of Ken Jeter Store in the amount of \$35,018.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF TRA MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2021

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the TRA Minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

STUDY AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25- TAXATION, ARTICLE I-GENERAL, TO ADD SECTION 25-3, UTILITY TAX IMPOSED, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

The Council unanimously agreed to move the item "IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25- TAXATION, ARTICLE I-GENERAL, TO ADD SECTION 25-3, UTILITY TAX IMPOSED, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI" to the next meeting's Action Agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING 21-01, LANDMARK

The Council unanimously agreed to move the item "IN THE MATTER OF REZONING 21-01, LANDMARK" to the next meeting's Action Agenda. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING 21-02, PRISCILLA LANE

The Council unanimously agreed to move the item "IN THE MATTER OF REZONING 21-02, PRISCILLA LANE" to the next meeting's Action Agenda. APPENDIX N

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to close the regular session to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (g) (c) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of the purchase, sale or leasing of lands under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (g) (c) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Davis moved, seconded Council Member Gaston to return to the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE, SALE OR LEASING OF LANDS

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve the declaration of surplus and sale of property located on Timberlane Road to Will Troxler for \$28,000, the average value of the two appraisals, and to give the Mayor the authority to sign all necessary documents for the transfer of the property. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous at 6:37 p.m.

Buddy Palmer, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor