

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**JANUARY 02, 2024**

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Church Street School auditorium on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 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 Jones introduced Mr. Charles Penson, who led the invocation. Council Member Chad Mims led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the agenda and agenda order, as presented.

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Member Nettie Davis wished everyone a happy new year and emphasized the importance of government and our city. She also invited everyone to the upcoming Martin Luther King Day celebrations.

Council Member Buddy Palmer thanked Lucia Randle and her Downtown Main Street team for the New Year celebration.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Todd Jordan wished everyone a very Happy New Year and gave accolades to Lucia Randle and the DTMSA team and Stephanie Coomer and the CVB team, all who made the celebration a success. He shared his memories and impact of Carver School as mentioned by Mr. Charles Penson. He also reminded everyone of the Martin Luther King celebration coming up in a couple of weeks.

### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2023 MEETING**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023, regular Council meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY**

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Travis Beard, Buddy Palmer and Lynn Bryan. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF BID #2023-053FD - 5500 SERIES PRIME MOVER PICKUP TRUCK**

The City advertised and received bids for Bid # 2023-053FD - 5500 Series Prime Mover Pickup Truck. One bid was received from Cannon Motors in the amount of \$104,000.00. On August 1, 2023, the City was awarded a Homeland Security grant to pay up to \$101,768.00 for the purchase of this truck, leaving a balance of \$2,232.00. for the City to pay. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to find the properly advertised, single bid as commercially reasonable, and to award the bid to Cannon Motors in the amount of \$ 336,505.52. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

This item was left on the table.

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

This item was left on the table.

**IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL ENNVILLE RD BID NO. 2023-022PW**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to table this item. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF ARPA BID 2023-060PW - MITCHELL ROAD CROSSDRAIN REPLACEMENT**

Bids were advertised and received for ARPA Bid # 2023-060PW - Mitchell Road Crossdrain Replacement. Nine bids were received with the lowest and best bid being from Townes Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$366,890.31, which was \$159,069.69 below the engineer’s estimate for the project. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to award the bid to Townes Construction Company, Inc. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF ARPA BID # 2023-059PW - MEDICAL PARK CIRCLE PIPE REPLACEMENT**

Bids were advertised and received for ARPA Bid # 2023-059PW - Medical Park Circle Pipe Replacement. Eleven bids were received with the lowest and best bid being from Townes Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$314,530.40, which was \$126,504.60 below the engineer’s estimate for the project. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to award the bid to Townes Construction Company, Inc. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO REJECT BID # 2023-052WL – WEST JACKSON STREET (MADISON TO FRONT) OVERHEAD TO UNDERGROUND RELOCATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND/OR STREET LIGHTING FACILITIES**

Bids were advertised and received for Bid 2023-052WL - West Jackson Street (Madison to Front) Overhead to Underground Relocation of Electric Utilities and/or Street Lighting Facilities. One electronic bid was received from Reinhold Electric. Upon opening the downloaded submittal it was determined the sole bidder, Reinhold Electric, did not have as required by law a Certificate of Responsibility (COR) in Mississippi at the time of the bid opening. The bid was not considered and should be rejected. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to reject the bid. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER # 1 FOR THE CENTRAL PUMPING STATION MODIFICATIONS (BID NO. 2023-040WL)**

Council member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve change order #1 for Bid # 2023-040WL – Central Pumping Station Modifications subject to review and comment by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. This change order decreases the net cost by \$500,000.00, to modify the wet well from a square structure to a round structure. The new contract amount is \$11,847,000.00. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. The vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 2nd day of January, 2024.

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Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Date