

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 17, 2023

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Sweetgum Room of the Cadence Bank Conference Center on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members 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 Chad Mims was absent. Council Member Beard led the invocation. Council Member Palmer led the pledge of allegiance.

Council President Travis Beard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the agenda and agenda, as submitted, with the following changes:

ADD # 23 IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ENSCOR, LLC FOR BID
2023-044WL

DELETE # 1 IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

DELETE #13 IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Todd recognized Mrs. Barbara Aguirre for 10 years of employment with the City of Tupelo Aquatic Center.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Buddy Palmer said he gave the welcome at the Suicide Prevention walk last Saturday and thanked Alex Farned and the staff of the Park and Recreation Department for all they did for the event.

Council Member Nettie Davis said the area cluster of the AKA sorority is in town for the weekend. There will be about 800 ladies here for the event.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan said the state swim championship will be held at the Aquatic Center this weekend and that the Ale Trail is coming up soon. He asked for prayer for Rosiland Barr and her family in the loss of her husband William.

CITIZEN HEARING

Ms. Marian Lyle addressed the Council with her concerns of the closing of the bridge on West Main Street and the deterioration of Locust Lane.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Beard, Gaston, and Palmer. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

ITEMS:

Busylad	\$296.42	Haven Acres Festival (for bouncy houses)
Various Vendors	\$5,000.00	Advertising for 10 year Swim-a-thon
PPI	\$1,987.50	Parks & Rec Leisure Guide
PPI	\$1,920.00	Tupelo Aquatics Splash Brochure
Socius Design & Marketing	\$500.00	Oren Dunn City Museum Logo Design
The Link Centre	\$300.00	Rental for the 2023 Thanksgiving Service
Authors Unbound	\$6,700.00	Speaker for engagement on February 22, 2024 for Tupelo Reads held at Tupelo High School and the Lee Co. Library

Deposit of 1,675.00 is required to book speaker in advance. The remaining balance is due on the date of the engagement.

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FOR FY 2024

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve budget amendment #1 for FY 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTRIC FUND AUDIT FOR FY 2023

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the Financial Report for the City of Tupelo Electric Department ending June 30, 2023. During the agenda review meeting Michael Little, representing The Jerrell Group, reviewed this report with no instances of noncompliance

with governmental accounting standards. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of this financial report is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX D.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MS DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE CITY OF TUPELO AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve an agreement between the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security and the City of Tupelo and to authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement for Point Blank Vanguard VL Level 3 Shield. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

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Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve an agreement between the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security and the City of Tupelo and to authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement for a neighborhood watch camera system. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MS DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE CITY OF TUPELO AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve an agreement between the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security and the City of Tupelo and to authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement for an EOD rapid response vehicle. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF TUPELO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY 608: DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE (TABLED AT OCTOBER 3, 2023 MEETING)

This item was left on the table.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF ROMANDA OFOSU-DARKWAH TO THE COLISEUM COMMISSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the appointment of Romanda Ofosu-Darkwah to the Coliseum Commission, to complete the term vacated by Cindy Murphy. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF LIEN RESOLUTIONS FOR UNPAID LOT MOWING INVOICES

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve Resolutions Assessing Judgment Liens Against Real Property for the Costs Associated with Lot Mowing in

Accordance with Miss. Code Annotated § 21-19-11, for the following properties:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Location</u>
077F3602500	205 Bowen
077F2617900	709 Lar-Eli-Do

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

IN THE MATTER OF LIEN RESOLUTIONS FOR UNPAID DEMOLITION INVOICES

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve Resolutions Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Lien Against Real Property associated with demolitions under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972 as amended) for the following properties:

561 Magazine Street	089P3106800
718 N Church Street	089F3007200

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to accept the minutes of the Major Thoroughfare Committee for the meeting held on September 19, 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE ADDING SEIZED VEHICLE TO NMNU ASSET LIST

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the addition of the following vehicle to the asset list of the North MS Narcotics Unit:

2013 BMW Sedan; VIN WBA3C1G55DNR44927

This is a seized vehicle that was forfeited to this unit. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR BID # 2023-041PW - INSTALLATION OF CITY HALL GAS GENERATOR PACKAGE SYSTEM WITH LIBERTY ELECTRIC

Council Member Gaston moved, followed by Council Member Bryan, to ratify the contract for Bid # 2023-041PW - Installation of City Hall Gas Generator Package System - with Liberty Electric in the amount of \$312,485.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2023

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to accept the minutes of the CVB minutes held on October 3, 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPT MINUTES TUPELO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to accept the minutes of the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency from the September 21, 2023, meeting. Of those present, the vote as unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH DIXIE PAINTING &
SANDBLASTING, INC. FOR BID # 2023-042WL**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the contract with Dixie Painting & Sandblasting, Inc. - Bid # 2023-042WL, in the amount of \$332,505.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2023-040WL FOR CENTRAL PUMPING STATION
MODIFICATIONS**

The City of Tupelo advertised and accepted bids for bid # 2023-040WL - Central Pumping Station Modifications. Two bids were received with the lowest and best bid being from Max Foote Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$12,347,000.00. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to award the bid to Max Foote Construction Company, LLC. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ENSCOR LLC, FOR BID # 2023-
044WL - B & B SEWER OUTFALL (SRF)**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the contract with Ensco LLC - Bid #2023-044WL, in the amount of \$3,356,603.20. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - SIGNS

Upon the unanimous agreement of the City Council, the MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - SIGNS was moved from the study agenda to the active agenda for the next regular meeting of the City Council.

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - MULTIFAMILY

Upon the unanimous agreement of the City Council, the MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - MULTIFAMILY was moved from the study agenda to the active agenda for the next regular meeting of the City Council.

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - CONCRETE LIVING

Upon the unanimous agreement of the City Council, the MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - CONGREGATE LIVING was moved from the study agenda to the active agenda for the next regular meeting of the City Council.

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - MAJOR SUBDIVISION

Upon the unanimous agreement of the City Council, the MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - SIGNS was moved from the study agenda to the active agenda for the next regular meeting of the City Council.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VILLAGES STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS

Upon the unanimous agreement of the City Council, the MATTER OF THE VILLAGES STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS was left on the study agenda for the next regular meeting of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 17th day of October, 2023.

Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date