

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**JULY 05, 2022**

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, July 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Lynn Bryan, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Travis attended by ZOOM and Council Member Chad Mims was absent. Council Member Janet Gaston gave the invocation and Council Member Buddy Palmer led the pledge of allegiance. Council President Buddy Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council President Buddy Palmer asked for nominations for the position of Council President. Council Member Gaston nominated Council Member Bryan to serve as President of the Council for a one year period. Council Member Davis seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made and, of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of electing Council Member Lynn Bryan as Council President.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

Newly elected Council President Lynn Bryan, called for nominations of Vice President of the Council. Council Member Davis nominated Council Member Beard to serve as Vice President of the Council for a one year period. Council Member Jones seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made and, of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of electing Council Member Travis Beard as Vice President of the Council.

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

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

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Mayor Jordan recognized the following employees for their service to the City of Tupelo:

Joshua Caldwell	Tupelo Police Department	5 years
John Knight	Tupelo Police Department	20 years

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Member Davis and Janet Gaston offered accolades to Council Member Buddy Palmer for his service as the past president and for his leadership.

Council President Lynn Bryan presented a plaque to Council Member Buddy Palmer, on behalf of the Council, for serving as Council President in the 2021-2022 year.

Council Member Palmer thanked everyone for their support during his tenure as president.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Todd Jordan congratulated Ms. Kaitlyn Costello for winning 4th alternate in the MS Mississippi Pageant. He commented that Marcus Gary and Hannah Maharrey did an exceptional job with their presentation at the MML Conference. The Carver High School reunion was held last weekend and, as always, the City's fireworks display and celebration of Independence day was great.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING**

No one appeared to speak at the public hearing for the following properties on the final lot mowing list:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Location</u>
089N3103400	S PARK ST
089F3015000	585 TANK ST
077N3504400	511 MAURY CIR
077P3506700	107 LAKEVIEW DR
101B0206200	614 MEEKS ST

### **IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO HAWKEYE INDUSTRIES, INC.**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the resolution granting ad valorem exemption to Hawkeye Industries, Inc. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX A

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF JUNE 21, 2022 MINUTES**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on June 21, 2022. 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 Palmer, Davis and Gaston. Council Member Palmer 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 B

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

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

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING 2019 SPECIAL OBLIGATION BOND BANK ACCOUNT**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the closing of the 2019 Special obligation Bond Bank Account, no longer needed by the City. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

#### **IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to adjudicate the following properties on the public hearing lot mowing list, which were in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of mowing pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11 (1972) as amended.:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Location</u>
089N3103400	S PARK ST
089F3015000	585 TANK ST
077N3504400	511 MAURY CIR
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#### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE LIEN RESOLUTIONS FOR UNPAID DEMOLITIONS**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve a Resolution Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Lien Against Real Property, under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972 as amended), for:

439 N Spring Street (PARCEL: 089F-31-083-00)  
1104 Chapman Street (PARCEL: 077M-36-059-00)  
4826 Hodges Drive (PARCEL: 075S-16-007-00)

such properties being previously 1) adjudicated menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and 2) cleaned pursuant to Miss. Code

Ann. 21-19-11 (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.  
APPENDIX F

**IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2022**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the May 9, 2022 minutes of the Major Thoroughfare Committee. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

**IN THE MATTER OF RENTAL FEE FOR GUMTREE PARK**

Tupelo Parks and Recreation Director Alex Farned, requested that the Council set the rental fee for the Gumtree Park at \$75/day. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.  
APPENDIX H

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF BANCORPSOUTH ARENA MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2022**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting of the Bancorpsouth Arena. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR TUPELO CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU EMPLOYEE JENNIE BRADFORD CURLEE AND SET MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve a request to travel to the Travel South USA's Canadian Sales and Media Mission in Toronto, Canada, August 15-18, 2022, and to set the maximum daily per diem rate at \$398.00 per day. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the letter of request is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX J.

Council Member Buddy Palmer recused himself from the next issue on the agenda.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve an electric retail rate adjustment that will increase the customer charge by \$3.00 for all Standard Service Customers. This increase addresses the common per customer cost associated with the installation and maintenance of the AMI meters. The schedule is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX L. The vote was, as follows: AYE - Bryan, Beard, Davis, Gaston, and Jones: Recused - Palmer: Absent - Mims.

Council Member Palmer rejoined the meeting.

Council Member Gaston recused herself from the next item on the agenda.

**IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING NUNC PRO TUNC JULY 1, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND APPROVING AND RATIFYING 2022 AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AND NAMING AGREEMENTS (1999, 2007, 2019) FOR ARENA AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer approve the Resolution Approving NUNC Pro TUNC July 1, 2022, Authorizing the Mayor to Sign and Approving and Ratifying 2022 Amendment to License and Naming Agreements (1999, 2007, 2019) for Arena and Conference Center. This change occurs because BancorpSouth Bank has changed its name to Cadence Bank. The vote was, as follows: AUE - Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer and Jones; Recused - Gaston; Absent - Mims. APPENDIX L

Council Member Gaston rejoined the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council member Palmer moved, seconded by Council member Jones, to adjourn the meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor at 6:23 p.m.

This the 5th day of July, 2022.

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Lynn Bryan, President  
City Council

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Date