

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY 19, 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, January 19, 2021, 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 attended by ZOOM.

Councilman Buddy Palmer gave the invocation. Councilman Mike Bryan 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 Beard, to confirm the agenda and agenda order as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Councilwoman Davis thanked all those who participated in the Martin Luther King Day activities.

IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Shelton began by letting everyone know that his son, William, turned 5 months old on January 18. He thanked all those who organized and participated in the candlelight and church bells for the National Day of Service. COVID vaccines have been opened up to those who are 65 years of age and older and with certain health conditions that might make them more vulnerable to the virus. He encouraged all to continue social precautions of social distancing, hand washing and wearing masks. He also reminded everyone that Governor Reeves has extended the executive orders that are currently in place.

The Mayor asked everyone to pray for safety at the Presidential inauguration and congratulated Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on their election of President and Vice President of the United States. He wished them the utmost success and safety for both the incoming and outgoing officials.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING OF 109-113 LAWNDALE DRIVE

A Public Hearing was held to consider opinion for rezoning of property located at 109-113 Lawndale Drive from mixed use residential to mixed use commercial corridor. No one appeared to address the Council.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION

A Public Hearing was held to consider the demolition for the following properties:

211 Barnes Street

920 Blair Street

2471 Walsh Drive

5173 Purnell Road

No one appeared to address the demolitions.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 5, 2021

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 5, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:00 p.m. by Council members: Nettie Davis, Travis Beard, Markel Whittington, and Buddy Palmer; and Accounts Payable Clerk Traci Dillard. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX A**

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS FIXED ASSETS

CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna presented a list of items to surplus. The items are no longer working or no longer compatible with current hardware/software and should be destroyed, scrapped or auctioned, as indicated on the list. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer to approve the list as submitted for surplus. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX B**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM

Grant Writer Abby Christian presented a grant to be submitted to the US Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency for approval. The 'Fiscal Year 2020 AFG ' is for approximately \$99,045 and requires no match from the City and will be used to purchase 5 NFPA standard washer extractors and 7 dryers. These units are to gain compliance with updated NFPA standards governing the PPE. Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard to approve submission of the grant, as stated. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX C**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR BCSARENA WI-FI PROJECT

CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna presented a purchase agreement for approval between the City of Tupelo and Synergetics Diversified Computer Services, Inc. for the BCS Arena WI-FI Project in the amount of

\$256,069.88. This project was awarded in a previous Council meeting. Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve the purchase agreement, as stated. The vote was unanimous in favor and a copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX D.**

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS VEHICLE

DDS Director Pat Falkner requested the Council to approve the surplus of a vehicle damaged in an accident. The 2019 Ford F-150 VIN # 1FTEW1C5XKFB20745, will be sold to the insurance company of the 2nd party. Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan to approve the settlement with the insurance company and surplus the vehicle. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX E**

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION

A Public Hearing was held earlier in this meeting for the possible demolition of the following properties: 211 Barnes Street, 920 Blair Street, 2471 Walsh Road and 5173 Purnell Road. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve the demolition list. At this time, Ms. Lisa Diallo stood requesting to speak concerning the property located at 5173 Purnell Road. Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to suspend the rules and allow Ms. Diallo to speak. The vote was unanimous in favor. Ms. Diallo addressed the Council asking for additional time to bring her property up to code. She was instructed to meet with DDS and see if a solution is possible. President M Bryan then brought the original motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve the demolition of the properties presented. **APPENDIX F**

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 2020

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee of the December 7, 2020, meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX G**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF SHOCKWAVE AQUATIC USAGE AGREEMENT FOR TUPELO AQUATIC CENTER

Alex Farned, director of the Park and Recreation Department, presented an agreement between the City of Tupelo and Shockwave Aquatic. This agreement was originally proposed as a five year agreement when the Aquatic Center opened and is now being presented as a one year contract, to be renewed each year by Council. The contract is for \$30,000 for the length of the contract. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the contract with Shockwave Aquatic. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX H**

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT OF RON RICHARDSON TO POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Ron Richardson to the Police Advisory Board. The vote was as follows: Voting Aye.....Whittington, L Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer and Jennings; Voting Nay.....M Bryan. **APPENDIX I**

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM ‘BILL’ ALLEN TO POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded Councilwoman Davis, to approve the reappointment of Bill Allen to the Police Advisory Board. The vote was as follows: Voting Aye.....Whittington, L Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer and Jennings; Voting Nay.....M Bryan. **APPENDIX J**

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

Police Chief Bart Aguirre requested the Council to approve the surplus of a 2011 Dodge Charger, VIN 2B3CL1CG0BH589215, no longer of use for the City of Tupelo. The car has over 200,000 miles and the Public Works Department has advised that the maintenance cost outweighs the cost of maintaining it. Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the request to surplus the 2011 Dodge Charger. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX K**

IN THE MATTER OF CVB MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2021

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve the CVB Minutes of the January 13, 2021, meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX L**

IN THE MATTER OF LAWDALE DRIVE REZONING RZ20-02

This item was moved to the Action Agenda for the next Council meeting. **APPENDIX M**

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to determine the need for an Executive Session. The vote was unanimous in favor. Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the transaction of business and discussion regarding the report, development or course of action regarding security personnel, plans or devices. Miss. Code 25-41-7 (4) (c) (1972 as amended). **APPENDIX N**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to enter an Executive Session. The vote was unanimous in favor. The following were invited to attend the Executive Session: Mayor Jason Shelton, Don Lewis, Kim Hanna, Police Chief Bart Aguirre, Deputy Chief Jackie Clayton, Deputy Chief Anthony Hill, Fire Chief Thomas Walker, Steven Reed and Lucia Randle.

A discussion was held concerning the topic approved for Executive Session.

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to leave Executive Session and re enter the Regular Meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, at this time, Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. This the 19th day of January, 2021.

Mike Bryan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

Date