

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**JUNE 01, 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, June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings; Attorney Ben Logan and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Council Member Mike Bryan introduced Michael Watkins, Executive Pastor at Cornerstone Church, who led the invocation. Council Member Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Mike Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA**

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF 246TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Shelton presented a proclamation to Staff Sergeant Nicholas Bordwine and 1SG William Curry proclaiming June 14, 2021, the 246th birthday of the United States Army. APPENDIX A

#### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Mayor Shelton called Alex Farned, Director of Parks and Recreation, to recognize Fireman Ro Traylor and Police Officer Tremain Frison. In 2019, Tupelo received a \$35,000 Healthy Heroes grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi. Mr. Traylor and Mr. Frison were instrumental in the success of this grant because of their diligence in educating grades K-5 in healthy foods.

#### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Member Davis thanked Kathryn Rhea and all those who participated in the tornado cleanup in the Park Hill area.

Council Member Palmer thanked Alex Farned and all the others who were responsible for the Memorial Day Program at Veteran's Park.

Council Member Jennings shared that he and his wife have recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Shelton stated that the Memorial Day program was a great event with a very large crowd attending and Council Member Palmer served as the MC. He acknowledged two recent retirees of the City of Tupelo - Thomas Walker, Fire Chief and Craig Russell, Operations Director of the Bancorp South Arena. He thanked Keep Tupelo Beautiful representative, Kathryn Rhea, for spear heading the recent cleanup in the Park Hill area. Covid-19 cases are dropping and he continued to encourage all those who haven't already, to get the vaccine. There are two more State of the City addresses, as follows: Ward 6 - June 3 at Thomas Street School and Ward 7 - June 7 at Theron Nichols Community Center. Lastly, the Mayor reminded everyone to remember to vote in the June 8 General Election.

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

No one appeared to speak on the public hearing for lot mowing at the following property:

|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Parcel      | Location           |
| 077D2515711 | 1208 EUGENE STREET |

### **APPEALS**

### **CITIZEN HEARING**

### **ACTION AGENDA**

### **ROUTINE AGENDA**

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2021, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Member L Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on May 18, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

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

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

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the final lot mowing list, as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor, and a copy of the list is included as APPENDIX C.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM MAY 25, 2021**

Council Member Jennings moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the Traffic Committee minutes of May 25, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

### **IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLE AND TO SELL AT AUCTION**

TWL Director Johnny Timmons requested the Council to surplus a 2008 Ford F-350 truck VIN 5910 and to sell at the next auction. Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the surplus and sale at auction. APPENDIX E

### **STUDY AGENDA**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jennings, 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 6:17 p.m.

Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, 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 Jennings moved, seconded Council Member Davis to return to the regular meeting at 6:21 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE, SALE OR LEASING OF LANDS**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve the purchase of property located at 818-820 Blair Street from Clegg Enterprises, LLC at the appraised value of \$105,000 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 F

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Council Member Jennings moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous at 6:22 p.m.

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Mile Bryan, President  
City Council

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

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Jason Shelton, Mayor

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Date