

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

APRIL 16, 2024

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, April 19, 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 Janet Gaston gave the invocation, and Council Member Buddy 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 Bryan, to approve the agenda and agenda order, with an addition, as follows:

Add Item # 12 In the Matter of Rejection of Bid # 2024-011FD – Truck and Tahoe

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nettie Davis asked everyone to be in prayer for the family of Cliff Brinkley, a former employee of the City of Tupelo. She also mentioned that there are several participants in the Boston Marathon from our area.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan announced that the Downtown Main Street Association (DTMSA) recently received the 2024 Bernice Linton Outstanding Event Pinnacle Award for the Tupelo Elvis Festival. Keep Tupelo Beautiful also received a state award. Softball and soccer tournaments will be going on in Tupelo this weekend.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF 2004 TUPELO COMMONS TIF PLAN AS THE APRIL 2024 AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN

No one appeared concerning this public hearing. APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 2, 2024

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024, 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, Janet Gaston, Lynn Bryan and Nettie Davis. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as follows:

ITEMS:

Various Vendors \$5,000.00 Assist with expenses for the Dr. Lee Williams Legacy Fest

The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF TUPELO AUDIT FOR FY 2023

The Jarrell Group, PLLC, conducted the annual audit of the city's financial condition. No current year deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control or in the compliance system were reported. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to accept the City of Tupelo Audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023. A copy of the audit report is on file in the City Clerk's office. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2023 CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to accept the Continuing Disclosure Statement prepared by Butler Snow for FY 2023. City Attorney Ben Logan explained that the Electronic Municipal Market Access, (EMMA), requires a yearly statement from any entity with outstanding bond debt. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUSING WEAPON FOR RETIREMENT

Police Chief John Quaka asked that the service weapon of Alan Chavers - Glock Model 47 Direct Mount, 9mm - serial number CBYM864, be surplused and sold to him at fair market value, upon his retirement. Fair market value of the weapon is \$250 and is permissible under Mississippi State Statute §45-9-131. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR GUMTREE AND HANCOCK PARKS UPGRADES - BID #2024-006PR

Bid # 2024-006PR – Gumtree and Hancock Parks Upgrades was awarded at the April 2, 2024, Council meeting. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the contract for this project with M & N Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,166,800.00. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023 TUPELO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to accept the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency (TRA) minutes of November 16, 2023. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN, TUPELO COMMONS PROJECT, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, FEBRUARY 2004, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED APRIL 2024”

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the ‘Resolution Approving the Adoption and Implementation of the “Tax Increment Financing Plan, Tupelo Commons Project, Tupelo, Mississippi, February, 2004, as Amended and Restated April, 2024”’. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF ORDER FINDING THAT INSTEAD OF COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS, THAT COMPETITIVE SEALED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PROCUREMENT SHOULD BE USED TO CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BALLARD PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council member Gaston, to approve an “Order Finding that Instead of Competitive Sealed Bids, that Competitive Sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) Procurement Should Be Used to Contract for the Construction of the Ballard Park Inclusive Playground”. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR A SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX AT FIRE STATION 3

The Council unanimously agreed to move this item up.

IN THE MATTER OF MONETARY DONATION FOR SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX

The Council unanimously agreed to move this item up.

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT – SIGNS (MOVED TO STUDY AGENDA ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024)

The Council unanimously agreed to leave this item on the study agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS TA-23-01

The Council unanimously agreed to leave this item on the study agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to determine the need for an executive session. City Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the possible purchase of property under Miss. Code Anno. § 25-41-7 (g) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of the possible purchase of property under Miss. Code Anno. § 25-41-7 (g) (1972 as amended).

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to return to the regular meeting at 6:26 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date