

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 02, 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, March 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings; Attorney Ben Logan and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Councilman Markel Whittington and Lynn Bryan were absent.

Councilman Travis Beard led the invocation, and Councilman Willie Jennings 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 Jennings, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, with the follow change:

ADD: Item #8 Bid # 2021-004PW Major Thoroughfare Mill and Overlay

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were recognized for their service time with the City of Tupelo:

Piotr Rabenda	5 years	Police Department
Wes Kloac	5 years	Police Department
Tim Bell	25 years	Police Department
Chuck Williams	25 years	Public Works Department
Debbie Brangenberg	30 years	Executive/DTMSA

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Councilman Willie Jennings reminded everyone to be safe as the COVID pandemic continues and to be sure to get the vaccine.

Councilman Buddy Palmer recognized the National Guard, Army Reserves and all the others who are helping with the COVID vaccine process.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Shelton told everyone that Governor Reeves' relaxed the mandates concerning COVID-19, but he encouraged everyone to continue to wear a mask in public. He also said he has instructed all the City's departments to continue to require masks in all City facilities. He reminded everyone that the Municipal elections are coming up and the deadline to register for the Primary elections is March 8. He invited everyone to participate in 10 for Tupelo that will be March 20.

ROUTINE AGENDA

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

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the minutes of the Special Called Council meeting of February 22, 2021. 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: Travis Beard, Willie Jennings, and Buddy Palmer; and Accounts Payable Clerk Traci Dillard. Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, 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 RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAUL E. MIZE III TO THE TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the re-appointment of Paul Mize III to the Tupelo Public School Board. His term will expire in 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING DONATED VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE NMLETA

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to accept the donation of a 2012 Dodge Charger. VIN 2C3CDXAT4CH239963, from the Monroe County Sheriff Department, for use at the North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING LETTERS OF COMMENDATION/LIFE SAVING CERTIFICATE TO TUPELO POLICE OFFICER'S TREVOR STEVENS AND PIOTR RABENDA

Police Chief Bart Aguirre and Fire Chief Thomas Walker addressed the Council asking for approval to award letters of commendation and life saving certificates to Tupelo Police Officers Trevor Stevens and Piotr Rabenda. During the recent winter storm, Officers Stevens and Rabenda went over and beyond the call of duty to help save a person who had fallen through the ice at Veteran's Park Lake. Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard to approve the letters and certificates. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX D**

IN THE MATTER OF BID FOR FIRE STATION #2

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to award Bid # 2021-001FD for the construction of Fire Station #2 to the lowest and best bid of Hooker Construction in the amount of \$1,896,125 and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all contract documents, subject to ratification by City Council. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX E**

IN THE MATTER OF BID FOR MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MILL AND OVERLAY

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to award Bid # 2021-004PW Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Mill and Overlay to the lowest and best bid of Murphree Paving in the amount of \$2,078,500 as the primary bid and an alternate bid to WG Construction in the amount of \$2,126,000. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX F**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. This the 2nd day of March, 2021.

Mike Bryan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

Date