

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Council President Nettie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: 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 Chad Mims joined the meeting by telephone. Council Member Buddy Palmer gave the prayer, and Council Member Janet Gaston led the pledge of allegiance.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to amend the agenda, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized the following employees for service with the City of Tupelo Park and Recreation Department:

Deana Carlock – 30 years

Leigh Ann Mattox – 20 years

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Beard gave a shout out to Kelly Knight and the public works crew who are preparing for the inclement weather expected tonight.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan said the concert held on the past Saturday night was a great success. The Tupelo Show Choir also brought a big crowd to the coliseum. The Police Department recently held their awards program. The Park and Recreation Department is busy with soccer, softball, and cheer competitions. They recently were awarded two state recognitions. The purchase of the class II rubbish site property has been finalized for the City to utilize the property.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council on February 4, 2025. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Council Members Beard, Gaston, Bryan and Palmer reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Beard 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 A

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS FIXED ASSETS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the surplus items, no longer needed for use by the City of Tupelo as listed in APPENDIX B, to be auctioned or scrapped as indicated. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2025

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting minutes of January 13, 2025. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL PLAT OF RESUBDIVISION OF CLUBSIDE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION AND APPROVAL OF DEDICATION OF THE STREETS, EASEMENTS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY SHOWN THEREON

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan to table this item until the next regular meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR TURF SPRAY PROGRAM BID FOR PARKS AND RECREATION BID #2025-004PR

The city advertised and accepted bids for Bid 2025-004PR – Turf Spray Program for Park and Recreation. Four bids were received, with the lowest and best being received from Trugreen in the amount of \$72,201.00. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the lowest and best bid from Trugreen. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to accept the minutes of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau board minutes of February 4, 2025. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MEDIA CONTRACT WITH CARVERTISE

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve a media contract with Carvertise for out-of-home advertising (Mobile Billboard campaigns) in Houston, TX; Nashville, TN; and Memphis, TN. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CADENCE BANK ARENA MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of the Cadence Bank Arena for the November 18, 2024, meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID NO. 2025-001WL (SOURCES OF SUPPLY – 12 MONTH BID)

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for bid # 2025-001WL – Sources of Supply – 12 Month Supply. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to award the bid to the lowest and best bidders as indicated on APPENDIX I. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2025-002WL WATER MATERIALS (6 MONTH SUPPLY BID)

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for bid # 2025-002WL – Water Materials (6 Month Supply). Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to award the bid to the lowest and best bidders as indicated on APPENDIX J. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER # 1 FOR THE SOUTHWEST PUMP STATION SEWER LINE (BID NO 2024-036WL) ARPA

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve change order #1 for ARPA Bid 2024-036WL – Southwest Pump Station Sewer Line. This change order increases the time for the contract. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE BLIGHTED AND SUITABLE FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY'S URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THESE MATTERS TO BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OTHER SUCH RELATED MATTERS

Assistant City Attorney Stephen Reed addressed the Council and explained that this is the first step to expanding the boundaries of the City's urban renewal district to include approximately 16-acres of property south of the Fairpark District. The attached resolution is declaring the property blighted and suitable for an urban renewal project, setting a public hearing regarding an amendment to the City's urban renewal plan, and requesting the Planning Committee to consider these matters to be in conformity with the City's comprehensive plan. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the resolution. The vote was unanimously approved. APPENDIX L

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 at 6:17 p.m. This the 18th day of February 2025.

Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date