

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**JULY 07, 2020**

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, July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan, City Attorney Ben Logan; and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Councilman Willie Jennings was absent.

Councilman Lynn Bryan gave the invocation. Council President Nettie Davis welcomed Boy Scout Troop #12, who then led in the pledge of allegiance.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to elect Councilman M Bryan Tupelo City Council President. Of those present, the vote was as follows: Voting AYE – Whittington, L Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer. Councilman M Bryan abstained and Councilman Jennings was absent.

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to elect Councilman Palmer as Vice-President to the Tupelo City Council. The vote was, as follows: Voting AYE – Whittington, L Bryan, Beard, Davis, and M Bryan. Councilman Palmer abstained and Councilman Jennings was absent.

Councilman M Bryan assumed the chair as President of the Tupelo City Council.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CALL TO ORDER**

President Mike Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to confirm the agenda and agenda order with the following amendments:

**ADD:** Add Executive Order 80-018 to Action Agenda

**MOVE:** Move item S1 to the Routine Agenda as #30 - PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY AT 804 WEST JACKSON ST

**MOVE:** Move Item S2 to the Routine Agenda as #31 - IN THE MATTER OF FAIRPARK BID 2020-041FP FAIRPARK DEVELOPMENT IV INFRASTRUCTURE

Of those present, the motion passed unanimously in favor.

**PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION FOR PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

The Mayor presented Park and Recreation Department Director Alex Farned with a proclamation proclaiming July to be Park and Recreation month. **APPENDIX A**

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION GIRL/BOY SCOUTS**

The Mayor recognized Boy Scout Troop #12 to the meeting. Their Scoutmaster is Lynn Bryan and they meet at the First United Methodist Church. The following members of the troop were present: Joseph Sheffield, Sam Pittman, Clayton Hurt, Braydon Robbins, Cohen Watson, Henry McCormack, Grisham Shelton, Luke Williamson, Noah Gillon, Tripp Riles, Isaac Shoemaker, Morgan Winders and Dawson Tackett.

**IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

The following employees were present to receive their employment certificates:

Marilyn Vail	Department of Development Services	30 years
Mike Bryan	Councilman	15 years

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Councilman Palmer congratulated Councilwoman Nettie Davis on a job well done as Council president and to Councilman Mike Bryan for the milestone of being with the City for 15 years

Councilwoman Nettie Davis thanked those on the Council for the opportunity to serve as President and wished everyone good luck.

**IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor extended a congratulations for great service to Mrs. Nettie as President and congratulations to the new President Mike Bryan. He informed everyone that he will be testifying for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security Hearing on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM CST. The hearing is titled 'Examining the National Response to the Worsening Coronavirus Pandemic'. The outline of his report is attached as **APPENDIX B.**

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FINAL LOT MOWING LIST**

PARCEL

077Q3629900  
089J3117100  
077L3604800  
077Q3612400  
088N3310300  
088N3304700  
106S1403401  
089J3118300  
077Q3612300  
077Q3611300  
077Q3619500  
077Q3615300  
077Q3611400  
077Q3611700  
4 077K3522600  
077K3521100  
077P3516400  
089K3108100  
089E3008300  
089F3005900  
077Q3608100  
077Q3616500  
075S1600104  
077N3510700  
112A0413900  
078H2700663  
077N3502508  
088J3307300

LOCATION

210MONUMENT  
424-434 N PARK ST  
507 EXCHANGE ST  
1502 REED  
LAKE ST  
335 CANAL ST  
3009 SOUTHERN HEIGHTS RD  
920 BLAIR ST  
1512 REED ST  
1523 REED ST  
303 TEDFORD ST  
1527 CENTRAL  
1525 REED ST  
1528 REED ST  
2173 CRABAPPLE DR  
2180 CRABAPPLE DR  
2302 WOODS ST  
451 N SPRING ST  
906 W JACKSON ST  
528 WALKER ST  
1400 CENTRAL AVE  
1507 W MAIN ST  
3514 WALSH RD  
2512 EWELL AVE  
705 HILL-NDALE DR  
2600 PERSIMMON DR  
2615 W MAIN ST  
88 BLUEBIRD DR

No one appeared on behalf of any of these properties.

**IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING AND CLEANUP**

LOCATION

1001 BLANCHARD ST  
100 ANDREW CIRCLE

No one appeared to discuss this item  
No one appeared to discuss this item

**ACTION AGENDA**

**IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-018**

This item was added in the Confirmation of the Agenda and Agenda Order.

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve Executive Order 20-018. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX C**

## **ROUTINE AGENDA**

### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, PAY BILLS AND APPROVE UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Bills were reviewed at 4:00 p.m. by Council members: Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, and Markel Whittington, Traci Dillard, Accounts Payable and Johnny Timmons of TWL. Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **EXHIBIT D**

### **IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #6**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve Budget Amendment #6. After an explanation by CFO Kim Hanna, of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX E**

### **IN THE MATTER OF REGULAR MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2020**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020, regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2020**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020, regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2020**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2020, special meeting of the Tupelo City Council. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF TPRD ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 10, 2020**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020, meeting of the Tupelo Sports Council. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX F**

### **IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID FOR VETERANS PARK RESTROOM**

Tupelo Park and Recreation Director Alex Farned requested that the bids for the Veteran's Park Restroom Project be rejected because all bids exceed the budget for the project. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer to reject the bids. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of rejecting the bids. **APPENDIX G**

### **IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID FOR JOYNER STORAGE BUILDING**

Tupelo Park and Recreation Director Alex Farned requested that the bids for the Joyner Storage Building be rejected because all bids exceed the budget for the project. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to reject the bids. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of rejecting the bids. **APPENDIX H**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID FOR FAIRPARK RESTROOM**

Tupelo Park and Recreation Director Alex Farned requested that the bids for the Fairpark Restroom Project be rejected because all bids exceed the budget for the project. Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to reject the bids. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of rejecting the bids. **APPENDIX I**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF EWP GRANT AGREEMENT FOR NORTH INDUSTRIAL BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the EWP grant agreement for North Industrial Bank Stabilization Project on North Industrial Road. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX J**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE HIVE INDUSTRIAL PARK SEWER PROJECT**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Council L Bryan, to approve the engineering contract for the Hive Industrial Park Sewer Project. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX K**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SAND CREEK BANK STABILIZATION**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the construction contract for the Sand Creek Stabilization Project in the amount of \$124,304.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX L**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF NMNU INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CITY OF TUPELO FOR 2020-2021**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to approve the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit Interlocal Agreement for 2020-2021. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX M**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CVB MINUTES JUNE 22, 2020**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board minutes for the June 22, 2020 meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX N**

**IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to appoint Gwendolyn Hudson to the CVB Board on behalf of the Tupelo Inn Keepers. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX O**

**IN THE MATTER OF COLISEUM MINUTES MARCH 16, 2020**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the Tupelo Coliseum Commission regular meeting minutes of March 16, 2020. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX P**

**IN THE MATTER OF COLISEUM MINUTES APRIL 20, 2020**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the Tupelo Coliseum Commission regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2020. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX Q**

**IN THE MATTER OF COLISEUM MINUTES MAY 18, 2020**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the Tupelo Coliseum Commission regular meeting minutes of May 18, 2020. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX R**

**IN THE MATTER OF COLISEUM MINUTES JUNE 8, 2020**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the Tupelo Coliseum Commission special meeting minutes of June 8, 2020. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX S**

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF BID 2020-010PW**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to ratify the contract with Gregory Companies, LLC, DBA Murphree Paving in the amount of \$153,481.25 for Bid # 2020-010PW - THS Turn Lane Improvements. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX T**

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BID 2020-015MT**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to award Bid 2020-015MT for Jackson Street Improvements (Clayton - Madison) to Gregory Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,700,271.40, as the lowest and best bid. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX U**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT REED TO THE AIRPORT BOARD**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the appointment of Scott Reed to the Tupelo Airport Authority Board. Of those present, the vote was unanimous.

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO SUPPORT DIRECT FEDERAL FUNDING TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MS TO HELP FIGHT COVID-19 AND PROTECT LOCAL CITIZENS FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT DIRECT FEDERAL FUNDING TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MISSISSIPPI TO HELP FIGHT COVID-19 AND PROTECT LOCAL CITIZENS FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. **APPENDIX V**

**IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the final lot-mowing list submitted by the Department of Development Services, such properties being in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to public health, safety, and the welfare of the community, thereby authorizing the department to proceed with the mowing of these properties. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX W**

**IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING AND CLEANUP**

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the final lot-mowing and cleanup list submitted by the Department of Development Services, such properties being in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to public health, safety, and the welfare of the community, thereby authorizing the department to proceed with the mowing of these properties. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX X**

**IN THE MATTER OF SETTLEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY AT 804 WEST JACKSON STREET**

This item was moved from S1 on the Study Agenda because it was not a study agenda item. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve 'AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 804 WEST JACKSON STREET OWNED BY R.B. LESLEY COMPANY, LLC. for the negotiated price of \$65,000.00. City Council findings are contained in the Order and written legal opinion attached thereto. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX Y**

**IN THE MATTER OF FAIRPARK BID 2020-014FP FAIRPARK DEVELOPMENT IV INFRASTRUCTURE**

This item was moved from S2 on the Study Agenda because it was not a study agenda item. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to award Bid # 2020-014FP, Tupelo Fairpark Redevelopment Phase IV, to Cook & Son, LLC, the lowest and best bidder. The awarded bid includes

the base bid, alternates 1-6 and alternate 8, for a total of \$1,647,394.34. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX Z**

**STUDY AGENDA**

No items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 7th day of July, 2020.

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Mike 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