REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
JULY 7, 2026

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Janet Gaston, Bentley Nolan, and Rosie Jones. Also attending were City Attorney Ben Logan, and Sandra Shumaker, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Lynn Bryan asked Kelly Wayne Knight to give the invocation, and Council Member Nettie Davis led the pledge of allegiance. President Janet Gaston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council Member Bentley Nolan, seconded by Council Member Travis Beard, nominated Council Vice President Bryan to serve in the position of 2026-2027 President of the Tupelo City Council. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Rosie Jones opposing the nomination. APPENDIX "A"

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF A CITY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council Member Travis Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to nominate Council Member Bentley Nolan to serve in the position of 2026-2027 Vice President of the Tupelo City Council. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "B"

Council President Bryan, Vice President Nolan and Mayor Jordan presented Council Member Gaston with a plaque and thanked her for serving as the 2025-2026 president of the council.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve the agenda and the agenda order as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nettie Davis thanked the city and everyone who supported the Carver Reunion. The three-day event hosted 300 people over three days. She also announced that due to inconsistent weather, the Juneteenth parade has been moved to July 18, 2026. Council Member Davis then asked for prayer for the family of Julian Vaughn who passed away recently.

Council Member Gaston thanked the city and the Department of Parks & Recreation for a great Fourth of July celebration and recognized the hard work of the employees and volunteers.

Council Member Jones welcomed those attending the council meeting and wished everyone a happy 250th anniversary of the United States. She welcomed and thanked citizens who attend the council meetings. She also stated that the capital budget meeting would involve discussions about the items that have been on the agenda.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan thanked Alex Farned and the Department of Parks & Recreation for a great Fourth of July celebration. He stated that the Juneteenth celebration hosted approximately 900 visitors. There will be a swimming meet held at the aquatic center in two weeks that will host 300 swimmers.

(CLOSE REGULAR MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC AGENDA)

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak on this matter. APPENDIX "C"

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION PROPERTIES

Property located at 843 South Green Street, Parcel Number 089F-30-060-00 has been noticed for demolition. No one appeared to speak on this matter. APPENDIX "D"

REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED OFF NORTH GLOSTER STREET FROM A/O – AGRICULTURE/OPEN SPACE TO RC – REGIONAL COMMERCIAL

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the ordinance to rezone parcels 084S-18-001-18, 084S-18-001-04, 084S-18-001-19, 083U-07-066-06, 083U-07-003-00 and 083U-07-005-00 along Woodford Way as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "E"

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE WOODFORD WAY OVERLAY DISTRICT

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the ordinance establishing the Woodford Way Overlay District as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "F"

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE MIXED-USE DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the ordinance as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "G"

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve the ordinance updating definitions and standards for congregate living facilities as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "H"

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2026

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the council meeting minutes of June 16, 2026, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “I”

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

The bills were reviewed by Council Member Janet Gaston, Council Member Travis Beard and Council Member Bentley Nolan. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the payment of the bills with check #442925-443309 and 50004412-50004452. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “J”

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the amount of $500.00 to the THS Cheer Boosters for the THS 2026 football program. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “K”

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #6 FOR FY 2026

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve Budget Amendment #6 as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “L”

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPERTIES FOR DEMOLITION

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to adjudicate the property or parcel of land in its then condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and approve the cleaning and demolition of the property located at 843 South Green Street, Parcel Number 089F-30-060-00 for demolition. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “M”

IN THE MATTER OF MOWING

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the final lot mowing list as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “N”

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE LOT MOWING LIENS

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve liens to be placed on the properties listed below for lot mowing. Council Member Davis asked about the payment process for these liens and Tanner Newman, Director of Development Services, responded that the liens would be filed at the Lee County Courthouse and can be paid at any time. At the end of the fiscal year, the unpaid liens would be turned over to the county to be applied to the tax rolls. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “O”

514 CLINTON ST.	089F-30-005-00	$300.00
481 SOUTH FEEMSTER LAKE	088Q-34-031-00	$300.00
1400 CENTRAL AVENUE	077Q-36-081-00	$300.00
1518 CENTRAL AVENUE	077Q-36-156-00	$300.00
2411 DANNY STREET	077P-35-006-00	$300.00
401 MONUMENT DRIVE	101B-02-140-00	$300.00
905 HARRISON STREET	101D-01-179-00	$300.00

2005 WAYNE DRIVE	101B-02-140-01	$300.00
2308 TORREY STREET	077P-35-187-00	$300.00
2317 ENGLEWOOD DRIVE	101B-02-247-00	$300.00
202 ENOCH AVENUE	077Q-36-219-00	$300.00
122 HARVESTER SQUARE	079V-32-147-00	$300.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND HDR FOR RFQ NUMBER 2026-019PW – FY22 RAISE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TUPELO

This item was tabled on 05/19/26 and remained on the table on 06/02/26 and 06/16/26. The council left this item on the table pending continued legal review and negotiation of the contract. APPENDIX "P"

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL AUTHORIZING TUPELO PD OFFICERS TO UTILIZE THEIR DEPARTMENT UNIFORM, SERVICE WEAPON, AND DEPARTMENT VEHICLE WHILE PERFORMING PRIVATE SECURITY AT WALMART LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF TUPELO

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve this item as presented. The vote was 6-1 in favor with Council Member Jones opposed. APPENDIX "Q"

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL NO. 1 TOWN CREEK EROSION CONTROL BRIDGE NO. 206 BID NO. 2025-029PW

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve this change order as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "R"

IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD MINS. JUNE 2, 2026

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of June 2, 2026, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "S"

IN THE MATTER OF CVB INT'L TRAVEL FOR JENNIE BRADFORD CURLEE DEPUTY DIRECTOR ON SEPTEMBER 25TH -OCT 4TH AND OCT 16-23,2026

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the international travel request for Jennie Bradford Curlee for Travel Brand USA Travel week in Amsterdam, Netherlands and JRNY Media Event in London, England Sept.25- Oct.4 2026. Ms. Bradford-Curlee will then travel to Mississippi UK sales and Media Mission in London, England on Oct. 16-23, 2026. Each trip will cost an estimated $6,000 with a daily per diem rate of $174.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "T"

IN THE MATTER OF WATER & LIGHT REQUEST APPROVAL FOR SURPLUS ITEMS

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve the surplus by destruction of computers that are too old to be refurbished and no longer of use to the City of Tupelo. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "U"

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING PRODUCTS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve Power Connections. Inc. as a sole source vendor for the purchase of Schweitzer relays, voltage regulator controls, capacitor bank controls and communication devices for the SCADA system used in our electrical substations and distribution system. These items and their integral parts are not interchangeable with other manufacturers. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “V”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR TULIPS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (BID NO. 2025-019WL) SRF/ARC

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve change order #2 for Tulips Sewer by adding 45 days to the completion date due to waiting on parts. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “W”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC BUILDINGS AMERICAS, INC. – TUPELO AQUATIC CENTER – AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve subject to legal approval of the design parameters and subsequent ratification by city council. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “X”

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS LEE COUNTY TAX PARCELS 079L-32-005-02, 079L-32-005-21, 079L-32-005-22, 079L-32-005-20, and 079L-32-005-23, LOCATED ON LOCUST LANE, FROM AGRICULTURAL OPEN SPACE PROTECTION DISTRICT (AO) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR)

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to spread this proof of publication of the ordinance in the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX “Y”

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION (TEPA)

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to ratify the reimbursement agreement as executed by the city and TEPA. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “Z”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the city council meeting of July 7, 2026 at 6:39 pm.

LYNN BRYAN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SANDRA SHUMAKER
COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED

TODD JORDAN, MAYOR

DATE