

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**MAY 7, 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, May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Janet Gaston attended by Team Meeting and phone. Council Member Chad Mims gave the invocation, and Council Member Travis Beard introduced members of Boy Scout Troop # 12, who 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, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION FOR L.C. SIMS DAY**

Mayor Todd Jordan presented a proclamation proclaiming May 14, 2024, as L.C. Sims Day.

APPENDIX A

### **IN THE MATTER OF AQUATIC MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized Amy Kennedy William, who read a proclamation proclaiming that May, 2024, is Aquatic Month. APPENDIX B

### **RECOGNITION BOY SCOUTS**

Members of Boy Scout Troop # 12 present were: Miles Curlee, James Cordell, Colby Hopkins and Samuel Hodges. The scouts are currently working on their Citizenship for the Community Merit Badge and are sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. Duke Loden, Merit Badge Counselor, attended with the scouts.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized Amy Kennedy Williams for 20 years of employment with the City of Tupelo.

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Member Nettie Davis spoke concerning Mr. L.C. Sims, who was recognized for this 100-year birthday earlier in the meeting. She said he is a very strong pioneer in this community and we are all

proud to have him here. She also said former Council Member Markel Whittington will be missed in this community and that we should be in prayer for his family and friends.

Council Member Palmer and Council Member Chad Mims also spoke of prayers for Markel Whittington's family and friends and how much he will be missed.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Jordan also mentioned that Markell Whittington was a class act and would be missed. Park and Recreation had a good sports weekend, as well as, 1,080 vehicles participating in the Blue Suede Cruise.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX AT FIRE STATION 3**

Fire Chief Brad Robinson addressed the Council concerning a Safe Haven Baby Box to be located at Fire Station 3. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the placement of a Safe Haven Baby Box at Fire Station 3. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

### **IN THE MATTER OF MONETARY DONATION FOR SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX**

Fire Chief Brad Robinson addressed the Council explaining that all expenses for the Safe Haven Baby Box, both current and future, will be covered by donations. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to accept the current donation of up to \$22,500 for the purchase and location of the baby box. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 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, 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 E

### **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:

MS Radio Group	\$299	Memorial Day Ads from City of Tupelo
MS Radio Group	\$299	July 4th Ads from City of Tupelo

The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE 2025 BUDGET CALENDAR**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the 2025 Budget Calendar, as presented by CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025 Planning Committee meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

**IN THE MATTER OF LIEN RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID PROPERTY CLEANING COSTS**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a Resolution Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Lien Against Real Property associated with property cleanups under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972 as amended) for the following properties:

2281 Edgemont Drive                      Parcel # 076K-23-041-00

The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR FORMATION OF THE MAYOR'S HEALTH COUNCIL**

Council member Mims, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the submission of the Mississippi State Department of Health Grant Application for the Mayor's Health Council. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

**IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 DOZIER STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an "Order Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Located at 200 Dozier Street and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Enter into a Contract for Purchase". The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

**IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID #2024-014PD - TWO 1500 CHEVROLET SILVERADO CREW CAB TRUCKS (SSV)**

Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the rejection of Bid # 2024-014PD – Two 1500 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab Trucks, because no bids were received. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ADDITION OF ITEM REMOVED FROM ASSET LIST AT NORTH MS NARCOTICS UNIT**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to add the following item to the North MS Narcotics Unit asset list, which was removed in error at the November 21, 2023 Council meeting:

LVO TS M800 computer (S/N 1S10FW003DUSMJ05BYJX) Asset # 5729

The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING SEIZED VEHICLE TO NMNU ASSET LIST**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve adding the following seized vehicle to the asset list for the North MS Narcotics Unit:

2016 Chevrolet Tahoe; VIN 1GNSKBK8C8GR132362

The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF NMNU SURPLUS**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the surplus of the following:

Gold 2004 Chevrolet Venture van; vin #1GNDX03E24D177921

from the asset list of the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit. This item is no longer needed by the City of Tupelo and will be sold at auction. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

**IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS OF TWO FIRE APPARATUS FOR SALE**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the surplus of the following:

1993 E-One Cyclone Pumper Vin #4ENAAAA88P1002501

1998 E-One 100' Ladder Truck Vin #4ENSABA89W1008915

This item is no longer needed by the City of Tupelo and will be sold by sealed bid. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

**IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS 2009 NISSAN VERSA FOR AUCTION – MUNICIPAL COURT**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the surplus of the following:

Asset # 3052 for a 2009 Nissan Versa Serial # 3N1BC11E69L440503

This item is no longer needed by the City of Tupelo and will be sold at auction. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

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

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 meeting of the Cadence Bank Arena. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF SURPLUS ITEM – TWL**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the surplus of the following:

Pipehorn Ferromagnetic Locator, S/N 4502647, ID # 1289

This item is no longer usable and will be used for parts. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX S

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2023-065WL FOR THE LABOR AND MATERIALS AT THE NORTH GREEN STREET SUBSTATION**

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2023-065 – Labor and Materials at the North Green Street Substation. Five bids were received with the lowest and best qualified submitted from Power Grid Company in the amount of \$2,130,000.00. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to award the bid to the Power Grid Company. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX T

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH POWER GRID COMPANY FOR BID # 2023-065WL (LABOR AND MATERIALS AT THE NORTH GREEN STREET SUBSTATION)**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the contract with Power Grid Company for Bid # 2023-065 - Labor and Materials at the North Green Street Substation in the amount of \$2,130,000.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX U

**IN THE MATTER OF AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 500 kVA THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve an ‘Order Authorizing Emergency Purchase of Three (3) 500 kVA Three Phase Padmount Transformers’ pursuant to Miss. Code Anno. § 31-7-13 (k). The lead time for receiving this equipment is a minimum of 36 weeks. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX V

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO REJECT BID NO. 2024-012WL - WATER MATERIALS**

Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the rejection of Bid # 2024-012WL – Water Materials, because no bids were received. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX W

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2024**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve the traffic committee minutes of May 2, 2024. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX X

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE 2024 CITY OF TUPELO AND ITAWAMBA COUNTY INMATE HOUSING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the ‘2014 City of Tupelo Itawamba County Inmate Housing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and to Authorize the President of the City Council and the Mayor to Execute on Behalf of the City’. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Y

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN EXECUTED CONTRACT WITH CENTURY CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFP 23-055PW**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the executed contract with Century Construction Group, Inc. for the provision of debris removal services in accordance with RFP #2023 - 055PW. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Z

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN EXECUTED ALTERNATE CONTRACT WITH ASHBRIIT FOR THE PROVISION OF DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFP 23-055PW**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the executed alternate contract with Ashbriit. for the provision of debris removal services in accordance with RFP #2023 - 055PW. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX AA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN EXECUTED CONTRACT WITH DEBRIS TECH FOR THE PROVISION OF DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFP 23-056PW**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the executed contract with Debris Tech for the provision of debris monitoring services in accordance with RFP #2023 - 056PW. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX BB

**IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT – SIGNS**

This item was left on the study agenda.

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

This item was left on the study agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, 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 Davis 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 Jones, to return to the regular meeting at 6:36 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EASEMENTS**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an ‘Order Authorizing the Purchase of Easements’. This is a permanent easement and a temporary construction easement for construction of permanent ingress and egress for maintenance of a drainage improvements along and over Jon and Millicent Crump’s property. The vote was, as follows:

Council Member Mims	AYE
Council Member Bryan	AYE
Council Member Beard	AYE
Council Member Davis	AYE
Council Member Palmer	AYE
Council Member Gaston	ABSTAINED
Council Member Jones	AYE

APPENDIX CC

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous in favor at 6:37 p.m.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Date