

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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, September 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, and Janet Gaston; Ben Logan, City Attorney, and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Rosie Jones was absent. Council Member Gaston led the invocation. Council Member Palmer led in 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 Palmer, to approve the agenda and agenda order, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Gaston asked everyone to remember Judge Aycock and his family for the loss of his son.

Council Member Palmer introduced his wife, Cecelia, his son, Damon, and his daughter-in-law, Erica.

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for supporting the Communities Forward Festival last weekend.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan reported that there was a good crowd at the Communities Forward Festival. The renovation of the Council chambers will begin right away and the meetings will be held at the Church Street School until the renovation is complete. Fall into Tupelo begins in October and the Park & Recreation statewide conference is in Tupelo this week.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak on the properties listed on the final lot mowing list.

088Q3403100	481 S FEEMSTER LAKE RD
088N3304700	335 CANAL ST
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088N3302300	208 CANAL ST

088N3305700	151 CANAL ST
088N3305900	147 CANAL ST
101B0216812	723 ASHLEY LN
089B3004000	1259 N GREEN ST
077C2508000	1303 ACKIA TRL
089F3009200	428 TOLBERT ST
089F3013300	431 TOLBERT ST0
89B3003900	1261 N GREEN ST
101M1217500	1197 S GLOSTER ST
101M1217400	1195 S GLOSTER ST
113A0610100	619 CROSSOVER RD
113A0608800	718 CROSSOVER RD
077Q3619100	215 TEDFORD ST
113J0702200	1103 CHICKASAW TRL
113J0703800	1014 CHICKASAW TRL
113E0605700	906 CHICKASAW TRL
077P3500600	2411 DANNY ST

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 5 AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5 and special called meeting of September 12, 2023. 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 Beard, Gaston, Davis and Palmer. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, 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 ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

Northeast MS Daily Journal	\$397.50	Congratulations to CDF for 75th year of Accomplishments
Busylad	\$579.60	Inflatables for Wear it Well Ribbon Cutting
Busylad	\$369.60	Real Men Stand up (Father & Son Day @ PAL)

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #11 FOR FY 2023

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve budget amendment #11 for FY 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF FY 2024 PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the Petty Cash Accounts for FY2024, as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE & POLICE RETIREMENT

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Authorizing and Directing There Be A Two Percent (2%) Increase in the Benefits for All Members and Beneficiaries Receiving Retired Relief or Disability Relief Benefits from the Firemen's And Policemen's Disability and Relief Fund", giving those members a 2% increase. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO CLOSE BANK ACCOUNT (E.P. BUS TURNAROUND)-STATE FUNDS

Council Member Janet Gaston recused herself for this item of business.

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve an Order of the Governing Authorities of the City of Tupelo Authorizing the Closure of the Elvis Presley Bus Turnaround Special Project Fund at Cadence Bank. The vote was, as follows:

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| Council Member Mims | AYE |
| Council Member Bryan | AYE |
| Council Member Beard | AYE |
| Council Member Davis | AYE |
| Council Member Palmer | AYE |
| Council Member Gaston | RECUSED |
| Council Member Jones | ABSENT |

APPENDIX F

Council Member Gaston rejoined the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO RAISE SANITATION RATE

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the Resolution Adopting Increase in Sanitation Rate Fees and Charges for Residential Customers. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTIES FOR LOT MOWING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjudicate the properties on the final lot mowing list as menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and to approve their cleaning in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated 21-19-11. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF LIEN RESOLUTIONS FOR UNPAID LOT MOWING

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve Resolutions Assessing Judgment Liens Against Real Property for the Costs Associated with Lot Mowing in Accordance with Miss. Code Annotated § 21-19-11, for the following properties:

414 LAKEVIEW
107 LAKEVIEW
100 ANDREW CIRCLE
2308 TORREY STREET
1507 TRACE AVENUE
1407 GUN CLUB ROAD

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF LIEN RESOLUTIONS FOR UNPAID DEMOLITIONS

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve a Resolution Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Lien Against Real Property, under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972 as amended) for:

209 FEEMSTER LAKE ROAD
398 FEEMSTER LAKE ROAD
735 SOUTH EASON BLVD
1108 MARQUETTE

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2023

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee held on August 7, 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT AND MAJOR SITE PLAN FOR PARKSIDE SUBDIVISION

Council Member Buddy Palmer recused himself for this item of business.

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a major subdivision preliminary plat for Parkside subdivision, as well as the major site plan. The vote was, as follows:

Council Member Mims	AYE
Council Member Bryan	AYE
Council Member Beard	AYE
Council Member Davis	AYE
Council Member Palmer	RECUSED
Council Member Gaston	AYE
Council Member Jones	ABSENT

APPENDIX L

Council Member Palmer rejoined the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEE COUNTY TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO EROSION AT PROPERTY LOCATED AT OR NEAR 735 EASON BOULEVARD

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve a 'Resolution Requesting Lee County to Seek Assistance from the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District to Address Issues Related to Erosion at Property Located at or Near 735 Eason Boulevard'. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of September 5, 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2023-042WL TO REPAIR AND REPAINT THE BELDEN WATER TANK

Bids were received for Bid # 2023-042WL - Repair and Repaint Belden Water Tank, with the lowest and best bid being from Dixie Painting and Sandblasting, Inc., in the amount of \$332,505.00. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to award the bid to Dixie Painting and Sandblasting, Inc., in the amount of \$332,505.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT APPROVAL WITH ARCHITECTURE SOUTH TO DESIGN DOT COOPER KELLY BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve a contract with Architecture South to design the Dot Cooper Kelly building renovations. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORARY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-16 MEETING TIMES AND PLACES

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a 'Temporary Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-16 Meeting Times and Places'. Due to the renovation of the Council chambers, the meeting place of the City Council will be changed to the Church Street School auditorium. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

IN THE MATTER OF DONATION OF STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS IN THE VILLAGES COMPLEX (TABLED AT SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 MEETING)

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to take the item off the table. Of those present the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the acceptance of the donation of streets and alleyways in The Villages complex. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to determine the need for an executive session. City Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the possible acquisition of real property under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of possible acquisition of real property under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor at 6:21 PM.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to return to the regular meeting at 6:55 PM. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 19th day of September, 2023.

Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date