

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings, City Attorney Ben Logan; and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Councilman Willie Jennings introduced Fireman Josh Parks, who gave the invocation. Councilman Markel Whittington led the pledge of allegiance.

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

### **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 addition:

ADD: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER KIM HANNA AS APPLICANT AGENT FOR THE CITY OF TUPELO WATER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT FOR FEDERAL DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DECLARED

The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

Councilwoman Nettie Davis thanked all those who helped with the 'Don't Bug Me' campaign that held an event at Gumtree Park last Saturday.

Councilman Travis Beard recognized Mitch Fowler, with Waste Management, for assistance they give to those who aren't able to get their garbage to the curb.

Councilman Willie Jennings recognized Josh Parks, employee of the Tupelo Fire Department, and Deputy Rashad Ruff, employee of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, to address the Council. Mr. Parks, on behalf of the two, thanked the Council for offering the Plant A Seed Program in the past and to please continue to keep the program going. Both these men are products of the program.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING**

A Public Hearing was held for the following:

<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
089F3005000	517 W BARNES ST
077R3612400	120 LAWNSDALE DR
089F3021900	608 N SPRING ST
077R3601000	1214 W MAIN ST
089F3023500	MCWILLIAMS ST
089F3030600	222 W BARNES ST
089F3032200	W BARNES ST
089K3107300	464 N BROADWAY ST
077G2518700	1300 LEONARD DR
077G2518704	1306-B LEONARD DR
077P3500600	2411 DANNY ST
077C2507400	1304 LUMPKIN AVE
089F3005400	527 W BARNES ST
089F3002700	528 W BARNES ST

No one was present for any of the properties. **APPENDIX A**

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION**

A public hearing was held concerning demolition of the following:

451 North Spring Street  
6797 Endville Road  
523 Barnes Street

Mr. Melvin Wallace appeared concerning the property located at 523 Barnes Street and asked for more time to bring the property up to code.

Attorney Michael McHenry appeared on behalf of Frank Garrison, the owner of 6797 Endville Road and also asked for more time to take care of the issues. **APPENDIX B**

### **ROUTINE AGENDA**

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 4, 2020**

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 4, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF INTENT TO RAISE SANITATION RATE**

Councilman L Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the request to advertise the intent to raise the sanitation rate. After a short explanation from CFO Kim Hanna, the vote was unanimous in favor. **EXHIBIT D**

**IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS DUTY WEAPON OF JAMES BOND UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to surplus the Glock model 45 9mm, SN BKLR992 and allow Corporal James Bond to purchase same in the amount of \$1.00 upon his retirement from the City of Tupelo Police Department. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the request is attached as **APPENDIX E**.

**IN THE MATTER OF UNMARKED VEHICLES THAT THE TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS AS OF AUGUST 11 2020**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L. Bryan, to approve this list as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the list is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX F**.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU MINUTES FROM AUGUST 3, 2020**

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to accept the Convention and Visitors Bureau Committee Minutes dated August 3, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX G**

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 3, 2020**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee dated August 3, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX H**

**IN THE MATTER OF TAX ABATEMENT OF WEST PARK PAVILION**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L. Bryan, to approve the application of West Park Pavilion LLC located at 3418 West Main and in a business improvement district for a commercial ad valorem tax abatement in the amount of \$1,065,364.75 for a period of five (5) years. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX I**

**IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L. Bryan, to approve the final lot-mowing list submitted by the Department of Development Services, and find such properties being in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community, thereby authorizing the department to proceed with the mowing of these properties. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX J**

## **IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION**

A Public Hearing was held pursuant to Mississippi Code 1972, as amended, 21-19-11. Councilman L Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the demolition of properties located at:

451 N Spring Street  
6797 Endville Road  
523 Barnes Street

These properties were determined to be in such a state of uncleanliness and disrepair as to be a menace to health, safety and welfare of the community.

A vote was called for to approve the demolition of the properties listed and was in favor 7 - 0. By this action, the City of Tupelo was authorized to demolish said property, invoice the owners, and place liens on the property. **APPENDIX K**

## **IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2020-025WL FOR SALE OF BORING MACHINE AND TRAILER**

At a previous meeting of the Tupelo City Council on February 5, 2019, the following items were declared as surplus:

2002 Vermeer Boring Machine (S/N 1128)  
2002 Redi-Haul Trailer (S/N 9436)

Bids were received for 2020-025WL for the highest bid to dispose of these items. The highest qualified bid submitted by J.J. Merchant Accelerated Marketing and Appraisals was received in the amount of \$7,777.77. Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the sale of the surplus property for the amount of \$7,777.77. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX L**

## **IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID 2020-012WL 2020 4 X 4 CAB AND CHASSIS**

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for the purchase of a 2020 Cab and Chassis 4 x 4 and awarded to Cannon Motors at the June 16, 2020 council meeting. Cannon Motors has now advised, in writing, that they are unable to meet this bid because the manufacturer is no longer making 2020 models. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan to allow Cannon to withdraw its earlier bid, reject all bids for Bid # 2020-012WL and redvertise. The vote was unanimous in favor of rejecting the bid. **APPENDIX M**

## **IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING CFO KIM HANNA AS APPLICANT AGENT**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve the RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER KIM HANNA AS APPLICANT AGENT FOR THE CITY OF TUPELO WATER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT FOR FEDERAL DISASTER FINANCIAL

ASSISTANCE DECLARED. The vote was unanimous in favor of the resolution. **APPENDIX N**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 18 day of August, 2020.

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Nettie Davis, 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