

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DECEMBER 21, 2021

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, December 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Robert Cook gave the invocation and Council Member Buddy Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Buddy Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized and presented Police Chief Jackie Clayton, with a proclamation declaring December 21, 2021 as Jackie Clayton Day. Chief Clayton is retiring from the City of Tupelo on December 31, 2021 after serving for 42 years with the City of Tupelo Police Department.

APPENDIX A

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized Bruce Dodson for 25 years of employment with the City of Tupelo Police Department.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nettie Davis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Travis Beard recognized the NAACP for the banquet on Saturday, December 18, 2021, where they honored Nettie Davis. He also wished Buddy Palmer a happy birthday and asked everyone to join in wishing him a happy birthday by singing.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan wished Buddy Palmer a happy birthday and voiced his appreciation for Nettie Davis and all she has done for the City of Tupelo and its citizens. He called on Alex Farned to give a report concerning the economic revenues generated through sports and the Park and Recreation Department. In 2021, the economic revenue generated is \$4.6 Million. He gave credit to all the departments and employees of the City of Tupelo who help in the planning and carrying out of all the sports events held in the City of Tupelo.

PUBLIC AGENDA

CITIZEN HEARING

Charles Moore, Lee County NAACP President, requested to speak but stated that he would like to reschedule his remarks for a future meeting.

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2021

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on December 21, 2021. 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, Janet Gaston, Lynn Bryan and Buddy Palmer, along with Traci Dillard and Johnny Timmons. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

WELO the Pulse	\$199	Martin Luther King Ad
PPI	\$1,695	Park & Rec Leisure Guides
PPI	\$1,084	Aquatic Center Splash Brochures
Committee for King	\$2,000	Program Ad for MLK Celebration
Lee County Courier	\$350	Season's Greetings from Mayor & City Council

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF 2021 CONTRACT WITH MUTEH

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the 2021 contract with Mississippi United to End Homelessness (MUTEH). The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TUPELO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Tupelo to participate in the national opioid litigation settlement. The City of Tupelo should receive over time approximately \$450,000 from this settlement. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2021

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021, Planning Committee. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021, License Commission. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD FOR BID 2021-035PW GUN CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed bids were received by the City for Bid 2021-035PW - Gun Club Road Improvements on December 7. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to award the lowest and best bid of James A. Hodges Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,131,541.31. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF AXON ENTERPRISE AS SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the Sole Source request from Police Chief Jackie Clayton for the purchase of TASER 7 from Axon Enterprise, Inc. This is the only company who has these items for purchase that will work with existing equipment. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF SMART RAY VISION AS SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the Sole Source request from Police Chief Jackie Clayton for the purchase of an X-Ray System from SmartRayVision. The hardware kit and application software are manufactured, sold and distributed exclusively by SharpLogixx, LLC. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS WEAPON FOR RETIREMENT

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to surplus the Glock model 45 9mm, SN BKLR976 and allow Police Chief Jackie Clayton 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. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUSING UNMARKED CITY VEHICLE AND SELLING TO CITY OF SALTILLO

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the surplus of a 2010 Nissan Titan vehicle, VIN 1N6BA06A49N314849, no longer needed for use by the City of Tupelo and to sell the same to the City of Saltillo in the amount of \$1. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF BID REJECTION 2021-036PW OF POLE BARN AT METRO LAYDOWN YARD

Public Works Director Chuck Williams, requested that bid # 2021-036PW - Pole Barn at Metro Laydown Yard, be rejected because all the bids came in over budget. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the rejection of the bid. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL COMPACT EXCAVATOR AND ALTERNATE BID REJECTION 24FT GOOSENECK TRAILER

Sealed bids were received by the City for Bid 2021-037PW - Compact Excavator and 24 ft Gooseneck Trailer on December 9, 2021. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to find as lowest and best and award to Thompson Machinery the compact excavator bid in the amount of \$127,900.00 and to reject the alternate bid of the 24 ft gooseneck trailer because the delivery date of the trailer was at least 190 days and could be quoted and obtained sooner. Although not the lowest bid, the bid for the compact excavator received by Thompson Machinery was the lowest and best bid as it exceeded the specifications and offered a better warranty included in the price. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL – KNUCKLEBOOM LOADER TRUCK – 2021-032PW

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for Bid # 2021-032PW for a Knuckleboom Loader Truck. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to find the sole bid was commercially reasonable and to award the bid to the lowest and best bid of TAG Truck Center in the amount of \$205,000. The vote as unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2021-034WL (CONCRETE POLES)

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for bid # 2021-034WL - Concrete Poles. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to award the bid to the lowest and best bidder Stresscrete, Inc. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF BID NO. 2021-033WL (SOURCES OF SUPPLY)

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve Bid # 2021-033WL Sources of Supply for Minor Water/Sewer Construction/Rehab - 12 month supply to the lowest and best

bid of Paul Smithey Construction Company and M & M UG Video, as indicated on the bid tabulation. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

IN THE MATTER OF BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF JULY 2020 – DECEMBER 2020

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve writing off to the bad debt file, the list of Water and Light Collections accounts. The total bad debt amount represents 0.08% of the total revenue for the period of July 2020 thru December 2020. Efforts will continue to be made to collect these accounts even though they have been transferred to this accounting classification. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the request is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX R.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 21st day of December, 2021.

Buddy Palmer, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date