

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY 7, 2025

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: 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. Council Member Nettie Davis was absent. Council Member Lynn Bryan gave the prayer, and Council Member Travis Beard led the pledge of allegiance.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the agenda and agenda order, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Beard asked that everyone remember Nettie Davis in prayer.

Council Member Gaston shared that Elvis Presley's 90th birthday is tomorrow and events are planned to celebrate at the EP birthplace.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan said the New Year's Eve event was a success in Tupelo. We had good weather for the event, but inclement weather is expected in the next few days. He asked that everyone stay safe and wished a Happy New Year to all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AND DECEMBER 26, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 regular meeting and the December 26, 2024 special meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Council Members Beard, Gaston and Palmer reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, 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 SURPLUSING COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO BE DESTROYED

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the surplus of police department computer and electronic equipment no longer usable or needed by the City of Tupelo. These items will be surplus for destruction. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID #2024-068PD – 7 DODGE CHARGER POLICE VEHICLES

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2024-068PD – 7 Dodge Charger Police Vehicles. Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to find the single bid commercially reasonable, solicited in accordance with the public purchasing laws and to award the bid to Jim Shorkey Auto Group for \$257,796.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID #2024-060PR FOR VETERANS PARKS PLAYGROUND

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2060-PR – Veterans Parks Playground. Two bids were received with the lowest and best being from Struthers Recreation in the total amount of \$133,074.00 including alternate #1. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to award to the lowest and best bid, Struthers Recreation, in the amount of \$133,074.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF JULY 2023 – DECEMBER 2023

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve writing off to the bad debt file the attached list of Water and Light Collections accounts. The total bad debt amount represents 0.09% of the total revenue for the period of July 2023 thru December 2023. Efforts will continue to collect these accounts even though they have been transferred to this accounting classification. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2024

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the Traffic Committee minutes of December 12, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

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

This item stayed on the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to close the regular session and enter executive session for the discussion of a property purchase under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended) at 6:06 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan to return to the regular meeting at 6:14 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, at this time, Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to adjourn the meeting. This the 7th day of January, 2025.

Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date