

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**MAY 6, 2025**

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, May 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: 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 Chad Mims was absent. Council Member Travis Beard gave the invocation and Council Member Lynn Bryan introduced members of Boy Scout Troop #12, who led the pledge of allegiance. Council President Nettie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to confirm the agenda, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUTS**

Mayor Todd Jordan introduced Will Zahn and Jake Greer, two members of Boy Scout Troop #12, who were accompanied by their leader, Duke Loden.

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Member Rosie Jones stated that she was very appreciative of what the city departments do in bringing visitors to Tupelo.

Council Member Buddy Palmer recognized Alan McDaniel for his hard work with the Blue Suede Cruise event held last weekend. He also recognized Steven and Dawn Coon and Bently Nolan in the audience.

Council Member Travis Beard mentioned the Depot grand opening held last Friday and what a great attendance there was. He also thanked DDS Director Tanner Newman for the updates he furnished concerning permits issued for businesses in the city. Finally, he thanked Kim Hanna, City Clerk/CFO, and her staff for all their hard work with the city's annual audit.

Council Member Nettie Davis talked about all the events held in Tupelo last weekend. She also wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Todd Jordan also mentioned the activity and events held in the City of Tupelo.

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

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

## **CITIZEN HEARING**

Bridgett Shelly, president of the Park Hill Neighborhood Association addressed the City Council concerning safety issues on North Church Street. She presented a petition signed by residents of the area. APPENDIX A

## **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025, Council meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

## **IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY**

Council Members Beard, Gaston, Palmer, Davis and Bryan reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

## **IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO CLOSE BANK ACCOUNTS (BALLARD PARK IMPROVEMENT AND MCCULLOUGH BLVD IMPROVEMENTS)-STATE FUNDS**

Council Member Janet Gaston recused herself from this item.

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council member Bryan, to approve ‘An Order of the Governing Authorities of the City of Tupelo Authorizing the Closure of Two Special Project Funds Having Been Created for the Holding of Funds Received from the State of Mississippi for Capital Projects at McCullough Boulevard and Ballard Park’. The vote was, as follows:

AYE: Bryan, Beard, Davis, Palmer, Jones

ABSENT: Mims

Recused: Gaston

APPENDIX C

## **IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF TUPELO AUDIT FOR FY 2024**

The Jarrell Group, PLLC, conducted the annual audit of the city’s financial condition. No current year deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control or in the compliance system were reported. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the City of Tupelo Audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. A copy of the audit report is on file in the City Clerk’s office. The vote was unanimous in favor.

## **IN THE MATTER OF MOWING**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the properties on the lot mowing list, as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel</u>
2411 Danny St	077P3500600
108 Clark Pl Unit A & B	089J3127801

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting minutes of the February 10, 2025, meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2025**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting minutes of the March 10, 2025, meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

**IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES (ATF) AND THE TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Tupelo Police Department. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM NOVO DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve NOVO Digital Radiography as the sole source provider of specific technology demands and digital imaging equipment designed for the security market. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO SURPLUS TO AUCTION AND REMOVE FROM ASSETS PW43 KNUCKLEBOOM**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the surplus of a 2012 Freightliner Ms.106 Knuckleboom Loader - T559, for sale at auction. This item is no longer repairable and needed by the city. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

**IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID # 2025-012PR - PAUL EASON FIELD RENOVATIONS**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the rejection of Bid # 2025-012PR – Paul Eason Field due to all bids received being over the budgeted amount. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

**IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR BID#2024-053PR - DOT COOPER KELLY BUILDING RENOVATION**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve change order #2 for Bid 2024-053PR – Dot Cooper Kelly Building Renovation. This change order increases the contract amount by \$2,017.00 for a contract total of \$832,401.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CADENCE BANK ARENA MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025, AND MARCH 17, 2025**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Cadence Bank Arena minutes of the February 24 and March 17, 2025, meetings. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

**IN THE MATTER OF CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU MINUTES MARCH 4, 2025**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to accept the March 4, 2025, minutes of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

**IN THE MATTER OF TRA MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2025**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the TRA minutes of the March 25, 2025, meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR BID # 2024-029AD - THE DEPOT**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve change order #1 for Bid 2024-029AD – The Depot. This change order increases the contract amount by \$89,065.00 for a contract total of \$1,997,127.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY 215-ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Order Approving the Lease of Two Hundred and Fifteen Acres of Real Property for Agricultural Purposes and Not Otherwise Needed for Municipal or Related Purposes'. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING  
AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES BY  
HAWKEYE INDUSTRIES, INC.**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve ‘A Final Resolution of the City Council Approving an Application for Exemption from Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes by Hawkeye Industries, Inc.’. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT CODE (TABLED AT MAY 15, 2025, MEETING)**

This item remained on the table.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to adjourn the meeting. This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 at 6:23 p.m.

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Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Date