

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
FEBRUARY 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, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan, Willie Jennings, City Attorney Ben Logan; and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Councilwoman Nettie Davis welcomed Rev. Willie Wilson with New Life Community Church, who gave the invocation. Councilman Willie Jennings welcomed Fire Chief Thomas Walker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Nettie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Councilman Mike Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Willie Jennings, to confirm the agenda and agenda order with the following change:

Add Item # 26A	Review/Approve/Reject Donation of Leave for employee William (Andy) McGarrh, Employee of BancorpSouth Arena & Conference Center
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The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS

No Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts were present

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor Shelton recognized Police Chief Bart Aguirre and Fire Chief Thomas Walker who presented Police Officer Matthew Gumm and Police Officer Cameron Jones with the Chief's Letter of Commendation and the Fire Life Save Certificate for going above and beyond the call of duty when rescuing someone from a burning home. Officer Jesus Quintana was also recognized but was unable to attend the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATIONS

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The Mayor issued Proclamations for the following:

1. February 29, 2020 - Rare Disease Day
2. March 4, 2020 – Salvation Army Empty Bowls Day
3. February 2020 – Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Copies of the Proclamations are attached as **APPENDIX A.**

The Mayor recognized Kerry Howell and Casey Smith with Waste Management, who presented Katherine Rhea, Keep Tupelo Beautiful, with the Think Green Grant for \$1,000.00.

Mayor Shelton welcomed representatives from the Civic Ballet who presented the Mayor and Council with tickets to the upcoming ballet “Alice In Wonderland”.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

The following public recognitions were made by council members:

Councilman Willie Jennings announced that Ward 7 is hosting a self-defense seminar March 7, 2020 and everyone is invited to attend. He also reminded all that the City of Tupelo needs everyone’s help in the effort to remove illegal guns from the streets of Tupelo. He commended the Police Department for all they do, but that the citizens should help in this effort.

Both Councilman Buddy Palmer and Council Mike Bryan agreed that illegal guns are a big problem and that they are fully behind the Police Department for tackling this situation.

Councilwoman Nettie Davis said that Leesha Faulkner and all those that participated with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration did an outstanding job.

IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Jason Shelton stated that the Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration was a huge success. He congratulated the Tupelo DTMSA for being named as a semifinalist for the 2020 Great American Main Street Award. The Tupelo Fire Department’s Task Force 1 has been requested to send swift water rescue teams to assist with flooding in the Jackson, MS area. He announced that the State of the City address will be held in each ward beginning Mar 5. The schedule is as follows:

- March 3rd – Tupelo City Hall Council Chambers
- March 5th – St. Luke United Methodist Church (Ward 2)
- March 10th – Presley Heights, J T Neely Center (Ward 5)
- March 19th – Lee Acres Presbyterian Church (Ward 3)
- March 23rd – Haven Acres Boys & Girls Club (Ward 7)

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April 2nd – Bel-Air Center (Ward 1)

April 6th – Tupelo Police Dept’s Community Room (Ward 4)

April 14th – Thomas Street School (Ward 6)

(CLOSE REGULAR MEETING OPEN PUBLIC AGENDA)

PUBLIC AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF A PUBLIC HEARING

No Items

IN THE MATTER OF APPEALS

No Items

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN HEARING

No Items

(CLOSE PUBLIC AGENDA AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION)

ACTION AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENT TO COLLECT CITY OF TUPELO OUTSTANDING FINES, FEES AND JUDGMENTS THROUGH INCOME TAX INTERCEPT AND SETOFF ACT

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Mike Bryan to table the AGREEMENT TO COLLECT CITY OF TUPELO OUTSTANDING FINES, FEES AND JUDGMENTS THROUGH INCOME TAX INTERCEPT AND SETOFF ACT for now. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX B**

ROUTINE AGENDA

REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

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Councilman Buddy Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Willie Jennings, to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting held on January 30, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor.

REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Travis Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Markel Whittington, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 4, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT LIST OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES

There was no request for approval of advertising and promotional expenses.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, PAY BILLS AND APPROVE UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council members: Markel Whittington, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Traci Dillard, Accounts Payable. Johnny Timmons, TWL Director was also present. Buddy Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Travis Beard to approve the payment of the checks, bills and claims, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX C**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT 2020 BEL-AIR FACILITIES RENTAL AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Willie Jennings, to approve the 2020 Bel-Air Facilities Rental and Management Agreement. **APPENDIX D**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; THAT NO SUFFICIENT PROTEST DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FILED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS AND/OR BOND AND/OR LOAN

Councilman Buddy Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Markel Whittington, to approve the Resolution Finding And Determining That The Resolution Adopted On The 21st Day Of January, 2020 Was Duly Published As Required By Law; That No Sufficient Protest Described In Said Resolution Has Been Filed By The Qualified Electors; And Authorize The Issuance Of Said Bonds And/Or Bond And/Or Loan. **APPENDIX E.**

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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, AWARD, REJECT BID NO. 2019-047PW SWEEPER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

One bidder responded to this bid opening. Councilman Mike Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Lynn Bryan, to find the bid as commercially reasonable, to find prospective bidders had proper notice and opportunity to submit bids and to award Bid 2019-047PW to Vacuum Truck Sales & Service LLC as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$294,977.00. as the sole bidder. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the bid packet is attached as **APPENDIX F.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF/DESTROY FIREARMS

Councilman Willie Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Markel Whittington, to accept the request from Chief Bart Aguirre to destroy/dispose of the list of firearms, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX G**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT REQUEST FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SURPLUS ITEMS, REMOVE FROM ASSET LIST AND SELL AT AUCTION, SCRAP OR DESTROY

The Police Department submitted a request to declare certain items as surplus and provided recommendations as to means of disposal. Pursuant to Mississippi Code Anno. Sec. 17-25-25 (1972 as amended), Councilman Travis Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Lynn Bryan, to determine the items as no longer of any use to the municipality, declare the items as surplus and to dispose of the items as requested by the department by sale at auction, sale as scrap or destroying. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of this memorandum of request is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX H.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT 2019-2020 NORTH MS NARCOTICS UNIT SUPPLEMENTAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Councilman Mike Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Buddy Palmer to approve the 2019-2020 Supplemental Interlocal Agreement, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of this Agreement is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX I.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT FEBRUARY 3, 2020 PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Councilman Buddy Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Willie Jennings to approve the February 3, 2020 Minutes of the Planning Committee. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX J**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Willie Jennings to approve the reappointments of Gus Hildenbrand and William Smith to the Planning Committee. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT REQUEST OF APPOINTMENTS TO 2020 DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE JOYNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Councilman Lynn Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Travis Beard to approve the appointments to the 2020 Design Review Committee of the Joyner Neighborhood Association, as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX K**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT JANUARY 11, 2020 TUPELO AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Buddy Palmer to approve the January 11, 2020 Minutes of the Tupelo Airport Authority. **APPENDIX L**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Councilman Mike Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Markel Whittington to approve the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Commercial Real Estate to Leggett & Platt, Incorporated. The vote was unanimous in favor and the agreement is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX M.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI AND TUPELO-LEE HUMANE SOCIETY

Councilman Buddy Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Willie Jennings to approve the Contract Between City of Tupelo, Mississippi and Tupelo-Lee Humane Society. A copy of the contract is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX N.** The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT REQUEST FOR DONATED LEAVE FOR BANCORPSOUTH ARENA EMPLOYEE WILLIAM (ANDY) MCGARRH

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Bancorpsouth Arena Director Todd Hunt submitted a request to allow the staff of the Arena and Conference Center to donate leave time to employee William (Andy) McGarrh. In accordance with the guidelines outlined in Section 601 of the City of Tupelo Employee Handbook, Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Travis Beard, to approve this recommendation. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the request is attached as **APPENDIX O.**

STUDY AGENDA

No Items

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Councilman Willie Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Buddy Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Nettie Davis, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

February 19, 2020
DATE