

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MAY 21, 2024

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, May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Buddy Palmer was absent. Council Member Chad Mims gave the invocation, and Council Member Travis Beard led the pledge of allegiance.

Council President Travis Beard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the agenda and agenda order, with the following change:

Delete #16 IN THE MATTER OF UNMARKED POLICE SURVEILLANCE VEHICLE

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Chad Mims congratulated all the 2024 Tupelo High School graduates, which included his daughter.

Council Member Nettie Davis congratulated all those who worked on the Gumtree Run and she wished a belated Happy Mother's Day to everyone.

Council Member Travis Beard gave a shout out to Blue Delta Jeans, Inc., who is expanding its facility in Lee County. He also thanked Tupelo Water and Light and all the city departments for all their hard work.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan also congratulated all the 2024 high school graduates. He gave an update on the City's projects that have recently been completed, as well as those that are ongoing and the upcoming ones. The City of Tupelo is very busy.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING APPLICATION RZ24-01

No one appeared concerning the Rezoning RZ24-01 Application.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared concerning the lot mowing.

IN THE MATTER PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION AND PROPERTY CLEANUP

A public hearing was held for the following properties for demolition and property cleanup:

1400 Beech Springs Road
107 Tanglewood
301 Government Street – Demarco Langston appeared concerning this property

IN THE MATTER OF APPEALS HEARING FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISION OF FLEXIBLE-USE APPLICATION FLEX 24-01

The following appeared to speak on the public hearing:

Sammy Green	3820 and 3570 Belden Pike
Jackie Williams	3611 Belden Pike
Keith Kennedy	3828 Belden Pike
Andy Rodenstrike	Representative of Verizon
Roger ? for Jessica Johnson	3813 Belden Pike
David Barkstrom	3797 Belden Pike and vacant property on Belden Pike
Wesley Coggins	3611 Belden Pike
Pamela Johnson	3813 Belden Pike

CITIZEN HEARING

Mary Ann Plasencia thanked Alex Farned and the Park and Recreation Department for the success of the recent pickle ball tournament.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2024

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024, Tupelo City Council. Of those present, 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, Lynn Bryan, Janet Gaston, and Nettie Davis. Council Member Davis 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 A

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as follows:

ITEMS:		
Lee County Courier	\$400.00	Congratulations to the THS Class of 2024
Hotel Tupelo	\$1,000.00	Rental of Event Space for the King Krawl 2024 June 7-8

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

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #7 FOR FY 2024

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve budget amendment #7 for FY 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING MML 2024 VOTING DELEGATES

In accordance with the bylaws of the Mississippi Municipal League, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve a resolution appointing Council Member Davis as the voting delegate and Council Member Beard as the first alternate for the 2024 Mississippi League election to be held at the annual convention on June 25, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor to approve the Resolution as submitted. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THREE RIVERS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INC – ARC COLONIAL ESTATES

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve contract for professional Services with Three Rivers Planning and Development district, Inc. – ATC Colonial Estates, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents for submission. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTIES FOR LOT MOWING

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to adjudicate the properties on the final lot mowing list as menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and to approve cleaning in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Sec. 21-19-11. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER DEMOLITION AND PROPERTY CLEANUP

DDS Director Tanner Newman requested that the Council consider the adjudication of properties located at 1400 Beech Springs Road, 107 Tanglewood and 301 Government Street, having been found to be in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning by demolition as authorized by Miss. Code § 21-19-11 (1972 as amended).

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, that the properties located at 1400 Beech Springs Road, 107 Tanglewood and 301 Government Street, be found to be in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning by demolition as authorized by Miss. Code § 21-19-11 (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of approval of the demolition. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF AARON WASHINGTON TO THE TUPELO PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to confirm the appointment of Aaron Washington to the Tupelo Planning Committee for a term of 4 years, representing Ward 3. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF DAVID JONES TO THE TUPELO LICENSE COMMISSION

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to confirm the appointment of David Jones to the Tupelo License Commission as the design professional representative for a term of 4 years. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGN OVERLAY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the list of the Design Overlay Committee Memberships, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF REINSTATEMENT OF NEMTA TENNIS CONTRACT FOR APRIL 2024

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the reinstatement of the NEMTA Tennis Contract for April, 2024. Due to an accident, Mr. Jason Grimes has been unable to fulfill the contract since August, 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO SPORTS COUNCIL DONATION TO THE CITY OF TUPELO

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to accept a donation from the Tupelo Sports Council, as follows:

1. \$7,900 for rollup doors for the softball concession stand at Veterans Park
2. Frigidaire 18.3 cu ft. top-freezer refrigerator for use at the Tupelo Aquatic Center (SN BA-4181806C)

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

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS FIXED ASSET ITEM FROM AQUATIC CENTER

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the surplus of the following, located at the Aquatic Center:

GE Refrigerator SN MAZ06305

This item no longer works and will be destroyed. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF TPRD ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the Tupelo Park and Recreation Department Advisory Board minutes for February 15, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL 2024-018PW - CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER FLAT WORK AND MINOR STRUCTURE

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #202-018PW – Concrete Curb and Gutter Flat Work and Minor Structure. Two bids were received with the lowest and best qualified submitted from Slayton Concrete Construction, LLC. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to award the bid to Slayton Concrete Construction, LLC. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL 6 MOS CONCRETE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY 2024-019PW

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #202-019PW – Supply and Delivery. Two bids were received with the lowest and best qualified submitted from Patton Construction. Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to award the bid to Patton Construction with Slayton Concrete Construction, LLC being awarded as alternate. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL FOR ANNUAL TERM BID LOCAL STREET MAINTENANCE MILL AND OVERLAY PROGRAM BID NO. 2024-016PW

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #202-016PW – Annual Term Bid Local Street Maintenance Mill and Overlay Program. Five bids were received with the lowest and best qualified submitted from Falcon Contracting Co., Inc. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to award the bid to Falcon Contracting Co., Inc. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR ANNUAL TERM BID NO. 2024-015PW FOR TUPELO ROADWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2024-015PW – Annual Term Bid Tupelo Roadway Maintenance Program. Three bids were received with the lowest and best qualified submitted from Hodges Construction. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to award the bid to Hodges Construction. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL FOR ANNUAL TERM BID NO. 2024-017PW TUPELO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MILL AND OVERLAY PROGRAM

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #202-017PW – Annual Term Bid Major Thoroughfare Mill and Overlay Program. Five bids were received with the lowest and best qualified submitted from Falcon Contracting Co., Inc. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to award the bid to Falcon Contracting Co., Inc. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX S

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 11, 2024

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting minutes of March 11, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX T

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 8, 2024

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting minutes of April 8, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX U

IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2024

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau minutes of May 7, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX V

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF RFP 2024-010CVB: VIDEOGRAPHY - DIGITAL CONTENT MARKETING TOOL, TOURISM INDUSTRY RECOVERY II

Request for proposals, #2024-010CVB, were received for a Videography – Digital Content Marketing Tool, Tourism Industry Recovery II. After an evaluation based on the factors set forth in the proposal solicitation, CVB Director Stephanie Coomer advised the Council that the selection committee evaluated Panola Pictures as the best qualified proposal, and recommended they be awarded the RFP. Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan to approve the request. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX W

IN THE MATTER OF APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISION OF FLEXIBLE-USE APPLICATION FLEX24-01

This item will be moved to the action agenda at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING APPLICATION RZ24-01 WEST MAIN STREET

This item will be moved to the action agenda at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT – SIGNS

This item was left on the study agenda.

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

This item was left on the study agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to adjourn. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor at 6:56 p.m.

This the 21st day of May, 2024.

Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date