

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**AUGUST 19, 2025**

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Bentley Nolan, Janet Gaston, Rosie Jones, Ben Logan, City Attorney and Sandra Shumaker, Clerk of the Council. Chad Mims was absent. Council Member Rosie Jones requested that Reverend Charles Moore give the invocation and Council Member Lynn Bryan led the pledge of allegiance. Council President Janet Gaston 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 Davis, to amend agenda to table item #19, to amend two other agenda items as follows:

#20 to read MOTION TO AWARD BID AND ALLOW MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AFTER LEGAL REVIEW AND SUBJECT TO LATER RATIFICATION

#21 to read IN THE MATTER OF REJECT BID FOR EAST MAIN STREET TOWN CREEK BRIDGE REPAIRS. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized and congratulated Valerie Bradley with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau for 20 years of service.

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A REQUEST OF CITIZEN RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Police Chief John Quaka recognized and awarded "The Chief's Award" to Ms. Canita Spragin for her heroic effort in assisting an unknown female from a stalled vehicle as it was approached by a locomotive. This is the second time this award has been given in the tenure of Chief Quaka. Ms. Spragin was also recognized before the Police Advisory Board. APPENDIX "A"

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS**

Council Member Nolan commended the Tupelo Fire Department on the addition of the Safe Haven Baby Box installed at the fire department on Veterans Boulevard.

Council Member Davis recognized and thanked Ms. Spragin for her heroic efforts.

Councilman Travis Beard congratulated Hyperion Technologies on receiving the award for "Tech Manufacturer of the Year" from Mississippi SBDS Network.

He also commended the Tupelo Fire Department on the Safe Haven Baby Box and Kim Rushing with the Department of Development Services for receiving a “Above And Beyond Award” for her work with the community and SAFE. He congratulated David Rumbarger on 25 years with CDF.

### **MAYOR’S REMARKS**

Mayor Jordan thanked everyone for their participation in the Fox & Friends media event and stated it would have cost close to a million dollars if the city had to pay for the increase in public relations and social media traffic that the event generated.

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

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

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS DEFINING AND ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS FOR BREWPUBS, MICROBREWERIES, LIQUOR STORES AND CONVENIENCE STORES WITH FUEL SALES**

Local alcohol package retailer, Barrett Brady spoke about the proximity of such business opening near neighborhoods and clustering next to each other. He asked the city to put “common sense rules” in place such as proper spacing and buffers to protect neighborhoods. He asked the city to draft an ordinance for alcohol package retailers.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR THE PARK HILL NEIGHBORHOOD**

No one appeared to speak on this matter.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR PARCEL #084S-18-010-00 AND #084U-19-008-00 FROM AGRICULTURE/OPEN SPACE TO MIXED USE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR**

No one appeared to speak on this matter.

### **CITIZEN HEARINGS**

Ms. Phyllis A. Sims, a lifelong resident of Tupelo, addressed the council with concerns regarding the C.C. Augustus swimming pool. She told of how excited the African American community had been when the pool was installed. Sixty years later, the pool is now in danger of being removed due to maintenance and repair issues. The community never expected to lose the pool in the Parkhill neighborhood. She requested the Mayor and City Council to find a way to fund the new pool, add a splash pad, and set money aside for future maintenance and repairs. These needs of the multi-cultural community must be addressed. She requested we reach out to the state and work with our budget for the benefit of those citizens and children who do not have the resources to go to the Tupelo Aquatic Center.

Mr. Kenneth Mayfield complimented Ms. Sims on her presentation and felt similarly about Ward 4 and its C.C. Augustus pool. He spoke about mowing behind Parkhill Dynasty which only gets mowed 2-3

times through the summer. He requested the city to bid out the mowing privately at a lower cost. He also addressed a section of Tolbert Park that rarely gets mowed to be bid out as well. He will be proposing a plan to develop more properties in Parkhill and would like Tolbert & Front to become a “Gateway to Tupelo”.

Former Mayor of Holly Springs and current Tupelo resident, Mr. Kelvin Buck, believed we have a clear vision of how important these issues are to the city. The street improvements on Jackson and Gum Tree Park on Front Street are examples of projects that have been included in the capital budget for a long time. He requested that the C.C. Augustus Center be included as a project in the city’s capital plan. He stated there were many options to consider as the budget and capital plan are reviewed.

Mr. Jim Newman believed that people who want to swim need a place to go. He did some research and to build an Olympic size pool with all the amenities would cost a million dollars and he was sure we had that in the bank. Newman stated the C.C. Augustus pool essentially had been closed for two years. He believes we should task Public Works to begin deconstruction of the pool now so a new one could be built and open for next year.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 5, 2025**

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025 council meeting as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “B”

#### **IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST PURDUE AND THE SACKLER FAMILY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the request. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “C”

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

The bills were reviewed by Council Member Nettie Davis, Council Member Lynn Bryan and Council Member Travis Beard.

Council member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to pay the bills as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

The bills were paid with check numbers 435920-436303 50003790-50003823. APPENDIX “D”

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

There were no items.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF FINAL LOT MOWING LIST**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the properties on the lot mowing list as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “E”

### **IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING LIENS**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the liens as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “F”

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>
451 North Spring St.	089K3108100	\$300.00
561 Magazine St.	089P3106800	\$400.00
557 Magazine St.	089P3106900	\$500.00
555 Magazine St.	089P3107000	\$550.00
2411 Danny Street	077P3500600	\$300.00
2209 Lawndale	101M1201000	\$350.00
335 South Canal St.	088N3304700	\$500.00
412 South Canal St.	112A0402700	\$300.00

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION / CLEAN UP LIENS**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the liens as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “G”

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>
658 South Feemster Lake	112C0304900	\$5,500.00
2005 Wayne Street	101B0214001	\$4,900.00

### **IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1905 FORREST STREET**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to approve the purchase of property located at 1905 Forrest Street. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “H”

### **IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1203 KELLY STREET**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the purchase of property located at 1203 Kelly Street. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “I”

### **IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING UNMARKED VEHICLES RESOLUTION**

Police Chief Quaka stated that this was routine and required by law. The department has a total of 124 unmarked vehicles that are used by various divisions. Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve this resolution. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “J”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2025**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, Major Thoroughfare Committee minutes as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “K”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2025**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025, Major Thoroughfare Committee minutes as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “L”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CADENCE BANK ARENA MINUTES OF  
JUNE 16, 2025**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025, minutes of the Cadence Bank Arena. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “M”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL UPDATE ON HAWKEYE INDUSTRIES AD VALOREM  
TAX EXEMPTION**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to table this item. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “N”

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID FOR PACKAGE WASTEWATER LIFT STATION  
(MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT) BID NO. 2025-022WL**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to award Bid 2025-022WL and allow the Mayor to enter into the contract after legal review and subject to later ratification. APPENDIX “O”

**IN THE MATTER OF REJECT THE BID FOR EAST MAIN STREET TOWN CREEK  
BRIDGE REPAIRS**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to reject all bids as exceeding the ten percent (10%) of project engineers’ construction estimate and rebid the project. APPENDIX “P”

**STUDY AGENDA**

**IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING A  
RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR THE PARK HILL NEIGHBORHOOD**

Council Member Davis move up this item to the action agenda following a work session. With unanimous consent, this matter was moved to the next action agenda. APPENDIX “Q”

**IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS DEFINING AND ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS FOR BREWPUBS, MICROBREWERIES, LIQUOR STORES, AND CONVENIENCE STORES WITH FUEL SALES**

Council Member Bryan moved to keep this item on the study agenda. With unanimous consent, this matter remained on the study agenda. APPENDIX “R”

**IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION MAJSUB25-02 (PARCEL 106C-13-011-00)**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to suspend the rules and make this Item #22 on the routine agenda. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the subdivision plat for MAJSUB25-02 under the following conditions being placed in the development agreement:

1. Sidewalk requirement waived if developer pays the city \$22,750.00, and the city will install the curb and gutter.
2. Developer will install storm water drainage as approved by Public Works Department.
3. Two-car garage required on all houses.
4. Developer agrees to restrict deeds to home-ownership-only for a period of ten (10) years.

APPENDIX “S”

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR PARCEL #084S-18-010-00 AND #084U-19-008-00 FROM AGRICULTURE/OPEN SPACE TO MIXED USE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR**

Council Member Bryan moved to place this item on the action agenda following a work session. With unanimous consent, this matter was moved to the next action agenda. APPENDIX “T”

**IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for executive session.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

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Janet Gaston, Council President

ATTEST:

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Sandra Shumaker, Council Clerk

APPROVED

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Date