

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

SEPTEMBER 01, 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, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, and Mike Bryan, Attorney Richard Babb for City Attorney Ben Logan; and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Councilman Willie Jennings was in attendance via teleconference.

Councilwoman Nettie Davis gave the invocation. Councilman Willie Jennings asked Thomas Walker to lead the pledge of allegiance.

President Mike Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to confirm the agenda and agenda order with the following addition:

ADD: Change Order No. F-1 Coley Road @ Golder Wave Drive Lane Improvements Bid No. 2020-010PW

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Councilwoman Nettie Davis asked for continued prayers for all to safely get through the pandemic.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

No one appeared to speak at this public hearing.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING LOT MOWING

PARCEL ADDRESS

077P3519500	2307 TORREY
077P3516200	113 MAYNARD DR
077K3500142	1845 W JACKSON ST UNIT A & B
077K3500141	1843 W JACKSON ST UNIT A & B
077K3500140	1841 W JACKSON ST UNIT A & B
077K3505200	1715 W JACKSON ST
077F2617900	709 LAR-ELI-DO DR
077K3506400	607 LUMPKIN AVE
089F3003300	502 W BARNES ST
113N0702200	1304 ERIN ST
089J3121200	905 ALLEN ST
101M1215601	2407 LAWNSDALE DR UNIT A
101M1215800	2409 LAWNSDALE DR UNIT A & B
101H0122500	1707 LAWNSDALE DR
077R3607400	1245 BOGGAN DR
088N3305700	151 CANAL ST
088N3310300	LAKE ST
088N3310200	1243 HANKINS ST
088N3304401	339 CANAL ST
089J3106500	637 E JACKSON ST
077Q3617700	1603 W MAIN ST
077Q3602002	105-107 DOUGLAS ST
077Q3608400	121 S HIGHLAND DR
077Q3616500	1507 W MAIN ST
077Q3612400	1502 REED ST
077Q3611501	1527 REED ST
077Q3611700	1528 REED ST
077Q3611500	1529 REED ST

No one appeared to speak at this public hearing.

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 4, 2020

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 18, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

Bills were reviewed at 4:00 p.m. by Council members: Travis Beard, Markel Whittington, Nettie Davis and Buddy Palmer and Accounts Payable Clerk Traci Dillard. Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX A**

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the advertising and promotional items as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX B**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT THE LEE COUNTY ASSESSMENT ROLL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE CITY OF TUPELO

CFO Kim Hanna informed that the assessment rolls were given to us by the Lee County Tax Assessor and actual figures supported the actual estimates of what was expected.

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve the Lee County assessment roll and special assessment roll as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the Lee County Assessment Roll and Special Assessment Roll for the City of Tupelo is on file in the City Clerk's office.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE TUPELO MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020 AND THE CURRENT FY 2020-2021

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to adopt the resolution for the levying of ad valorem taxes for the City of Tupelo and the Tupelo Municipal Separate School District for the FY 2019-2020. CFO Kim Hanna reported the millage rate was at 64.10 for the school and 32.7 for the City of Tupelo, which is the same as last year. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX C**

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THERE BE A ONE PERCENT (1%) INCREASE IN THE BENEFITS FOR ALL MEMBERS AND BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING RETIRED RELIEF OR DISABILITY RELIEF BENEFITS FROM THE FIREMAN'S AND POLICEMAN'S DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUNDS

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve a 1% increase in the benefits for all members and beneficiaries receiving benefits from the retired fireman's and policeman's disability and relief funds. Councilwoman Davis expressed that she would like to see a larger increase in the future. President M Bryan explained that this retirement system predates the PERS system now used by the City of Tupelo. **APPENDIX D**

IN THE MATTER OF BID 2020-024PW APPROVAL – MATERIALS AND DELIVERY -12 MONTH SUPPLY

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to find that the lowest and best bids for each item were commercially reasonable and to approve the bids as submitted. The bid approval includes alternate bidders in the event the lowest bidder can not supply when needed. The vote was unanimous in favor. The list of lowest and best bids, as well as alternates are attached as **APPENDIX E.**

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT FOR KINGS CREEK BANK
STABILIZATION BID # 2020-016PW**

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to ratify the contract with Encor, LLC for the Kings Creek Stabilization North Industrial Road - Bid # 2020-016PW, which was awarded at the August 4, 2020 Council meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX F**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MDOT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR TAP
GRANT PROJECT**

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the Consultant Contract - Supplemental Agreement #1 for Sidewalk Connectivity at Existing Railroad Crossings with MDOT. The vote was unanimous in favor and a copy of the Agreement is attached as **APPENDIX G.**

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR SEWER
REPAIR**

Davey Cole, on behalf of TWL Director Johnny Timmons, explained to the Council that on April 21, 2020 it was discovered that a concrete sewer line collapsed under Plant Road. The collapsed sewer line was 16 feet under the pavement and had to be repaired ASAP to renew sewer services. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to find the procurement of supplies and services as an emergency and to approve the emergency purchase. The vote was unanimous. The declaration is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX H.**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF BID NO. 2020-027WL

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve Bid # 2020-027WL Sources of Supply for Minor Water/Sewer Construction/Rehab - 12 month supply to the lowest and best bid of Paul Smithey Construction Company. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX I**

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to appoint Pamela Hadley and Lindsey Leake to the Planning Committee. The vote was unanimous in favor and the request and bios are attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX J.**

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL RESOLUTION FOR LEGGETT & PLATT # 0341

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the Final Resolution of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to Leggett & Platt Components Company #0341, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning the 1st day of January 2020 and ending the 31st day of December 2029, with a total true value of \$283,729.00. The City Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue Office, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions, & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated August 25, 2020, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. The vote was unanimous in favor.

An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX K.**

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL RESOLUTION FOR LEGGETT & PLATT # 0908

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve the Final Resolution of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to Leggett & Platt Components Company #0908, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning the 1st day of January 2020 and ending the 31st day of December 2029, with a total true value of \$749,182.00. The City Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue Office, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions, & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated August 25, 2020, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. The vote was unanimous in favor. An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX L.**

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to approve the final lot-mowing list submitted by the Department of Development Services, and find such properties being in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community, thereby authorizing the department to proceed with the mowing of these properties. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX M**

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER NO. F-1 FOR COLEY ROAD AT GOLDEN WAVE DRIVE LANE IMPROVEMENTS BID NO. 2020-010PW

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the requested change order for the Bid 2020-010PW - THS Merge Lane. The change order is an increase in the amount of \$16,850.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX N**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, CouncilmanWhittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 1st day of September, 2020.

Mike Bryan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

Date