

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JUNE 16, 2020

INVOCATION: COUNCILMAN BUDDY PALMER

Councilman Palmer introduced Bro. Mark Cayson retired Air Force, to open with the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: COUNCILMAN MIKE BRYAN

Councilman Mike Bryan asked Chief Bart Aguirre to lead the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: COUNCILWOMAN NETTIE DAVIS

Council President Nettie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington to amend and confirm the Agenda and Agenda Order with the following change:

Add Item #31 July 4 Proclamation issued by the Governor

The vote was unanimous in favor of the addition.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

RECOGNITION GIRL/BOY SCOUTS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Councilman Jennings reminded everyone that COVID-19 more alive than before in State of MS. He encouraged citizens of Tupelo to continue to wear masks when in public groups. He also gave his support to Black Lives Matter and any other group that promotes peace. Tupelo is blessed but that can change in a second. The Council will be looking at the Police Department policies to make sure everyone is on the same page. He urged everyone to do whatever is necessary to make this a great city in which to live. Every part of the City of Tupelo should be a great place to live. All employees should treat everyone fairly.

Councilwoman Davis asked that everyone be in prayer for the family of Delores Lagrone, who recently died unexpectedly. She reminded everyone the Juneteenth Festival has been cancelled this year, but encouraged everyone to remember its meaning. She also stated that everyone is free and should be treated as such.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor spoke of COVID-19 and how everyone needs to be diligent to stop or slow the spread. He thanked all the concerned citizens who were in attendance of the Council meeting. He recognized special guest, Todd Jordan, County Supervisor. The Back to Business resource Center will be open June 3-25, 2020 to assist business owners in submission of forms and thanked Lee County, CREATE, Three Rivers, CDF, and Itawamba Community College for helping with their efforts in making this possible. Thanks and appreciation were extended to everyone involved in the first ever virtual Elvis Presley Festival, which was a great success. Meetings are scheduled for next week to discuss police policies with the Council and Administration. Both the police department and the Tupelo Police Advisory Board will be participating in the meeting. He asked that everyone keep the family and friends of the Shannon High School football player, who passed away during football practice today. Although most of the annual July 4th festivities will be cancelled this year, fireworks are planned and will begin at 9:00 PM in Fairpark. **APPENDIX A**

PUBLIC AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING-TIF

No one appeared for the public hearing scheduled concerning the tax increment financing plan of the Fairpark district development project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

No one appeared for the public hearings on lot mowing. **APPENDIX B**

APPEALS

CITIZEN HEARING

SCOTT REED - COLISEUM ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Mr. Scott Reed, Chairman of the Coliseum Commission, submitted a request to speak concerning the proposed amendment to the City of Tupelo's Code of Ordinances concerning the Tupelo Coliseum Commission.

GARY O'NEAL - CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS AND STREETS

Mr. Gary O'Neal submitted a request to be heard concerning the removal of Confederate monuments, street names, etc. in the City of Tupelo.

ACTION AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDING TUPELO COLISEUM COMMISSION CHARTER

Councilman L Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 2-107, 2-108, 2-111, 2- 2-113, 2-114 And 2-116 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI". After an explanation of the changes to the Ordinance by Attorney Ben Logan and several questions and comments from the Council the vote was 3-4 against, as follows: Voting Yea: Councilman L Bryan, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Jennings and Voting Nay: Councilman Whittington, Councilman Beard, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman M Bryan. **APPENDIX C**

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 2, 2020

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council on June 2, 2020. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Council members Travis Beard, Buddy Palmer, Nettie Davis, Accounts Payable Manager Traci Dillard and Johnny Timmons met at 4:00 PM to review the bills. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the docket as presented. The vote was 7 - 0 in favor. **APPENDIX D**

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

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

IN THE MATTER OF SOLE SOURCE FOR WATCHGUARD VIDEO

Kim Hanna submitted a request to the Mayor and City Council to approve the sole source procurement of a new video management server from WatchGuard Video. Councilman Whittington moved to approve the WatchGuard Video Systems as the sole source vendor for this equipment. Councilman M Bryan seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve this motion. **APPENDIX F**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A DPS HOT SPOT GRANT

Grant writer Terri Blissard, requested that the Council approve a new Hot Spot grant in the amount of \$19,245 which will fund the purchase of a new server for the Police Department, plus configuration, testing, data migration and an extended warranty. There is no match for this grant. Councilman Beard

moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the grant. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX G**

IN THE MATTER OF REVISED EWP GRANT AGREEMENT FOR SAND CREEK BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

A revised grant agreement for the Sand Creek bank stabilization project, funded through NRCS's Emergency Watershed Protection Program was submitted for approval by Terri Blissard. The original grant agreement was for \$99,810.15, with a City match of \$30,245.50. The revised grant agreement increases NRCS's portion to \$134,244, with a City match of \$40,680. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the revised grant agreement, as requested. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX H**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF DOJ CESF GRANT AGREEMENT

A request for the approval of a one-time grant funding intended to assist police departments with unanticipated expenses created by the COVID crisis, which included reimbursement of expenses, with the Department of Justice for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding. There is no match for this grant. Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman M Bryan, to approve the grant in the amount of \$50,263, which will be used to reimburse a portion of the Police Department's overtime costs from March and April. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX I**

IN THE MATTER OF ENGINEER SELECTION FOR HIVE INDUSTRIAL PARK SEWER PROJECT

The City advertised and received proposals for engineering services as required under the terms of the grant for the HIVE Industrial Park sewer project. Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve Cook Coggin Engineers as the firm of record for this project. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX J**

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 1, 2020

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the Minutes of the Tupelo Planning Committee of June 1, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor. **EXHIBIT K**

IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MINUTES MARCH 9 AND MAY 11, 2020

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings to approve the Minutes of the Major Thoroughfare Committee dated March 9 and May 11, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX L**

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the final lot-mowing list submitted by the Department of Development Services, such properties being in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to public health, safety, and the 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 APPROVAL OF NMNU OCDETF 2020 AGREEMENT

A request was submitted to approve the NMNU OCDETF 2020 agreement, which allows the Tupelo Police Department officers assigned to the NMNU to be paid overtime by DEA while assisting DEA with federal investigations. Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman M Bryan, to approve the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX N**

IN THE MATTER OF NMNU UNMARKED CITY VEHICLE LIST

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the list of current unmarked vehicles for the North MS Narcotics Unit. The vote was unanimous to approve the list, as submitted. **APPENDIX O**

IN THE MATTER OF LIST OF CURRENT UNMARKED VEHICLES

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the list of current unmarked vehicles for the Police Department. The vote was unanimous to approve the list, as submitted. **APPENDIX P**

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARDS 2020-012WL AND 2020-013WL

The reverse bid process was used to procure bids for the purchase of Bid 2020-012WL Cab & Chassis 4 x 4 and Bid 2020-013WL Cab & Chassis 6 x 4, as required by law. Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to award Bid 2020-012WL 4 x 4 Cab & Chassis to the lowest and best qualified bid submitted by Cannon Motors of MS in the amount of \$49,950 and Bid 2020-013WL 6 x 4 Cab & Chassis to the lowest and best qualified bid submitted by Summit Truck Group in the amount of \$92,150. The vote to award both bids was unanimous. A copy of the request to award, Bid Tabulation Sheet and other supporting documentation are attached hereto as **APPENDIX Q**.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS

Johnny Timmons submitted a list of items that have been determined by the Tupelo Water & Light Department to be of no value to the Department or the City of Tupelo and has requested to declare these items as surplus and to sell them at the next municipal auction or to be to be disposed. Pursuant to Mississippi Code Anno. Sec. 17-25-25 (4) (1972 as amended), Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve this request as submitted and to remove all items from the City's asset list. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of this memorandum of request is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX R**.

IN THE MATTER OF BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF JANUARY 2019-JUNE 2019

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve writing off to the bad debt file a list of Water and Light Collections accounts. The total bad debt amount represents 0.0009% of the total revenue for the period of January 2019 thru June 2019. Efforts will continue to be made to collect

these accounts even though they have been transferred to this accounting classification. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX S**

IN THE MATTER OF AD VALOREM REQUEST – LEGGETT & PLATT #4201

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve this resolution granting ad valorem tax exemption to Leggett and Platt Components Company, LLC #4201. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX T**

IN THE MATTER OF AD VALOREM REQUEST – LEGGETT & PLATT #0908

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve this resolution granting ad valorem tax exemption to Leggett and Platt Components Company, LLC #0908. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX U**

IN THE MATTER OF AD VALOREM REQUEST – LEGGETT & PLATT #0341

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to approve this resolution granting ad valorem tax exemption to Leggett and Platt Components Company, LLC #0341. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX V**

IN THE MATTER OF AD VALOREM REQUEST – UNITED FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve this resolution granting ad valorem tax exemption to United Furniture Industries, Inc. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX W**

IN THE MATTER OF AD VALOREM REQUEST – GIBSON CORRUGATED, LLC

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve this resolution granting ad valorem tax exemption to Gibson Corrugated, LLC. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX X**

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT 510 CHURCH

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to accept the donation of real property located at 510 South Church Street from the Tupelo Historic Preservation Society, Inc. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX Y**

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST ADDENDUM TO FAIRPARK TIF PLAN AND DISTRICT, INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND FORM OF AND EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman M Bryan, to approve Resolution Approving First Addendum to Fairpark TIF Plan and District, Interlocal Agreement and Form of and Execution of Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX Z**

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM WITH NMMC

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by M Bryan, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Tupelo and North Mississippi Medical Center. This MOU allows the NMMC to participate in the 340B Program and continue to provide health care services to low-income individuals who are neither entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act nor eligible for assistance under the State plan of Title XIX under this Act. The vote was unanimous in favor of the MOU between the City of Tupelo and NMMC. **APPENDIX AA**

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Councilman M Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to accept the Proclamation of the Governor granting city offices to be closed Friday, July 3, because July 4 falls on a Saturday. as #31. The vote was, as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Whittington, Councilman Beard, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Palmer, Councilman M Bryan, Councilman Jennings

Voting Nay: Councilman L Bryan

APPENDIX BB

STUDY AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. the vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 16th day of June, 2020.

Nettie Davis, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

Date