

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

APRIL 19, 2022

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, April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Rosie Jones gave the invocation and Council Member Chad Mims led the pledge of allegiance. Council President Buddy Palmer 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 Beard, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, as presented, with the following change:

DELETE: Item #17 - In the Matter of Ratification of Land Conveyance Documents

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council President Palmer asked the Council members who attended the recent CDF trip to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, give a brief statement about the trip. Council Member Davis said it was a great trip and they came home with good ideas that the City of Tupelo can implement. Council Member Beard said they were able to reaffirm some of the actions taken by the City of Tupelo such as green space, downtown, streets, etc. They also learned of finance options that might be available. Council Member Jones said there was a feeling of unity and that the projects they saw incorporated all parts of the City. Council Member Gaston said a lot of the projects they saw were revenue producing and quality of life venues. Council Member Mims said he was impressed with the fiscal responsibility. He also was impressed with the focus on the quality of life projects.

Council Member Davis reminded and invited everyone to the Community Forward Festival scheduled for coming Saturday - April 23, at Gum Tree Park. The festival is geared toward building relationships between the community and the Police Department.

Council Member Mims introduced the Tupelo High School Choir, Synergy, who were present at the meeting. After reading a list of the accomplishments from the previous year, the choir entertained the room with an a cappella selection. The list of members is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX A.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan said the Oklahoma City trip was very enlightening. He was especially impressed with the cleanliness and the large parks. He recognized a list of those who participated in the preparations of the documentation of the RAISE grant, which was submitted last week.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION

No one spoke during the public hearing concerning the demolition of 1104 Chapman St - Parcel # 077M-36-059-00.

CITIZEN HEARING

vOz Kapenekas

Mr. vOz Kapenekas, owner of KRC Properties LLC - Songshine LLC, located at 114 N Broadway and 1102 Chickasaw Trail, gave his personal observations concerning the nature of life in Tupelo and its relationship with municipal government. The handout he shared is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX B.

JANE MYERS

Ms. Jane Myers, of 2106 President Ave, addressed the Council with her concerns of fireworks in the City of Tupelo.

CHARLES JOHNSTON

Mr. Charles Johnston did not appear to speak with the Council.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 5, 2022. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Chad Mims, Travis Beard, Buddy Palmer and Nettie Davis. Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022, meeting of the Tupelo License Commission. The vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT OF STUART JOHNSON TO THE TUPELO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN CITIZENS LOBBYING AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Council member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the re-appointment of Stuart Johnson to the Major Thoroughfare Committee effective April 19, 2022 representing Ward 6. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION/LIEN RESOLUTION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve a Resolution Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Lien Against Real Property, under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972) as amended, for 583 Tank Street, which was in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of demolition pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11 (1972) as amended, and to assess the amount as a lien on the real property. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY FOR DEMOLITION

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve the following property on the public hearing demolition list, which is in such condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning, as authorized by Miss. Code § 21-19-11 (1972) as amended:

1104 Chapman Street (PN#077M-36-059-00)

The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID NO. 2022-009PW AIR PARK ROAD SCRUB SEAL

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for Bid No 2022-009PW Air Park Road Scrub Seal with an alternate - Holly Hill Road. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to award the lowest and best bid submitted by Pavement Restorations for a total amount of \$113,900.00 which includes Alternate No. 1- Holly Hill Road and to allow the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all documents, subject to subsequent ratification by the City Council. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD FOR PROJECT NO. T19-515 EASON BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS (VETERANS – BRIAR RIDGE)

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo Eason Boulevard Improvements (Veterans - Briar Ridge). Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to award the lowest and best bid to Cook & Sons for a total of \$4,102,161.63 and to allow the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all documents, subject to subsequent ratification by the City Council. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2022 AND MARCH 7, 2022

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the minutes of the Major Thoroughfare meetings held on February 14 and March 7, 2022. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO REMOVE FROM ASSETS AND AUCTION 3 PARK AND RECREATION VEHICLES

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve three vehicles as surplus, no longer needed for use by the City, and sell them at auction. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL – ROADWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM 2022 ANNUAL TERM BID – 2022-014PW

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to award Bid # 2022-014PW annual term bid for the 2022 Tupelo Roadway Maintenance Program to the lowest and best bid of Hodges Construction in the total amount of \$20,513.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION DEED TO CITY ON TOLBERT STREET AND RATIFICATION OF VACATION OF RIGHT OF WAY ON SOUTH SIDE OF RHEA STREET

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve 'An Order to Accept the Conveyance of Land from Gary Sparkman to the City of Tupelo', as requested by the Administration. This item was initially discussed in February when a resolution was passed declaring property as surplus. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF ORDER AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY EXCHANGE ON TOLBERT STREET TO CORRECT PROPERTY LINES

Council member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the acceptance of donation deed to City on Tolbert Street and the ratification of vacation of right of way on south side of Rhea Street. This order approving real property exchange with Kenneth Mayfield will correct a property lines discrepancy. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF ORDER AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ACCESS FROM PARK STREET TO PRIVATE PROPERTY NEAR BNSF RAILROAD, COMPENSATING OWNER FOR DAMAGES BY PROVIDING ACCESS ON JEFFERSON STREET AND ABANDONING PORTION OF PLATTED ALLEY TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Order Authorizing Closure of Public Access from Park Street to Private Property Near BNSF Railroad, Compensating Owner for Damages by Providing Access on Jefferson Street and Abandoning Portion of Platted Alley to Adjoining Property Owners'. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the purpose of the possibility of acceptance of donation of real property under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor at 6:44 p.m.

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to close the regular session and enter executive session for purpose of the possibility of acquisition of real property under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (g) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones to return to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF TUPELO

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve 'An Order Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Property' located at 508 N Madison from Barcia Group LLC, for the negotiated price of \$81,000 and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any necessary documents to be subsequently ratified by the City Council . The vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF TUPELO.

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve 'An Order Authorizing Option to Purchase Agreement for Certain Real Property by the City of Tupelo' located south of Eason Blvd between Town Creek and Ryder Street from BSB Associates Partnership for the overall sale price of \$658,000.00. The Order includes up to two Options to Purchase for \$15,000.00 each and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute necessary documents to be subsequently ratified by the City Council. APPRIDIX Q

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 19th day of April, 2022.

Buddy Palmer, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date