

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Janet Gaston, Bentley Nolan, and Rosie Jones. Also attending were City Attorney Ben Logan, and Sandra Shumaker, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Chad Mims was absent. Council Member Davis asked Kelly Mims to give the invocation, and Council Member Janet Gaston led the pledge of allegiance. President Lynn Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to amend the agenda order to move **IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY** to the end of the agenda pending approval for the addition of the emergency purchase below:

IN THE MATTER OF AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 300 kVA THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMER

The vote was unanimous in favor of moving bill pay until after adding this emergency purchase to the agenda.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA
PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nolan congratulated teachers and administrators of Carver Elementary for winning the Mississippi Whole Schools “Model School Award”.

Council Member Davis asked everyone to pray for the family of Robert Cook, a former city employee who recently passed away.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan announced that the city would be hosting approximately 100 teams this weekend for a soccer tournament. He stated that Woodford Way would receive asphalt in a couple weeks and should be completed by October 11, 2026, a date that coincides with the opening of Target.

PUBLIC AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak on this matter. APPENDIX “A”

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION PROPERTY

No one appeared to speak on this matter. APPENDIX “B”

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING – 2026 TAX LEVY

No one appeared to speak on this matter. APPENDIX “C”

CITIZEN HEARING

Cecile Barnett addressed the council with concerns regarding Wildwood Subdivision. She has lived there for 35 years and is disappointed with the unkept yards in her neighborhood. Several of the houses are rental and she feels that may be part of the issue. There is also a burned house across the street that has not been addressed for the past year. She asked the city to increase code enforcement. She stated that she will volunteer to help in any way possible.

Deborah Boone moved to Wildwood Subdivision 20 years ago because the neighborhood was clean and well kept. There are now unkept properties in the neighborhood, and she believes the value of her home will be affected should she decide to sell. She asked the city for assistance in cleaning up the neighborhood.

Pat Alred has lived in Wildwood Subdivision for 27 years. She works hard to keep her yard maintained but her neighbor does not. The neighbor has moved, and the property is now overgrown and has an abandoned car. She also requested the city’s help with an asphalt apron at the end of her driveway that holds water. Should she decide to sell her home, she will not receive the value due to the condition of the neighborhood.

Council President Bryan asked the Mayor, Tanner Newman and Kelly Knight to address these issues.

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2026

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

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2026

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

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #9 FOR FY 2026

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve budget amendment #9 as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “F”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE BJA FY25 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM LOCAL FORMULA GRANT – CYBER LAB EQUIPMENT

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Mayor to execute this contract as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “G”

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF SPRING HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION PROJECT NUMBER 2319.1 BID TO ROBERTS
BUILDERS’ INC**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve and award this bid to Roberts Builders, Inc. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “H”

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the final lot mowing list as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “I”

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPERTY FOR DEMOLITION

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the demolition of structures located at 1308 ½ Wilson Street. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “J”

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL BID NO. 2025-030PW FRONT STREET IMPROVEMENTS – MAIN ST TO JEFFERSON ST

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve the change order as presented. This will finish the drainage repair on Front Street near the depot. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “K”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF HUNTINGTON BANK ARENA MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2026

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the minutes as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “L”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER # 3 FOR TULIPS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (BID NO 2025-019WL) SRF/ARC

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard moved to approve this change order allowing a time extension of 66 days for completion of the lift station. The extension was reasonable and necessary due to components of the job being back-ordered. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “M”

IN THE MATTER OF ORDER AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE BILL OF SALE AND ASSIGNMENT PURSUANT TO SEPTEMBER 2006 MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC GROWTH ALLIANCE AND POINT OF PRESENCE, INC. (MEGAPOP) CONTRACT TERMS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to approve this order as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “N”

IN THE MATTER OF AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 300 kVA THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMER

Vice President Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the emergency purchase of transformers for the Water & Light Department. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “P”

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

The bills were reviewed by Council Member Gaston, Council Member Beard and Council Member Davis. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve and pay the bills as presented using check numbers 443296-444546 and 50004536-50004573. Of those present, the vote is unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “O”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to consider the need for executive session. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to enter executive session at 6:29 PM

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to return to regular session at 6:47 pm. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Vice President Nolan, to adjourn the city council meeting of September 1, 2026, at 6:50 pm.

LYNN BRYAN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SANDRA SHUMAKER
COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED

TODD JORDAN, MAYOR

DATE