

SPECIAL CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Be it remembered that a special call meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Member Travis Beard, Council Member Buddy Palmer, Council Member Lynn Bryan, Council Member Janet Gaston, Council Member Rosie Jones and Council Member Chad Mims, Ben Logan, City Attorney. Council Member Nettie Davis was not present.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #14

Kim Hanna proposed a budget amendment to increase the general fund by \$300,000 to provide for additional overtime expenses needed by the Fire Department to meet staffing requirements. This increase would also and ensure adequate staffing the operation of the “Sprint” vehicle until more personnel receive medical training.

Fire Chief Brad Robinson explained that due to turnover, many of the recently hired personnel had yet to be certified. The fire department is required to keep a certain number of certified personnel on staff for operations, and uncertified fire fighters are not allowed to perform certain tasks without senior staff present. The fire department plans their schedules down to detail with a five-person cushion. They have fifty-one (51) senior employees and of the eleven (11) new firefighters hired this year, seven (7) are uncertified. These new employees are held to a high standard in training and take a year to certify.

Council Member Lynn Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Travis Beard to approve the budget amendment attached hereto as APPENDIX A.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Janet Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Travis Beard to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the acquisition of properties under Miss. Code Anno. §29-1-21 (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Lynn Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Buddy Palmer to leave Executive Session at 4:21 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE SIX TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTIES FROM THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Council Member Lynn Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Travis Beard to approve the purchase of six tax-forfeited properties from the State of Mississippi. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. The order is attached hereto as APPENDIX B.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Lynn Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Travis Beard to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

NETTIE DAVIS, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MISSY SHELTON, CLERK OF COUNCIL

TODD JORDAN, MAYOR

DATE