

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DECEMBER 17, 2024

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Janet Gaston was absent. Council Member Chad Mims gave the prayer, and Council Member Travis Beard led the pledge of allegiance.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the agenda and agenda order, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Palmer asked that everyone remember Janet and John Gaston in their prayers.

Council member Beard said he is very thankful for all the hard work done by the Department Heads and wished them all a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Davis commended MSU for the big crowd that attended the basketball in the Cadence Bank Coliseum last weekend.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan recognized Boy Scout Cooper Jones who is currently working on his Eagle Award. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said he is looking forward to a successful New Year's Eve celebration.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to address the properties on the final lot-mowing list.

CITIZEN HEARING

Anthony Waddell addressed the Council concerning his property located at 811 West Jackson Street.
APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on December 3, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Council Members Beard, Bryan and Palmer reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 FOR FY 2025

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve Budget Amendment #3 for fiscal year 2025. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF RFP 2024-067BA – MANAGED DETECTION AND RESPONSE

The City of Tupelo received request for proposals, #2024-067BA - Managed Detection and Response. After an evaluation based on the factors set forth in the proposal solicitation, CFO Kim Hanna advised the Council that the selection committee evaluated Arctic Wolf as the best qualified proposal, and recommended they be awarded the RFP. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve the request. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS OFFICE AND THE CITY OF TUPELO AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT – TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT GRANT

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve an agreement between the Department of Justice COPS office and the City of Tupelo and to authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement for the technology and equipment grant. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to adjudicate the properties on the final lot mowing list as menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and to approve cleaning in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Sec. 21-19-11. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVE LIENS FOR LOT MOWING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve a Resolution Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Lien Against Real Property associated with property cleanups under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972 as amended) for the following properties:

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>LIEN AMOUNT</u>
2672 Arlington St	077E-26-183-00	\$300.00
2821 Mattox St	114S-18-013-00	\$500.00
1108 Marquette St	077G-25-112-00	\$300.00
3531 Landsdale Dr	075R-22-053-00	\$300.00
East Elizabeth St	089Q-32-011-00	\$300.00

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF MATERIAL DONATION OF RAILROAD CROSSTIES FOR NORTH MS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the donation of railroad crossties from Akers Railroad Holdings, LLC. These crossties are for improvements at the firing range of the North MS Law Enforcement Training Center. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A DONATION OF ONE POLE CAMERA FROM TRANSPORT TRAILER SERVICE INC. FOR THE USE OF TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the donation of a pole camera from Transport Trailer Service Inc. This camera is for the intersection of South Green Street and Crossover Road. Serial number for the item is #F97184339. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 2024

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the October 14, 2024, minutes of the Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the November 18, 2024, minutes of the Major Thoroughfare Committee meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR BID 2024-007PW – MCCULLOUGH BLVD IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve change order #1 for Bid 2024-007PW – McCullough Blvd Improvements. This change order increases the original contract price by \$225,725.98 for a total of \$612,764.98. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF BID 2024-059PW AWARD APPROVAL CAST-IN-PLACE PIPE IMPROVEMENTS

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2059-PW – Cast-in-Place Pipe Improvements. The City received three bids. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to accept the lowest and best bid received from Anding Construction Services LLC for \$298,926.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT APPROVAL BID 2024-059PW CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the contract for Bid 2024-059PW – Cured-in-Place Pipe Improvements with Anding Construction Services LLC for \$298,926.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD APPROVAL PEMBERTON AVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BID NO. 2024-066PW

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2066-PW – Pemberton Avenue Drainage Improvements. The City received four bids. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to accept the lowest and best bid received from Townes Construction Co. for \$198,109.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT APPROVAL BID NO. 2024-066PW PEMBERTON AVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the contract for Bid 2024-066PW – Pemberton Avenue Drainage Improvements with Townes Construction Co. for \$198,109.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO SPORTS COUNCIL CONTRACT APPROVAL

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the annual Tupelo Sports Council contracts, as listed below:

Tupelo Pickle ball
Veterans Council
Tupelo Disc Golf

Friends of the Park
Tupelo Skate Park
Northeast MS Umpire

Tupelo Therapeutic Recreation
Tupelo Aquatic Group
Tupelo Tennis
Tupelo Baseball

Tupelo Fourth of July Celebration
Tupelo Youth Soccer
Tupelo Softball
Tupelo City Museum

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

**IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF BID 2024-061PR - TUPELO AQUATIC CENTER
POOL LINER REPLACEMENT**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to reject Bid # 2024-061PR. The bid only received one bid, which did not meet specifications. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX S

**IN THE MATTER OF AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 1500 kVA 3-PHASE
PADMOUNT TRANSFORMER**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve an Order Authorizing Emergency Purchase of One 1500 kVA Three Phase Padmount Transformer pursuant to Miss. Code Anno. § 31-7-13 (k), from Arkansas Electric for \$59,350.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX S

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO REJECT BID # 2024-063WL – SOURCES OF SUPPLY
(12 MONTH SUPPLY BID)**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to reject Bid # 2024-063WL – Sources of Supply (12-month supply) due to failure of advertisement, as required by state law. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX T

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO REJECT BID # 2024-064WL – WATER MATERIALS (6
MONTH SUPPLY BID)**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to reject Bid # 2024-064WL – Water Materials of Supply (6-month supply) due to failure of advertisement, as required by state law. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX U

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2024-062WL – COLONIAL ESTATES LIFT
STATION REHABILITATION**

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2069-WL – Colonial Estates Lift Station Rehabilitation. Two bidders responded. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the lowest and best bid received from Paul Smithey Construction Company, Inc. for \$504,560.81. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX V

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, LEE COUNTY,**

MISSISSIPPI AND TARGET CORPORATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES (tabled at 12-3-2024 meeting)

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to remove this item from the table. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve the “Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Development and Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Lee County, Mississippi and Target Corporation; and for Related Purposes”. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX W

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS TA-23-01

This item will stay on the study agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session is for economic development under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(a) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to close the regular session and enter executive session for economic development under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(a) (1972 as amended) at 6:32 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. At this time, those attending the Executive Session moved to Conference Room B on the first floor of City Hall.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan to return to the regular meeting at 6:41 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER APPROVING ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH COOK COGGIN ENGINEERS (CCE) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY CLERK/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve an “Order Approving Engineering Contract with Cook Coggin Engineers (CCE) for Engineering Services Associated with Economic Development Project and Authorizing Mayor and City Clerk/Chief Financial Officer to Execute Contract”. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX X

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, at this time, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to adjourn the meeting. This the 17th day of December, 2024.

Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date