

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DECEMBER 20, 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, December 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Travis Beard was absent. Council Member Nettie Davis introduced Emily Sanford, of the Wesley United Methodist Church, who gave the invocation, and Council Member Janet Gaston led the pledge of allegiance.

Council President Lynn Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

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

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Rosie Jones thanked everyone who participated in the angel tree and Madeline's angels, with a special thanks to Mayor Jordan for his help.

Council Member Buddy Palmer wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Nettie Davis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She also asked that everyone be in prayer for the family of Andre Thomas, on his passing.

Council Member Lynn Bryan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also wished Council Member Buddy Palmer a Happy Birthday on December 22.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan wished all a Merry Christmas and reminded everyone about the New Year's Eve celebration planned for the Fairpark area. He said he had the distinct honor of helping with the distribution of food boxes in cooperation with the United Furniture employees. There were 1,015 families served. He reminded everyone about the cold weather coming in and to please be prepared.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared for the public hearing for lot mowing for the following properties:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Location</u>
077M3605900	1104 CHAPMAN DR
089J3101000	410 CLAYTON AVE
089P3112100	602 S CHURCH ST
089N3106500	726 CARNATION ST
089F3010601	523 N CHURCH ST
089F3010501	527 N CHURCH ST
089F3013000	605 N CHURCH ST UNIT A & B

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR PROPERTY CLEANING OF 2281 EDMONT DRIVE

After a brief explanation of the issue at hand by DDS Director Tanner Newman, the floor was open for the public. Mr. Eric Hampton of 2144 Edgemont Drive, addressed the Council and thanked them for their help in getting the property at 2281 Edgemont Drive cleaned up.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR LOT 5 OF SCRUGGS COMMONS SUBDIVISION

No one appeared to speak concerning the application and preliminary plat for Lot 5 of Scruggs Commons Subdivision.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022, regular City Council meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Gaston, Davis, Palmer and Bryan. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX A

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the request for advertising and promotional items, as submitted. Of those present the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTIES FOR LOT MOWING

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to adjudicate the following properties on the public hearing lot mowing list, which were in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of mowing pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11 (1972) as amended:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY CLEANING AND DEBRIS REMOVAL AT 2281
EDGEMONT DRIVE**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjudicate the following property, which is deemed to be in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of property cleaning and debris removal pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11 (1972) as amended.

2281 Edgemont Drive (Parcel # 076K-23-041-00)

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

IN THE MATTER LIEN RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID DEMOLITION AT 810 ALLEN

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve a Resolution Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Lien Against Real Property, under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972 as amended) for:

810 Allen Street - Parcel # 089J-31-166-00

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

**IN THE MATTER OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR LOT 5 OF SCRUGGS COMMONS SUBDIVISION**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the major subdivision application and preliminary plat for lot 5 of Scruggs Commons Subdivision. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the planning committee minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR ISRAEL FLEITAS TO THE TUPELO
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the appointment of Victor Israel Fleitas to the Tupelo Planning Committee to represent Ward 4 for a four-year term effective December 20, 2022. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR
STP-0430-00(047)LPA/109149 WARD 4 BARNES CROSSING SIDEWALK PROJECT**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the contract with Dabbs Corporation as the Engineering Design Consultant for the STP-0430-00(047)LPA/109149 Ward 4 Barnes Crossing Sidewalk Project. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR STP-0430-00(046)LPA/109150 WARD 7 LAWNSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIDEWALK

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the contract with Dabbs Corporation as the Engineering Design Consultant for the STP-0430-00(046)LPA/109150 Ward 7 Lawnsdale Elementary School Sidewalk Project. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the Major Thoroughfare Committee minutes of November 14, 2022. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUSING WEAPON FOR RETIREMENT - MARK WEBB

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to surplus the Glock model 45 9mm, SN BKLY496 and allow Mark Webb to purchase same in the amount of \$1.00 upon his retirement from the City of Tupelo Police Department, as permissible under Mississippi State Statue 45-9-131. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH FLOCK GROUP INC. FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2022, SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF LEASE AND SERVICES OF FLOCK LICENSE PLATE READERS

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve a Resolution Approving Contract with Flock Group Inc. for November 1, 2022, Sole Source Procurement of Lease and Services of Flock License Plate Readers. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL FOR VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION TRUCK – 2022-043PW

Reverse bids were received for a Vacuum Leaf Collection Truck - 2022-043PW. Two bids were received with the lowest and best determined to be from Hol-Mac Corp. at a cost of \$255,000. Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to award the bid to Hol-Mac Corp in the amount of \$255,000. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF SOLE SOURCE FOR TURF TANK FIELD MARKING GPS ROBOT

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the Sole Source request from Park & Recreation Director Alex Farned for the purchase of a Turf Tank Field Marking

GPS Robot in the amount of \$46,500. from Turf Tank. Turf Tank is the only distributor of this robot in North America. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHEAST MS UMPIRE ASSOCIATION CONTRACT APPROVAL

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council member Jones, to approve the FY 2022-2023 contract with the Northeast MS Umpire Association. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO SPORTS COUNCIL DONATING A COMPUTER TO THE CITY OF TUPELO

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to accept the donation of a Microsoft Surface Laptop 3 13.5 inch computer to the City of Tupelo Oren Dunn City Museum, Serial # 017659703457, from the Tupelo Sports Council. The computer has a monetary value of \$427.23 and should be added to the City's asset list. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD MINS. DECEMBER 6, 2022

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to accept the minutes of the CVB Board of December 6, 2022. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR TUPELO CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU EMPLOYEE JENNIE BRADFORD CURLEE AND SET MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve this request as submitted and to set the maximum daily per diem rate as indicated on the letter of request. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the letter of request is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX S.

IN THE MATTER OF REJECTION OF RFP NO. MUD22-01 FOR GRAVLEE HARDWARE AND ICE PLANT

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to reject RFP # MED22-01 for Gravlee Hardware and Ice Plant. Only one proposal was received, and was found to not meet all criteria. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX T

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT SALE OF PROPERTY NEAR 322 WEST MAIN STREET TO BOSTICK NORTH MS RENTALS LLC

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the contract of sale of property near 322 West Main Street to Bostick North MS Rentals, LLC, in the amount of \$97,500. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX U

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A WATER RATE INCREASE

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve an Ordinance to Enact a Water Rate Increase, in the amount of \$.03/1,000 gallons, effective with the February 1, 2023 billing. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX V

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR PURCHASE OF SCADA SYSTEM SUPPLIES FROM POWER CONNECTIONS INC

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Sole Source request from Tupelo Water & Light Director Johnny Timmons for the purchase of SCADA system supplies. These items are used in the electrical substations and distribution system and are not interchangeable with other manufacturers. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX W

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING PUL WATER AND SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2022 AND AUTHORIZING TWL TO NEGOTIATE RENEWAL OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AND OPERATIONS AGREEMENT

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve a 'Resolution Approving PUL Water and Sewer Rates Effective December 1, 2022 and Authorizing TWL to Negotiate Renewal of Water and Sewer Services and Operations Agreements'. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX X

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TWL TO PETITION THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC) TO RAISE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR BLUEBIRD UTILITIES TO PASS ON THE NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT (NMRWS) INCREASE AND CONFORM BLUEBIRD UTILITIES TO WATER AND SEWER RATES PAID BY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY CUSTOMERS

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to approve a 'Resolution Authorizing TWL to Petition the Public Service Commission (PSC) to Raise Water and Sewer Rates of Bluebird Utilities to Pass on the Northeast Mississippi Regional Water Supply District (NMRSD) Increase and Conform Bluebird Utilities to Water and Sewer Rates Paid by Inside and Outside City Customers'. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Y

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DEVELOPMENT CODE BY AMENDING CERTAIN SUB-SECTIONS OF SECTION 5.1 BELLEDEER NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT (TA22-03.25) (TABLED AT SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING)

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

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Mims to approve an 'Ordinance Amending Development Code by Amending Certain Sub-Sections of Section 5.1 Belledeer Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District (TA22-03.25). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Z

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 6th day of December, 2022.

Lynn Bryan, President, City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date