

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JUNE 21, 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, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members 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 Travis Beard gave the invocation and Council Member Lynn Bryan 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. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Chad Mims commented on the Elvis Presley Festival and how much he enjoyed the events.

Council Member Travis Beard gave a shout out to Nettie Davis for all the hard work she put into the Juneteenth Festival.

Council Member Nettie Davis also commented on the Juneteenth Festival. She said it was considered to be a great success. There was a parade, outstanding speakers and great attendance. She gave accolades to the Downtown Main Street Association for the great Elvis Presley Festival. She said that several City Officials would be attending the MML Conference in Biloxi next week.

Council Member Buddy Palmer said that Tupelo is a very special city, and the Elvis Festival always brings a lot of visitors. He also commented on the success of Tupelo native, Hayden Buckley, who tied for 14th place in the recent US Open.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one spoke concerning the properties on the final lot mowing list, as follows:

101H0115002	823 SHUMACOLA TRL
101H0115000	819 SHUMACOLA TRL
077P3524500	109 S FOSTER ST
077D2501200	1611 CLAYTON AVE
089B3014300	1204 HILDA AVE

112E0400300	1090 S VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD
089F3031300	201 W DOZIER ST
089F3030000	200 W DOZIER ST
078S2805211	801 HIGHLAND PARK DR
113B0602200	S GREEN ST
089F3028300	328 FREEMAN ST
089F3008400	638 N CHURCH ST
089F3030100	202 W DOZIER ST
089F3031200	203 W DOZIER ST
089F303010H	204 W DOZIER ST
089F3030200	206 W DOZIER ST

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF JUNE 7, 2022 COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on June 7, 2022. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT 2022 CARPENTER FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the submission of an application for the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation grant to assist in funding the Tupelo skate park renovations. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor of the submission. The request is for \$20,000, and there is no local match. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Bryan 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.

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APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2022-020PW - SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY AT EXISTING RAILROAD CROSSINGS

Bids were received for Bid # 2022-020PW - Sidewalk Connectivity at Existing Railroad Crossings. City Engineer Dennis Bonds requested that the Council award the bid to the lowest and best bid of J.M. Duncan for \$439,204.50. Mr. Bonds explained that this bid will also have to be awarded by MDOT, but that the City must approve it first. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan to approve the bid, as requested. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS TO WEAR POLICE UNIFORM AND ISSUE PROPER EQUIPMENT FOR SECURITY AND DETERRENT FOR EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Police Chief John Quaka submitted a request and list of officers to allow City of Tupelo Police Officers be able to wear their police uniforms and to have proper city-issued equipment for help with security and deterrence at American Family Association events when working off-duty private security. Pursuant to city policy and as allowed by Miss. Code Anno. Sec. 17-25-11 (1972 as amended), compensation and liability and workers compensation insurance for the officers will be provided by the place of employment where the officer is performing private security duties. The private employer would also agree to hold harmless and indemnify the city from any liability.

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve the request. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of this letter of request, list of officers and the hold harmless agreement, are attached to these minutes as APPENDIX E.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2022-022PW - CURB AND GUTTER/FLAT WORK 12 MONTH SUPPLY

Bids were received for Bid # 2022-022PW - Curb and Gutter/Flat Work 12 Month Supply. One bid was received from Slayton's Concrete Construction, LLC. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to find the single bid commercially reasonable

and award the bid to Slayton's Concrete Construction, LLC. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF CVB MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2022

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the CVB Minutes of the June 14, 2022, meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

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 Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, 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 H.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR 2021 AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR HAWKEYE INDUSTRIES, INC.

Of those present, the Council unanimously agreed to move the item "In the Matter of Resolution for 2021 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Application for Hawkeye Industries, Inc." to the next meeting's Action Agenda. APPENDIX I

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to close the regular session and to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for prospective litigation and the purchase, sale or leasing of lands under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (b) (g) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor at 6:17 p.m.

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of prospective litigation and the purchase, sale or leasing of lands under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (b) (g) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded Council Member Jones to return to the regular meeting at 6:59 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE, SALE OR LEASING OF LANDS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard to approve "A Resolution Declaring that Certain Drainage Improvements in the Vicinity of Clark Place are Necessary for the Health, Comfort and Convenience of the Municipality and Authorizing

Compensation for the Acquisition of a Temporary Construction and Permanent Maintenance Easement" under the city's policy for acquisition of small value real property and to give the Mayor the authority to sign all necessary documents for the transfer of the property. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council member Beard to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. This the 21st day of June, 2022.

Buddy Palmer, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date