

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 01, 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, March 1, 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 attended by teleconference. Council Member Lynn Bryan gave the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Council Member Nettie Davis.

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, with the following addition.

ADD: Citizen Hearing - Allen Pegues

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Todd Jordan asked K.C. Grist, director of the American Red Cross, to read a proclamation proclaiming March 2022 as American Red Cross month. He then presented the proclamation to her.
APPENDIX A

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - COMMENDATION AND CHIEF'S AWARD

Police Chief John Quaka presented a commendation to Officers Keylon Berryman and Tyler Bynum for "Outstanding Work Performance" and to civilian JR Atchison for "Dedication for Keeping Our Community Safe". APPENDIX B

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nettie Davis asked for prayer for the family of former, Tupelo policeman Bobby Stubbs who recently passed away.

Council Member Travis Beard reminded everyone to attend the Empty Bowls luncheon set for March 2, 2022 at the Tupelo Furniture Market.

Council Member Janet Gaston congratulated Shockwave, who hosted the swim meet last weekend. She also congratulated the new coach, Cam Brandon.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan said that part of the sports events planned for last weekend were cancelled due to rain, but the coming weekend is scheduled to be another busy weekend for Tupelo. He encouraged everyone to be patient with and hospitable to the influx of visitors. He also extended his thanks to Police Officers Berryman and Bynum, Chief Quaka and Mr. JR Atchison for their commitment to helping the citizens of Tupelo.

CITIZEN HEARING

Ms. Sheila Sanders of 2512 Gloster Street spoke to the Council concerning a lot mowing issue.

Mr. Allen Pegues of 5209 Coonewah Trail spoke to the Council asking for a 2 year contract for video services.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 15, 2022. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Travis Beard, Buddy Palmer and Nettie Davis. Council Member Bryan 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 C

IN THE MATTER OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FOR FY 2021

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to accept the Continuing Disclosure Statement prepared by Butler Snow. City Attorney Ben Logan explained that the Electronic Municipal Market Access, (EMMA), requires a yearly statement from any entity with outstanding bond debt. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF JON PAUL RHEA TO POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to appoint Jon Paul Rhea as the Ward 1 appointment to the Police Advisory Board for a three year term effective March 2, 2022. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO REQUEST ACTIVATION OF THE MDOT TA PROGRAM PROJECT – WARD 4

Grant Writer Abby Christian asked the Council to approve the activation of the MDOT Transportation Alternative (TA) grant for a sidewalk project in Ward 4 - Academy Sports South to Thompson Square. The total project cost is \$407,234.00, with the City's share of \$81,446.00. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the activation of the project. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO REQUEST ACTIVATION OF THE MDOT TA PROGRAM PROJECT – WARD 7

Grant Writer Abby Christian asked the Council to approve the activation of the MDOT Transportation Alternative (TA) grant for a sidewalk project in Ward 7 - South Park Manor to Lawndale Elementary School. The total project cost is \$283,979.00, with the City's share of \$56,795.00. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the activation of the project. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF MOSSY CUP DRIVE ARE NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH, COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND PERMIT MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a 'Resolution Declaring that Certain Drainage Improvements in the Vicinity of Mossy Cup Drive are Necessary for the Health, Comfort and Convenience of the Municipality and Authorizing Compensation for the Acquisition of a Temporary Construction and Permit Maintenance Easement.' The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUSING WEAPON FOR RETIREMENT

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to surplus the Glock model 45 9mm, SN BKLR990 and allow Captain Tim Bell to purchase same in the amount of \$1.00 upon his retirement from the City of Tupelo Police Department. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF LAND PURCHASE FOR ROW

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve a 'Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property for Right-Of-Way Purposes and a Temporary Construction Easement by the Major Thoroughfare Program on Eason Blvd'. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

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

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the Planning Committee minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF BID FOR BALLARD PARK BASEBALL 4-PLEX COMMON AREA - BID #2022-004PR

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for Bid # 2022-004PR for Ballard Park Baseball 4-Plex Common Area. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to award the lowest and best bid of M & N Construction LLC in the amount of \$214,006.00, which includes both the base bid and Alternate #1. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF CVB MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2022 CVB meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2022-008WL - SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

At the December 7, 2021 Council meeting, the Council approved the surplus of a 1986 Ford LT-8000 Hydraulic Line Truck and the sale of the same by sealed bid. TWL Director Johnny Timmons requested that the highest sealed bid in the amount of \$5,277.77 be accepted and the truck be sold for same. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the sealed bid of \$5,277.77 from JJ Merchant for the sale of the truck. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2022-003WL - 12" DUCTILE IRON PIPE

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for Bid # 2022-003WL for 13" Ductile Iron Pipe. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to award the lowest and best bid of Consolidated Pipe & Supply. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2022-006WL - LED ROADWAY LIGHTING FIXTURES AND POLES - MCCULLOUGH BLVD

Sealed bids were received by the City for Bid 2022-009WL - LED Roadway Lighting Fixtures and Poles. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to award the lowest and best bid of Stuart C. Irby Company in the amount of \$320,482.55. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2022-007WL WATER MATERIALS - 6 MONTH SUPPLY BID

Sealed bids were received by the City for Bid 2022-007WL - Water Materials. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to award the lowest and best bids as set out in the recommendation letter for the different types and quantities. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session will be for the purpose of the possibility of

acceptance of donation of real property and possible litigation under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (b) (g) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor at 6:39 p.m.

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to close the regular session and enter executive session for purpose of the possibility of acceptance of donation of real property and possible litigation under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7 (b) (g) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan to return to the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF MITCHELL ROAD AND GREEN STREET FROM TIMBERLAWN APARTMENTS, LTD

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the 'Resolution to Accept Donation of Property Located at the Corner of Mitchell Road and Green Street from Timberlawn Apartments, Ltd. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 1st day of March, 2022.

Buddy Palmer, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date