

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

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, November 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members were in attendance: Chad Mims, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston, and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Lynn Bryan was absent. Council Member Janet Gaston gave the prayer, and Boy Scout member, John Pannell, led the pledge of allegiance.

### **CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the agenda and agenda order, as presented.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Todd Jordan read and presented a proclamation for Native American Heritage Month to Ms. Sarah Bell Harris and Mr. Brady Davis. APPENDIX A

### **RECOGNITION GIRL/BOY SCOUTS**

Mayor Todd Jordan introduced members of Boy Scout Troop # 12. Those attending were John Pannell, Clark McElwain and James Paul Perry. Mr. Duke Loden accompanied them.

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Member Janet Gaston invited everyone to attend the 'Lighting of Ballard Park' on Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Travis Beard encouraged everyone to attend the playoff game between Tupelo and Starkville on Friday night.

Council Member Nettie Davis invited everyone to attend the Community Thanksgiving service on November 20 at 11:30 at the Link Centre. Free Thanksgiving food boxes will be distributed at Harrisburg Baptist Church on November 23.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Jordan congratulated Kevan Kirkpatrick for the successful Disney on Ice show at the Cadence Bank Arena. Sales tax is up from this time last year. The mayor recognized that Kelly Knight attended the meeting as the new Public Works Director.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING**

Randy Donald appeared concerning the property located at 205 North Gloster. After his appeal to Council, it was determined that the property has already been mowed and is not on the final lot mowing list.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION**

No one appeared for demolition public hearing.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY**

Council Members Beard, Gaston, Davis, and Palmer reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, 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 Beard, 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 #1 FOR FY 2025**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve Budget Amendment #1 for fiscal year 2025. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

#### **IN THE MATTER OF REMOVING ITEMS FROM THE TABLE**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to take the next two items off the table. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO HOUSING AUTHORITY REAPPOINTMENT OF TILLMON CALVERT (TABLED AT 11-5-2024 MEETING)**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the reappointment of Tillmon Calvert to the Tupelo Housing Authority. His term will end on May 21, 2024. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

#### **IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO HOUSING AUTHORITY REAPPOINTMENT OF KRISTY LUSE (TABLED AT 11-5-2024 MEETING)**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the reappointment of Kristy Luse to the Tupelo Housing Authority. Her term will end on July 1, 2024. 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 Gaston, 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 PROPERTIES FOR DEMOLITION**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to adjudicate the properties on the demolition 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 H

**IN THE MATTER OF LIENS FOR LOT MOWING**

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

<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>PARCEL</u></b>	<b><u>LIEN AMOUNT</u></b>
205 Bowen Street	077Q3602500	\$ 300.00
1518 Central	077Q3615600	\$ 300.00
414 Lakeview	101B0213200	\$2,000.00

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

**IN THE MATTER OF REJECTING BID #2024-058PD - DODGE CHARGERS**

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid # 2024-058PD – Dodge Chargers. One bid was received from Cannon Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram. However, the vendor is not able to fulfill the bid. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to reject the bid from Cannon Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

**IN THE MATTER OF TASK FORCE BODY WORN CAMERA AGREEMENT WITH DEA**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve an agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration pertaining to use of Tupelo Police Department body-worn cameras by deputized task force officers. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

**IN THE MATTER OF BID 2024-057PW - CONCRETE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY 6 MONTH TERM**

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2057-PW – 6 Month Concrete Supply and Delivery. One bid was received from Senter Transit Mix. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to find the properly advertised, single bid as commercially reasonable, and to award the bid to Senter Transit Mix. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

**IN THE MATTER OF REMOVAL OF FIXED ASSET ITEM NOVEMBER 2024**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the surplus of stolen item Stihl blower BR600 backpack Asset # 19417. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

**IN THE MATTER OF BID #2024-006PR - HANCOCK AND GUMTREE PARK CHANGE ORDER#1**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve change order #1 for Bid 2024-006PR – Hancock and Gumtree Park. This change order is an increase of \$32,150.00, with a final contract amount of \$1,198,950.00. The increase was due to change in location of the Gumtree Park pavilion and bathroom within the park. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

**IN THE MATTER OF FEE INCREASE FOR TUPELO PARKS AND RECREATION AND TUPELO AQUATIC CENTER 2025**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a fee increase schedule for the Tupelo Park and Recreation Department and the Tupelo Aquatic Center. Note was made that the fees have not been increased since 2007. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

**IN THE MATTER OF ITEMS FOR SURPLUS - MUNICIPAL COURT**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the surplus of the following:

1996 Dodge Wagon VIN 5517  
1998 Ford F150 VIN 3766

These two items are unusable and will be scrapped. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR ARPA BID NO 2024-025PW - LUMPKIN STREET TO KINGS CREEK BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve change order for ARPA Bid 2024-025PW – Lumpkin Street to Kings Creek Bank Stabilization Project. This change order is a decrease of \$52,728.73, with a final contract amount of \$2,185,519.33. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SUDDEN SERVICE, INC.**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve a three-year service agreement with Sudden Service, Inc. for the inspection, maintenance and repairs for generators at booster stations. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

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

This item was left on the study agenda.

**IN THE MATTER OF SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to suspend the rules and move items S2, S3 and S4 to the action agenda for a vote. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 120 SOUTH HIGHLAND DRIVE**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the sale of property located at 120 South Highland Drive. This property is no longer needed for municipal purposes and will be sold in the amount of \$11,600. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX S

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 124 SOUTH HIGHLAND DRIVE**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the sale of property located at 124 South Highland Drive. This property is no longer needed for municipal purposes and will be sold in the amount of \$11,500. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX T

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 502 AUGUSTA**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the sale of property located at 502 Augusta. This property is no longer needed for municipal purposes and will be sold in the amount of \$15,000. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX U

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of the possible sale of property, under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(a) (1972 as amended) at 6:23 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to return to the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to adjourn the meeting. This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

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Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Date