

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JUNE 15, 2021

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 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, and Mike Bryan; Attorney Ben Logan and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council member Willie Jennings was absent

Council Member Mike Bryan introduced Mr. Robert Cook who led the invocation. Council Member Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Mike 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 L Bryan, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, with the following addition:

ADD: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF DEPUTY CHIEF JACKIE M CLAYTON AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Jason Shelton recognized Mrs. Nettie Davis for 20 years of service as a member of the City Council.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Davis thanked everyone and was very appreciative of the presentation of her 20 year employment certificate.

Council Member Whittington thanked the citizens of Ward 1 for allowing him to serve as their Councilman for 12 years.

Council Member L Bryan thanked the outgoing Council members, Whittington, M Bryan and Jennings, for their dedication and willingness to work with him for 12 years.

Council Member Palmer joined Mayor Shelton in presenting Council Member Mike Bryan with a plaque for his last year of service as the Council President.

Council Member Mike Bryan thanked the citizens of Ward 6 and of the City of Tupelo for the honor and privilege of serving on the City Council for the past 16 years, through three administrations.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jason Shelton welcomed those who are helping with the transition of Mayor-elect Todd Jordan. He thanked and recognized Chief Bart Aguirre for his service over the last 8 years as the Police Chief and wished him well.

Police Chief Bart Aguirre thanked the Mayor for appointing him as the Police Chief 8 years ago and reflected on many issues during those years.

Mayor Shelton took the podium again and reminded everyone that COVID-19 is still an issue and encouraged all to get vaccinated. He thanked and recognized his family, who were in attendance, and thanked them for all of their support during his tenure as Mayor.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak on the public hearing for lot mowing at the following property:

Parcel	Location
089N3100601	123 S INDUSTRIAL RD
077Q3612400	1502 REED ST
077Q3611500	1529 REED ST
077Q3611700	1528 REED ST
106D1307600	909 PARISH DR
102V1002002	3072 MITCHELL RD
106D1307100	3448 S GREEN ST
088N3314501	1218 E MAIN ST
088N3314300	100 BRIAR RIDGE RD
089F3023500	MCWILLIAMS ST
101B0213000	418 LAKEVIEW DR

101B0213200	414 LAKEVIEW DR
101U1100100	S THOMAS ST
085N2101200	1641 OAKVIEW CIR
074V2003500	2410 WALSH RD
078S2805211	801 HIGHLAND PARK DR

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 1, 2021

Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on June 1, 2021. 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: Markel Whittington, Travis Beard, and Buddy Palmer; and Accounts Payable Clerk, Traci Dillard. Council Member Beard 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 A

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #8

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve Budget Amendment #8, as presented by CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna. Of those present, the vote was unanimous. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BANK ACCOUNT-TIF BOND ACCOUNT

CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna appeared before the Council asking for permission to open a new bank account - TIF Bond Account. Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by council Member Palmer, to approve the request. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BANK ACCOUNT

CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna appeared to the Council requesting to close the Special Assessment Bank Account. All funds have been expended and the account should be closed. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the closing of the bank account. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO CLOSE SPECIAL ASSESSEMENT FUND

As requested by CFO Kim Hanna, Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member L Bryan, to allow her to close the Special Assessment Fund, now that it is no longer needed. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CHICKASAW INKANA FOUNDATION AND THE CITY OF TUPELO

Mayor Shelton asked the Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation and the City of Tupelo. He explained that this project has been a long time coming and was proud to finally be able to present it for approval. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation and the City of Tupelo. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the final lot mowing list, as submitted. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the list is attached as APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2021

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington, to accept the Planning Committee minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting. Of those present the vote was unanimous. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION FOR 495 S GLOSTER

DDS Director Pat Falkner asked the Council to approve the tax abatement application for property located at 495 S Gloster. He explained that this improvement meets the criteria for the City's tax abatement program. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the abatement. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUSING WEAPON FOR RETIREMENT

Council Member Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to surplus the Glock model 45 9mm, SN BKLY414 and allow Police Chief Bart Aguirre to purchase same in the amount of \$1.00 upon his retirement from the City of Tupelo Police Department. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL HOT MIX 12 MONTH SUPPLY

Bids were received for a 12 month supply of hot mix for use by the City. Only one bid was received and was deemed to be commercially reasonable and properly advertised for all available bidders. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the lowest and best bid received from Apac Mississippi, Inc., for providing hot mix for a 12 month period. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM ASSETS AND SURPLUS AT AUCTION

PW Director Chuck Williams appeared before the Council asking to surplus and dispose of items no longer needed by the City of Tupelo. The items will go to the City's Auction. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington, to approve the list of items for surplus and sale of the auction. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF CVB MINS MAY 4 AND JUNE 1, 2021

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington, to accept the minutes of the May 4 and June 1, 2021, CVB meetings. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF JACKIE M. CLAYTON AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

Mayor Shelton asked the Council to confirm his appointment of Deputy Chief Jackie M. Clayton as Interim Police Chief, effective July1, 2021, per Mayor-Elect Jordan's request. Council Member L Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis to confirm the appointment. 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 Whittington moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Mike Bryan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

Date