

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JULY 20, 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, July 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims (attended by ZOOM), Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Council Member Buddy Palmer led the invocation. Council Member Janet Gaston 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. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nettie Davis asked that everyone remember all those attending the MML conference in prayer for safety. She also said that she would be entered into the Hall of Fame because she has served on the Council for 20 years.

Council Member Beard asked that we sing Happy Birthday to Council Member Gaston, who had a birthday on July 19.

Council Member Buddy Palmer offered the Council's condolences to Mayor Jordan on the passing of his father, Richard Jordan.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Jordan thanked the Council and all those who had sent condolences in his father's passing. He congratulated Nettie Davis for being entered into the MML Hall of Fame and wished Janet Gaston a Happy Birthday. He announced the latest month of sales tax collections was a record high.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION

A public hearing for demolition of the following properties was convened:

203 DOZIER ST.
204 DOZIER ST.
216 CANAL ST.
513 ½ ROGERS LN.
1526 BOGGAN DR.

Attorney Michael McHenry, representing Frank Agnew, asked that the Council not proceed with demolitions on the properties located at 203 and 204 Dozier Street. Mr. Agnew is in, and has been for several years, poor health. He also suggested that the City's policy should be looked into for cases such as this.

Kimberly Triplett, 513 ½ Rogers Lane, addressed the Council and asked to be given more time before her property is demolished..

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

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

PARCEL	LOCATION
089F3010501	527 N CHURCH ST
089F3010601	523 N CHURCH ST
089F3013000	605 N CHURCH ST UNIT A & B
077Q3626800	310 GOVERNMENT ST
106A1400900	2816 EVANS CIR
089F3009100	424 TOLBERT ST
089F3023200	TOLBERT ST
089F3015600	N GREEN ST
088N3306000	143 CANAL ST
088N3307900	136 WAYSIDE DR
113N0703500	1303 ERIN ST
088N3305900	147 CANAL ST

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on July 6, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY JULY 20, 2021

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Janet Gaston, Travis Beard, and Lynn Bryan and Accounts Payable Clerk, Traci Dillard. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, 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 Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF KIZZY GUY AS HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE AUGUST 3, 2021

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the appointment of Kizzy Guy as Director of Human Resources for the City of Tupelo, effective August 3, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF NEAL MCCOY AS CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE JUL 20, 2021

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the re-appointment of Neal McCoy as Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau effective July 20, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A DPS HOT SPOT GRANT

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve a DPS Hot Spot grant in the amount of \$14,927 which will be used for the purchase of four new surveillance cameras. The match for the grant is \$4,975. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the final lot mowing list, as submitted. the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to table the resolutions assessing costs and placing liens on completed demolitions. The vote to table the item was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to adjudicate the following properties or parcels of land on the public hearing demolition list were in such then condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning, as authorized by Miss. Code § 21-19-11 (1972 as amended):

203 DOZIER ST.
204 DOZIER ST.
216 CANAL ST.
513 ½ ROGERS LN.
1526 BOGGAN DR.

The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MAJOR THOROUGHFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 2021

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the Major Thoroughfare Committee minutes for May 10, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR JACKSON (COLEY TO AIRPARK) PROJECT BID NO. 2020-030MT

City Engineer Dennis Bonds asked the Council to approve change order #1 for the Jackson Street Improvements Coley Road to Air Park Road project. The change order increases the original contract price by \$2,750 for a total contract price of \$4,047,754.39. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the change order, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE TUPELO SPORTS COUNCIL

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to accept the donation of a 72" Bobcat sweeper attachment and Greensgroomer spring tine rake from the Tupelo Sports Council. The total amount of the donation is valued at \$6,687.83. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2021

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to accept the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency minutes of June 23, 2021. The vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOHNNY TIMMONS AS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the Resolution designating Mr. Johnny Timmons, Manager of Tupelo Water and Light Department as the authorized representative of the city, and authorizing him to execute those documents necessary to apply for, receive and administer the loan process of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Program. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION RESCINDING APPROVAL OF SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY ON TIMBERLANE ROAD

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 20th day of July, 2021, at 6:26 p.m.

Buddy Palmer, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date