

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**APRIL 05, 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, April 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, 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 Rosie Jones gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance, led by Boy Scout Troop # 12.

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: In the Matter of Appointment of Commissioner to the Tupelo Housing Authority Board  
DELETE: Item #11 - In the Matter of Review/Approve Appointment of Tommy Scott to the Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Committee.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Jordan presented a proclamation to Summer Swinney with the Tupelo Junior Auxiliary, proclaiming the week of April 3-9, 2022 as Junior Auxiliary Week.

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

Mayor Jordan recognized members and leaders of Boy Scout Troop #12, as follows:

Merit Badge Counselor Duke Loden  
Asst. Scout Master Sam Agnew  
Braxton Johnson  
Isaiah Barbour  
Charlie Weir

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Mayor Jordan recognized the following employees for employment with the City of Tupelo:

Josh Miller	Fire Department	5 years
Cory Lindsey	Police Department	10 years
Don Lewis	COO	25 years

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Council Member Nettie Davis invited everyone to attend the Community Forward Festival scheduled for April 23 at the Gum Tree Park. She also encouraged everyone who was interested to volunteer. Several members of the City Council , as well as other employees, will be joining the CDF on a trip to Oklahoma City next week.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Todd Jordan introduced Fire Chief Kelly Elliott. The City of Tupelo has a very busy weekend planned - at least 83 baseball teams will participate in a tournament this weekend. There were approximately 4500 lbs of trash picked up during the 10 for Tupelo event last weekend.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO DEVELOPMENT CODE ADDRESSING MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT (SENATE BILL 2095)**

No one spoke during the public hearing concerning amendments to the development code addressing MS medical Cannabis Act (Senate Bill 2095). APPENDIX A

### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDING DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ADDRESS MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT (SENATE BILL 2095) FROM STUDY AGENDA ON MARCH 15, 2022**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the Ordinance Amending Development Code to Address the 2022 Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act (SB 2095). The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 15, 2022**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 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 Chad Mims, Travis Beard, Buddy Palmer and Nettie Davis. Council Member Jones 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 C

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the advertising and promotional expenses, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF TUPELO AUDIT FOR FY 2021**

The Jarrell Group, PLLC, conducted the annual audit of the city's financial condition. No current year deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control or in the compliance system were reported. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to accept the City of Tupelo Audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. A copy of the audit report is on file in the City Clerk's office. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF RAISE GRANT**

Grant Writer Abby Christian addressed the Council to request submission of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant proposal. This funding is for the planning and engineering of Tupelo's three railroad projects. The match for the grant is 20%. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to approve the submission of the RAISE grant. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 7 AND 21, 2022**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the Planning Committee minutes of the March 7 and 21, 2022 meetings. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

**IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION RESOLUTION**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve a Resolution Adjudicating Cost and Assessing Lien Against Real Property, under Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11(1972) as amended, which was in such a condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of demolition pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11 (1972) as amended, and to assess the amount as a lien on the real property. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO 2022 DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE JOYNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims to approve the appointments to the 2022 Design Review Committee of the Joyner Neighborhood Association, as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE JONES TO THE TUPELO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN CITIZENS LOBBYING AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to appoint George Jones to the Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Committee representing Ward 4, effective April 5, 2022. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

### **IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUSING WEAPON FOR RETIREMENT**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to surplus the Glock model 45 9mm, SN BKLY461 and allow Police Captain Terry Sanford 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 J

### **IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT WITH POWER DMS**

Police Chief John Quaka requested that the Council approve an agreement with Power DMS (Digital Management Software). Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Davis, to approve the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

### **IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL POLE BARN MATERIALS ONLY 2022-010PW**

Bids were received for Bid #2022-010PW Pole Barn- Materials Only. Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to award the lowest and best bid to Magnum Metals in the amount of \$71,859.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

### **IN THE MATTER OF PRYOR MORROW CONTRACT FOR FAIRPARK RESTROOMS**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a contract with PryorMorrow PC for professional design services for the Fairpark Restroom Pavilion. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF BANCORPSOUTH ARENA MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to accept the minutes of the BancorpSouth Arena and Conference Center for the February 28, 2022, meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

### **IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD 2022-011WL FOR 2023 CAB AND CHASSIS 4X4**

Bids were received by the City of Tupelo for Bid # 2022-011WL for a 2023 Cab and Chassis 4 x 4 (for use with aerial device). Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to award the lowest and best bid of TAG Truck Center in the amount of \$104,857.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF TRA MINUTES OF MARCH 2022**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to accept the minutes of the March 29, 2022 meeting of the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR DEDICATION OF STREET FROM BANK OF NEW ALBANY (BNA) LOCATED IN MCCULLOUGH CENTER COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to accept the donation for dedication of street from Bank of New Albany (BNA) located in McCullough Center Commercial Subdivision. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO THE TUPELO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to appoint Jason Martin to the Tupelo Housing Authority Commission. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, 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 under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor at 6:33 p.m.

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

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones to return to the regular meeting at 6:51 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**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 6:52 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor. This the 5th day of April, 2022.

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Buddy Palmer, President  
City Council

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Date