

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: 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 Buddy Palmer gave the prayer, and Council Member Janet Gaston led the pledge of allegiance.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to amend the agenda, as follows:

ADD #24 IN THE MATTER OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR PARKSIDE RESIDENTIAL
SUBDIVISION

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Chad Mims gave a shout out to the Tupelo Show Choir, who came in 2nd in their first competition of the season. Saturday, March 8, will be the King City Classic, which is their big fund raiser of the year.

Council Member Buddy Palmer asked that everyone be in prayer for Tony Lute.

Council Member Nettie Davis reminded everyone that February is Black History Month and there will be several opportunities to be involved. On February 8, a black-tie event is planned at the Cadence Bank colosseum with twelve recognitions, as well as Medgar Evars daughter speaking. She also said everyone should remember the Tupelo High School basketball teams.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan told everyone that the Charity Ball is scheduled for the coming weekend. He said that Kevan Kirkpatrick is doing an outstanding job with the management of the Cadence Bank Arena and Conference Center.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2025, AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON JANUARY 30, 2025

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council on January 21 and the special meeting of the Council on January 20, 2025. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Council Members Beard, Gaston, Bryan and Palmer reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Beard 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 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 GRANT APPLICATION FOR SPAIN HOUSE RESTORATION

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the grant application and authorize the mayor to sign the necessary documents. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF TUPELO FOR FY22 RAISE – TUPELO RAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the grant agreement between the MS Department of Transportation and the City of Tupelo for the FY22 RAISE grant and to authorize the mayor to sign necessary documents. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE CITY TO SUBMIT THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT WITH SPRING HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION – SPRING HILL CHURCH

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the certified local government grant with Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church and to allow the mayor to sign the necessary documents. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 424 TOLBERT

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve an order authorizing the purchase of tax-forfeited property located at 424 Tolbert Street. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR BID NO 2024-069MT JACKSON STREET IMPROVEMENTS (MADISON ST. TO FRONT ST.) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN AND EXECUTE

Council member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the contract for bid # 2024-069MT – Jackson Street Improvements (Madison Street to Front Street) and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and execute for necessary documents. This contract is with Townes Construction Co. for \$198,109.00, The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING UNMARKED VEHICLES RESOLUTION

Police Chief John Quaka submitted a resolution with a current list of vehicles that the Tupelo Police Department maintain as unmarked. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to find that identifying marks would hinder official criminal investigations by the police and to approve the resolution, The vote was unanimous in favor. A certified copy of this resolution and minutes shall be furnished to the State Department of Audit. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER # 2 FOR THE CENTRAL PUMPING STATION RENOVATIONS (BID NO 2023-040WL)

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve change order #2 for bid # 2023-040WL – Central Pumping Station Renovations. This change order extends the original contract time due by 236 days and adds \$56,115.00 to the original contract amount. The revised contract amount is \$11,903,115.00 and the revised completion date is September 30, 2025. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR PARKSIDE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION PHASE I

Council Member Palmer recused himself from the meeting.

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the final plan for Phase I of Parkside Subdivision located off Elvis Presley Drive in Ease Tupelo. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

Council Member Palmer rejoined the meeting.

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

With unanimous agreement, this item was taken off the study agenda and sent back to the Development Services for further review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to adjourn the meeting. This the 4th day of February 2025.

Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date