

**REGULAR FIRST TUESDAY OCTOBER
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, October 4, 2016 being the first Tuesday of said month and the day fixed by Board order for holding the first monthly meeting, said meeting was held in the Boardroom in the Municipal Complex at 909 River Road in the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, beginning at 3:00 p.m. with the following present or absent as indicated below:

Mayor Charles M. Cariker	Present
Alderman John A. Graves Jr	Present
Alderman Brad Beach	Present
Alderwoman Eloise Carson	Absent
Alderwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
Alderwoman Marie A. Nickson	Present
Town Clerk Celia J. Boren	Present
Deputy Clerk Charles N. Hailey	Present
Chief of Police Richard Veazey	Present
Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr.	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Present

Others in attendance are listed on the attendance sheet.

APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET

Mayor Cariker called the meeting to order at 3:00 and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Smith led in prayer.

Mayor Cariker asked for a motion to approve an addition to the docket; the insurance proposal. Alderwoman Nickson made the motion to approve the addition, Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting September 20, 2016. Alderman Graves moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS:

- Chief Veazey reported for the police department and presented the September activity report.**
- Kelvin Cooke updated the Board on public works activities.**
- Lyn Arnold reported on Chamber and Main Street activity.**

Alderman Beach joined the meeting at 3:15.

Mrs. Vivian Shelton asked the Board about the decision to require paved driveways and was told that any graveled driveways in existence now would be grandfathered in the ordinance, when adopted.

Mayor Cariker presented the Board with the insurance proposal from Koonce, Erwin & Wilkes, Inc. The cost for the annual comprehensive general insurance is \$68,149.00. This includes all equipment, buildings, property and vehicles, as well

as covering liability issues for employees and elected officials. This year's cost is up slightly from last year due to the addition of a vehicle and some minor equipment. After discussion, Alderwoman Taylor made the motion to approve the insurance proposal, citing past history with the company and reasonable cost. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX B – KEW, INC. INVOICE

Mayor Cariker requested approval to reimburse Carey Webb for fuel for the fire department because the Fuelman card wouldn't work. Mr. Webb used his personal credit card to purchase the fuel, a total of \$75.44. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve the reimbursement to Carey Webb. Alderwoman Nickson seconded and the motion was adopted by all members, except for Alderwoman Taylor who abstained.

APPENDIX C – CAREY WEBB INVOICE

The Board considered an invoice from Tunica Main Street for \$1141.00, covering the expenses for the Patriot's Day program. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve the expense and authorized the clerk to pay the invoice. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX D – MAIN STREET INVOICE

Mayor Cariker asked for board approval to advertise for bids for the backhoe, as approved for this budget year. The board discussed requirements and cost and Alderman Graves made the motion to proceed with the bid process; Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

Mayor Cariker and the Board reviewed water adjustment recommendations from Kate Scott totaling \$3,311.66. This includes \$2,567.61 for leak repairs, \$486.40 for meter reading errors, \$178.90 for billing errors and \$78.75 for pool credit and other miscellaneous errors. After discussion, Alderman Beach moved to approve the adjustments as presented, Alderwoman Nickson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX E – WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Cariker advised the board that Cathy Graves has asked that her husband, David Graves, replace her on the planning commission for ward 2 representative. Ward 2 Alderman Beach had no objection to the change. Alderman Beach made the motion to replace planning commission member Cathy Graves with her husband, David Graves. Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

Tunica Chamber and Tunica Main Street requested an additional \$3500.00 to offset expenses for the upcoming Tunica Tailgate event scheduled for October 22. This is the first event of this kind and would be a local equivalent to a fall festival. Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the additional funding for the event, finding that this event could be a unique way to bring community out and promote the downtown area. Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX F – TUNICA TAILGATE INVOICE

The Board discussed the need for some maintenance work to be done on the old firehouse. At this point, painting and some minor repairs should suffice, but a new roof will be needed at a later date. Alderman Graves moved to approve the repairs on the old firehouse, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Board next considered a replacement for Myre Lee Mitchell, aka Peter Rabbit, on the garbage truck. Mitchell is undergoing treatment for throat cancer and it is unsure at this point if he will be able to return to work anytime soon. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve taking applications for an additional employee to insure that there will be a sufficient number of employees to see to the needs of the community. Alderwoman Nickson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Cariker told the board that he had spoken with Terry Lancaster and he had agreed to take the part-time position as code enforcer for the Town at \$400.00 per month. Alderman Graves moved to approve contracting with Lancaster for the monthly fee and asked Town Attorney to draw up the necessary contract between Lancaster and the Town. Graves also added that this should help with some of the code issues that have been overlooked recently. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX G – CONTRACT WITH LANCASTER

Tony Howell left the meeting at 3:35.

The Mayor next requested that the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire be spread across the minutes as required by Mississippi code. The Board reviewed the questions and answers. Alderwoman Taylor moved to approve the request to enter the document in the minutes. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX H – MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Alderwoman Taylor left the meeting at 3:40, prior to voting on claims, including fire and advertising, to avoid possible conflict of interest.

The remainder of the Board reviewed the claims for September 2016. Alderman Graves had reviewed them prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve the claims as presented; Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by Aldermen Graves, Beach, and Nickson.

APPENDIX I – SEPTEMBER CLAIMS

Alderwoman Taylor rejoined the meeting at 3:44.

Mayor Cariker asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss police personnel and possible pending litigation. Alderman Graves made the motion to enter executive session, Alderwoman Nickson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Graves and seconded by Alderman Beach, the Board left executive session and reentered open session.

There was no action taken during the closed session.

Upon motion by Alderman Beach and seconded by Alderwoman Nickson, the meeting recessed at 4:10 this 4th day of October 2016.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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