

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, September 6, 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
Aldерwoman Eloise Carson	Present
Aldерwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
Aldерwoman Marie A. Nickson	Absent
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.

Aldерwoman Taylor left the meeting at 3:02, prior to voting on claims, including fire and advertising, to avoid possible conflict of interest.

The remainder of the Board reviewed the claims for August 2016. Aldерwoman Carson 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 Carson.

APPENDIX B – AUGUST CLAIMS

Aldерwoman Taylor rejoined the meeting at 3:05.

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting August 16 and the public hearing August 29, 2016. Alderman Graves moved to approve the minutes as written, Aldерwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS:

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

The Board reviewed the handouts with current wages and appointments. Mayor Cariker asked them to review them and then discuss and vote on them at the next meeting.

The Board considered additions to police policies and procedures regarding missing persons, especially children. Mississippi house bill 1289 went into effect July 1, 2016 and requires all law enforcement agencies to adopt policies specifying the procedures for filing reports, transferring information to other agencies, and the maintenance of paperwork involved. In order to be in compliance with this law, policies number 7.05 and 7.05-1 were presented to the Board in August, for their review and for Town Attorney Graves to review. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve the additions to the manual, finding that these policies fulfill the requirements of HB1289. Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved. The policies will be on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Mayor Cariker and the Board reviewed water adjustment recommendations from Kate Scott totaling \$2,490.62. This includes \$2,432.24 for leak repairs and \$58.38 billing errors. After discussion, Alderwoman Carson moved to approve the adjustments as presented, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX C – WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor advised the board that Vanguard Utilities had sent him a change order to be approved by them regarding additional charges for meter installations. After discussion, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen decided it was in the best interest of the Town to put this request aside until more information is received.

The Board next considered the Mayfield property at 984 School Street. The house has fallen in a state of disrepair and has been overgrown with weeds, vines and tall grass. Murray Rhodes, a resident living across the street from this address, addressed the board with his concerns about the house being a safety hazard, both for curious children and vagrants. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve condemning the house and proceed with demolition of the building stating that the house posed a danger to public health and the welfare of citizens because of its neglected state. Alderwoman Carson seconded the motion and a vote was taken, as follows: Graves, yes; Beach, yes; Carson, yes; Taylor, yes; and Nickson, absent. The motion carried. The Mayfields will be notified of this decision by the board.

Mayor Cariker asked the Board to consider advertising in some local and county maps that will be distributed. The town has advertised with this group in the past and the maps have been well done in the past. If the Town places an ad with this group, the town will receive 500 maps. The cost of the proposed ad is \$565.00. In addition to the previous maps, this new printing will all also include the ward divisions of the town. After discussion, Alderman Beach moved to approve the advertising proposal, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

Mayor Cariker asked for Board to approve Thursday, September 15, 2016 as the hearing for the four properties that had been notified about the order to clean up the yards. The order was charged in the regular meeting of August 16 and certified letters were sent to Joey and Sara Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayfield, and Alan and Tracey Hudspeth. After discussion, Alderwoman Carson made the

motion to approve the hearing date of Thursday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m. Alderman Beach seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted.

With the installation of the new meters, there will be several reports that will be very helpful in investigating leaks. Residents will soon be aware of the capabilities of this feature and overuse of the report can lead to severe drain on the meter battery. The Clerk and deputy clerk Charles Hailey request the Board consider a policy allowing only one report per water customer; and other requests will have a charge of \$25-\$50 for each report. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to adopt a policy charging \$25.00 for each report after their initial free report. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX D – WATER POLICY REGARDING REPORTS

A travel request was considered for attendance at a MML/MSU class titled “Do’s and Don’ts of Your Last Year in Office”. Mayor Cariker, Celia and Brad wish to attend this evening class in Oxford, October 27. The cost is \$25.00 each and includes a meal. There will be 3 CMO points available for completing this class. Alderman Graves moved to approve the attendance and Alderwoman Taylor seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

Mayor Cariker asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss public works personnel, employee wages for FY17 and litigation update. Alderwoman Carson made the motion to enter executive session, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

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

There was no action taken during the closed session.

The Board considered the employee wage and salary schedule for FY17. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to accept the schedule as presented, Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX E – EMPLOYEE WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE

The Board next considered the proposed tax levy of 24 ½ mills for the Town of Tunica ad valorem taxes for FY17. Included in this levy is 20 mills for the Town general fund, 3 mills for the solid waste fund, and 1 ½ mills for First Regional Library. This levy is the same as the current year, with no increase or changes will affect property owners in the Town of Tunica. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to accept the tax levy of 24 ½ mills for FY2017. Alderwoman Taylor seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

Alderwoman Taylor left the meeting at 4:04 prior to the discussion and vote on the budget, citing possible conflict of interest because of the fire department expenses and advertising expenses.

Mayor Cariker asked the remaining board members to consider the proposed budget for FY 2017. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to accept the proposed budget as presented. Alderman Beach seconded the motion and a vote was taken, the results of which are as follows: Graves, yes; Beach, yes; Carson, yes; Taylor, absent; and Nickson, absent. The motion carried. The new budget will go into effect October 1, 2016.

APPENDIX F – BUDGET FOR FY 2017

Upon motion by Alderman Beach and seconded by Alderwoman Carson, the meeting recessed at 4:10 this 6th day of September 2016.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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