

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that Tuesday, November 1, 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:

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

**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. Alderman Graves led in prayer.**

**Aldерwoman Taylor left the room at 3:03 to avoid any conflict of interest with claims involving fire or advertising.**

**The Board considered the claims for October 2016. Aldерwoman Carson had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.**

**APPENDIX B – OCTOBER CLAIMS**

**The Board next considered a request to pay Tunica Express for diesel purchased for the fire department. The men fueling the two trucks were using the Fuelman card for gas, not for diesel, and the charges were not accepted so they signed two tickets totaling \$166.17. After discussion, Alderman Beach moved to approve payment of the invoices at Tunica Express; Aldерwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by Aldermen Graves, Beach, Carson, and Nickson.**

**APPENDIX C – TUNICA EXPRESS INVOICES**

**Aldерwoman Taylor re-joined the meeting at 3:07.**

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting October 18, 2016. Alderwoman Nickson moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### **REPORTS:**

- Asst. Chief Nichols reported for the police department and reported a peaceful Halloween.
- Kelvin Cooke updated the Board on public works activities and Mayor Cariker announced that Trentiss Gordon had passed his wastewater test on the first attempt. He received a round of applause.
- Lyn Arnold reported on Chamber and Main Street activity.

Granville Sherman, NDPDD, advised the Board of a Department of Transportation grant available. The Board will consider which project to pursue for the grant application.

Granville left the meeting at 3:25.

Under old business, the Board discussed the multi-tiered garbage rates proposed by the county. The software currently used by the Town will not be sufficient to handle those rates; there is not enough space available on the billing format. Mayor Cariker stated that a letter will be sent to the county informing them of this situation.

Mayor Cariker asked for Board approval to place an ad requesting bids on the old backhoe, with the Town retaining the right to reject all bids. Alderwoman Nickson moved to approve this request and authorized the Mayor to proceed; Alderman Beach seconded and a vote was taken; Alderman Graves, yes; Alderman Beach, yes; Alderwoman Carson, yes; Alderwoman Taylor, abstained, and Alderwoman Nickson, yes. The motion carried.

The Board considered several water adjustment requests from Kate Scott totaling \$1,725.16, including \$778.60 in billing errors, \$575.62 in meter reading errors, \$295.56 for leak repairs, and \$75.38 for late charges due to USPS delays, with evidence. After short discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve the adjustment recommendation, Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### **APPENDIX D – WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

With the installation of the remote-read meters, the old meters have been stored at the town shop and need to be removed, sold, or traded. Mayor Cariker asked the Board to declare the old meters to be surplus property. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to declare the old water meters surplus property and disposed of. Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

With the previous action, the discussion turned to how to dispose of those meters. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to authorize the Mayor to get quotes for the old meters and sell them, if possible. Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Board heard the following travel requests:

- For Celia Boren, Clerk, to attend the Region IV IIMC conference and the MSMMA mandatory election training in Jackson December 12-16. Registration is \$135.00 plus the hotel charges, meals, and mileage.
- For the Mayor, Clerk, and Aldermen to attend the MML Mid-Winter conference in Jackson January 10-12, 2017. The registration is \$135.00 plus hotel, meals, and mileage, if necessary.
- For the Town Attorney to attend the Winter CLE class in Jackson. The registration packet has not yet been received, but should be comparable to last year's; meals and mileage expense will also be incurred.

Alderman Graves moved to approve all the travel requests, Alderwoman Nickson seconded and the travel requests were approved.

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

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

There was no action taken during the closed session.

The Board considered how to proceed with filling the upcoming vacancy for the Police Chief. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to authorize the Mayor to seek individuals for this position through advertisements through the MS Chiefs of Police and the Clerks Association networks. Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled. Alderwoman Carson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

The subjects of pay increases and promotions were discussed. The proposal would promote Kelvin Cooke as the public works supervisor and Trentiss Gordon as the water/wastewater supervisor, both at a salary of \$47,500.00 annually beginning with the next biweekly payroll period ending November 18, 2016. Both of these men will begin taking care of the administrative parts of the positions and will maintain records at the shop and in Town Hall. Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the pay increases and the promotions; Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved. It was further stated that since Trentiss lives within the Town water service, he has permission to take the town's vehicle home.

The Board considered an ordinance on the books that requires both the Police Chief and the Town Clerk to be residents of the Town of Tunica. This goes back to a period when both of the positions were elected; this is no longer the case, both positions being made appointive decades ago. Alderman Graves made the motion to amend the ordinance changing the residency requirements to state that both the chief and the clerk must live in Tunica County. Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted by all aldermen. The clerk will begin working on the amendment and will have it ready for approval before the first December meeting.

Mayor Cariker made the following announcements:

- The recycle bin has been moved to the south end of the football field at Tunica Academy.

- **Goldstrike volunteers will be here November 3 to paint the street and stop sign posts for the town.**

**With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November.**

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**Charles M. Cariker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk**

**APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET  
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