

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, December 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
Alderwoman Eloise Carson	Present
Alderwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
Alderwoman Marie A. Nickson	Present
Town Clerk Celia J. Boren	Present
Deputy Clerk Charles N. Hailey	Absent
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.

Alderwoman 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 November 2016. Alderwoman 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 – NOVEMBER CLAIMS

Alderwoman Taylor re-joined the meeting at 3:05.

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting November 15, 2016. Alderwoman Nickson moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS:

Alderman Graves left the meeting at 3:08, so that a variance request for a proposed carport for his home could be considered during the Planning Commission report.

- **Bob Barber reported that the commission had met and discussed parking issues and code enforcement issues. He also brought a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a variance request from Alderman Graves to build a carport. Since the street beside his home, East Irwin, is a dead-end street, there will not be much traffic affected. A public hearing was held on November 29 at 5:00 and there was no opposition. After discussion, Alderman Beach moved to approve the variance request, Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the motion was approved by Aldermen Beach, Carson, Taylor and Nickson.**

Alderman Graves rejoined the meeting at 3:12.

- **Chief Veazey reported for the police department and presented the November activity report.**
- **Kelvin Cooke reported for Operations and told the Board that Jay Robinson had started working for the town and would be an asset.**

The Board discussed the bids for a new backhoe loader; the bids were from Thompson Machinery for a Caterpillar 420F2 for \$94,985.00 and from Stribling Equipment for a John Deere 310SL for \$96,590.00. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to accept the bid from Thompson for \$94,985.00, stating it was the lowest and best bid for the needs of the Town. Alderman Beach seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX C – BIDS FOR NEW BACKHOE LOADER

The software and hardware support contract will expire December 31 and should be renewed for the continued operation of the computer systems needed to run the information and billing systems for the Town. BBI, Inc. is the sole source provider for the computer systems used for Court, Payroll, Budget, and Utility Billing. The renewal for 2017 is \$16,100.00. This includes \$7,500.00 for hardware and \$8,600.00 for software. After discussion, Alderwoman Carson moved to approve the new contract with BBI, Inc., Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX D – BBI CONTRACT

The Board considered several water adjustment requests from Kate Scott totaling \$3,907.87, including \$694.63 in billing errors, \$207.02 in meter reading errors, and \$3,006.22 for leak repairs. After short discussion, Alderman Beach moved to approve the adjustment recommendation, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX E – WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board considered the annual advertisement in the CVB Visitors Guide for the new publication. For the last few years, the Town has elected to take out a ½ page ad for \$2,100.00. Alderwoman Carson made the motion to again take out a ½ page ad, stating that this is a good price for promotion of the Town. Alderwoman Nickson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Board discussed plans for the retirement party for Chief Veazey, who will be leaving after over 20 years with the Town. The event will be held December 29 from 3:00 to 5:00 in the Boardroom here in Town Hall.

Mayor Cariker advised the Board that the current handbook authorizes the following holidays for the Christmas/New Year's holidays; Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. He asked for Board approval for the paid days to be used as follows since all the holidays fall on weekends: Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, 2017. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve the paid holidays, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

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

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

Mayor Cariker announced that, by motion from Alderman Graves and second from Alderman Beach, two employees, Michael Office and Jarvis Paige will receive \$.50 per hour increases, effective immediately.

With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderman Beach seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 this 6th day of December.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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