

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, February 7, 2017 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	Present
Town Clerk Celia J. Boren	Present
Deputy Clerk Charles N. Hailey	Absent
Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr.	Present
Asst. Chief Michael Nichols	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 room at 3:03 to avoid any conflict of interest with claims involving fire or advertising.

The Board considered the claims for January 2017. 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 – JANUARY CLAIMS

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

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting January 17, 2017. Alderman Graves moved to approve the minutes as written, Aldерwoman Nickson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS:

- Bob Barber presented the planning commission report and included the minutes from the previous meeting. There had been a public hearing held immediately prior to the last meeting regarding a proposed parking amendment. The notice for the hearing is attached as well as the minutes for the meeting. The planning commission board sent the following**

recommendation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen: Amend Article VIII, Section 841 of the Tunica Zoning Ordinance to add the following statement: Parking is permitted only in spaces meeting the definition of a parking space. Parking shall not be permitted in any residential front yard except in a driveway not greater than twenty (20) feet in width. At this point in the presentation, the Board discussed and considered the recommendation from the planning commission. Alderman Graves made a motion to accept the recommendation and add this definition to the ordinance book, citing the need to have this definition recorded to better enhance the neighborhoods and improve the overall quality of life for the Town. Alderwoman Taylor seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved. Mr. Barber completed his report on planning commission activities.

- Asst. Chief Nichols reported for the police department and presented a January activity report.**
- Kelvin Cooke reported for public works department.**
- Kay Walker reported for the Chamber of Commerce and gave an update on Rivergate plans. Because 2017 is the 25th anniversary of Rivergate and also the 200th anniversary of Mississippi as a state, there will be additional activities and additional costs will be incurred. The Town has normally given an additional \$5000.00 towards the festival expenses, but this year the chamber asked if the Town could increase that donation to \$7500.00, due to the extra expenses involved. After discussion, stating that this is the main festival activity for the community and it promotes the Town and the citizens, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the \$7500.00 donation to the Chamber for Rivergate. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

APPENDIX C – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, PUBLISHED NOTICE, PUBLIC HEARING

Bob Barber left the meeting at 3:13.

The Board took up for consideration the depository bids received from First Security Bank and Citizens Bank and Trust Co. The bids were similar in nature and offered services. The Town is particularly looking for the option of taking credit and debit cards for payments in the utility department and police/court department. Both banks use third party providers for this service. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to award the bid to Citizens Bank & Trust Co., stating the proximity to Town Hall, the excellent service provided and the rates offered on current certificates of deposit with them. Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX D – BIDS FROM BANKS

Mayor Cariker asked the Board to consider the current building codes and reminded them that the current set of codes date back to 2006. Mike Wright, current building official suggested the Board consider the 2012 building code. He also asked if the town would consider joining the International Construction Code organization. The suggestion about the code will be researched and addressed at a future meeting. The membership in ICC will be explored further.

Mike left the meeting at 3:30.

Shannon Landscaping had presented a proposal to do some maintenance on the trees, shrubs and flower beds at a cost of \$3,990.00. This will include trimming all

the crepe myrtles, applying pre-emergent herbicides to existing beds, and spreading 80 cubic yards of mulch around trees and beds. After discussion, Alderwoman Carson made the motion to approve contracting with Shannon to perform this work, citing the need to present the Town in favorable condition to promote economic growth. Alderman Beach seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX E – PROPOSAL FROM LANDSCAPER

The MS Municipal League has asked all cities and towns consider a resolution declaring support of public infrastructure maintenance and improvements that are needed across the state. The proposed resolution was read aloud and discussed. Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the resolution, Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX F – MML RESOLUTION

Mayor Cariker asked the Board to consider contracting with Trey Bobinger again this year to monitor legislative actions that might be detrimental to the Town. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to move forward with contracting with Point One Strategies, Inc. to monitor house and senate measures. Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Board considered the bids received for the old backhoe. Three bids were received; Darrell Larker, \$18,325.00, DeanCo Auction Co., \$16,900.00 and Crystal Durham, \$13,777.00. After consideration, the bid was awarded to Darrell Larker by motion from Alderman Beach and seconded by Alderman Graves. The motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX G – BIDS FOR BACKHOE

The Board discussed the limitations for third quarter expenses during an election year. No actions were taken.

The Board considered the “Go Red” resolution from the American Heart Association, whereupon, Alderman Graves moved to approve the resolution, Alderwoman Nickson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX H – GO RED RESOLUTION

Mayor Cariker reported that a quote had been received from Barney’s Police Supplies for (10) Glock 40caliber pistols, with holsters and extra magazines, for a total of \$2745.00, giving a trade-in for nine (9) Beretta pistols, currently being used. The new pistols are much lighter in weight than the current handguns. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve the purchase of the new handguns. Alderwoman Marie Nickson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

With that action, Alderwoman Nickson made the motion to declare the following Beretta 96 handguns as surplus equipment, to be used as trade-in for the Glockes:

1. #BER260755
2. #BER260833
3. #BER260860
4. #BER260754
5. #BER260877
6. #BER260869 (with a broken extractor)

- 7. #BER260845**
- 8. #BER260760**
- 9. #BER260850**

The above weapons will be traded with three extra magazines each. Alderwoman Carson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX I – QUOTE FOR WEAPONS, LIST OF SURPLUS GUNS

The Board discussed a smoke-free resolution, but no action was taken.

The following travel requests were heard:

- For the Town's Chaplain Danny Smith to be reimbursed for mileage and meals as necessary to attend free training sessions at Blue Mountain College over the next ten months; and
- For Trentiss to attend the water short course in Pearl next week, sponsored by MWPCOA. The registration and testing costs are not known at this time, since there will be additional charges for late registration; other expenses include meals and hotel.

After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the travel requests, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

Mayor Cariker gave a brief update on legislative activities and bills before the House and Senate at this time. He also reminded the Board that the 20th is Presidents' Day and is a state and federal holiday. Town Hall will be closed.

Mayor Cariker asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss police personnel and pending litigation. Alderman Beach made the motion to enter executive session, Alderman Graves 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 were no actions taken during executive session.

The Board discussed a committee to interview and make recommendation to the Board regarding replacing the position as Chief of Police. Mayor Cariker will sit on the committee, and possibly Judge McGarrh, and the committee will bring two (2) recommendations to the Board.

With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderman Beach seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 this 7th day of February 2017.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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