

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, April 4, 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
Alderwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
Alderwoman Marie A. Nickson	Absent
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.

Alderwoman Taylor left the room at 3:02 to avoid any conflict of interest with claims involving fire or advertising.

The Board considered the claims for March 2017. 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 – MARCH CLAIMS

Alderwoman Taylor re-joined the meeting at 3:04.

The Board considered the minutes from the meetings March 7 and March 21, 2017. There was no quorum for the meeting on March 21, so no business was transacted, as is reflected on the minutes. Alderman Graves moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS:

- Mayor Cariker reported on some code issues.**
- Asst. Chief Nichols reported for the police department.**
- Kelvin Cooke reported for public works department.**

The Board considered water adjustment recommendations in the amount of \$853.10, all for leak repairs. After discussion, Alderman Beach made motion to approve the water adjustments as presented; Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX C – WATER ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor Cariker asked for board approval to pay an invoice from American Municipal Services for \$292.31 for fines collected on behalf of the Town. The total collected and sent through the court receipts was \$1,461.56, with \$1,169.25 going towards court fines. AMS is due the 25% balance. Also, the Town owes AMS \$24.65 for utility collections of \$123.25 Alderwoman Carson made the motion to approve payment to AMS, Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX D – INVOICES FROM AMS

The Mayor and Board discussed an ordinance that the Board had been working on for several months. The planning commission had sent a recommendation to change working under permitted parking in Article VII, Section 730 to add that “parking shall not be permitted in any residential front yard except in a driveway not greater than 20 feet in width”. Mayor Cariker read the entire ordinance aloud to the assembly, section by section. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the ordinance as presented; Alderman Beach seconded and a roll call vote was taken, the results of which are as follows:

Ward 1	John A “Jack” Graves	Aye
Ward 2	Brad Beach	Aye
Ward 3	Eloise Carson	Aye
Ward 4	Brooks Taylor	Aye
Ward 5	Marie Nickson	Absent

The motion carried and the ordinance was unanimously adopted by all present. This will be published in the Tunica Times one time and will be effective thirty (30) days after passage.

APPENDIX E – ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING

The Board considered a revision to the personnel policy regarding unused vacation leave. Currently, any unused vacation leave is forfeited at the conclusion of a calendar year. This proposed change would allow any unused vacation time to roll over to sick leave, which is carried over without forfeit, and can be used towards time with PERS. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to revise the personnel policy to allow this change. This change will only affect unused vacation time and will be changed to accumulated sick leave. Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by the four aldermen present. This action will be effective for the 2017 calendar year.

There was discussion regarding a grant possibility from the Delta Regional Authority. The application is due sometime in May. The Board discussed possible projects. Re-striping downtown with some possible paving repairs seemed to be the most sought-after project. The DRA grant is primarily for economic development projects.

Alderwoman Taylor left the meeting at 3:37 to avoid conflict with travel for firefighters.

The following travel requests were heard:

- **Asst. Chief Nichols to MACP for summer conference and education program June 20-23. The seminar registration is \$325.00 plus hotel, meals, and other normal authorized expenses; and**
- **For the Mayor, Clerk, Attorney, and interest Aldermen to attend the MML annual conference in Biloxi July 21-25. Registration is \$235.00 plus hotel, meals, mileage and other normal authorized expenses; and**
- **For four (4) firefighters to attend the volunteer certification field day at the fire academy in Pearl April 7-8. The only cost will be for meals. They will use the Town's car and will have their overnight stay provided.**

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

Alderwoman Taylor re-joined the meeting at 3:39.

Mayor Cariker announced that he had attended a slide show on economic development possibilities presented by Tunica Academy students. He was impressed with the quality of work and hopes to set up a time for them to present this to the Board. He also advised the Board that he would make arrangements to have the town sprayed for mosquitoes just before Rivergate.

Mayor Cariker asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss police personnel, contract negotiations and pending litigation. Alderwoman Carson 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 Alderwoman Carson, the Board left executive session and reentered open session.

Town Chaplain Danny Smith stayed in the executive session until 4:12.

Alderwoman Taylor left the meeting at 4:25.

Mayor Cariker announced the following action taken during executive session: After discussion, and based upon job performance, Alderman Graves made the motion to increase Thomas J. Robinson from \$13.50 per hour to \$14.00 per hour. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by the four aldermen present.

With no other business, Alderman Beach moved to adjourn, Alderman Graves seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 this 4th day of April 2017.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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