

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, March 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
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
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 February 2017. Alderman Beach had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX B – FEBRUARY CLAIMS

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

Bob Gann joined the meeting at 3:04.

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting February 21, 2017. Alderman Graves moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderwoman Nickson 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.**

- **Lyn Arnold reported for the Chamber and Main Street.**

Mrs. Vivian Shelton addressed the Board regarding speed limits within the Town, citing inconsistencies in signage.

The Board considered water adjustment recommendations in the amount of \$1,268.95. After discussion, Alderwoman Carson made motion to approve the water adjustments as presented; Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX C – WATER ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor Cariker asked for board approval to pay and invoice from American Municipal Services for \$261.00 for fines collected on behalf of the Town. The total collected and sent through the court receipts was \$1,305.00, with \$1,044.00 going towards court fines. AMS is due the 25%. Alderman Beach made the motion to approve payment to AMS, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX D – INVOICE FROM AMS

Jay Robinson, maintenance tech with the town, gave a presentation about changing lighting in the town-owned buildings from florescent to LED. The cost savings would be significant, but there will be initial expense in changing the lights. There is a program with Entergy that will reimburse the Town for some of the initial expense; Jay has spoken with the program representatives about how to implement the changes. Mayor Cariker suggested that the Town start with one building, Town Hall, so that the Board could see the changes in electric usage, as well as get an idea of the initial expense and Entergy's program. The Board agreed to look at the information presented and will discuss this further at another meeting.

The following travel requests were heard:

- **For Court Clerk Christy Young to attend classes in Biloxi July 23-26 this year. There will be no charge for the seminar, but the Town will pay for hotel, meals and mileage, and any other normal, necessary expenses; and**
- **For Police Officer Keith Smith to attend training course in Collinsville, MS August 21-25 to receive lifetime certification as patrol rifle instructor. He has previously received training for handguns, and this will add to his ability to train other officers. The class is \$500.00 plus hotel, meals and other normal expenses.**

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

Alderwoman Taylor left the meeting at 3:34, recusing herself from the discussion and subsequent vote, citing personal interest in the outcome.

Mayor Cariker asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss police personnel, contract negotiations and pending litigation. Alderman Graves 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.

Bob Gann and Richard Taylor staying in the Executive session until 4:08, when they left the meeting.

Alderwoman Taylor rejoined the meeting at 4:27.

During Executive session, the following action was taken:

- 1. Alderman Graves made a motion to ask the Town's attorney to write a resolution to send to the Mississippi House of Representatives' local-private legislative committee requesting a one per-cent (1%) local sales tax option to be used to fund Tunica County Museum, Inc.. d/b/a Tunica Museum. Alderwoman Carson seconded the motion. A vote was called, the results are as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, abstaining; Alderwoman Carson, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, absent (recused); and Alderwoman Nickson, no. The motion carried and a resolution will be sent to Representative Cedric Burnett by Thursday.**
- 2. A motion was made by Alderman Graves and seconded by Alderman Beach to authorize Mayor Cariker to take the necessary steps towards securing an appraisal for the grocery/deli building. There have been inquiries about purchasing the property. The vote was called for and it was unanimously adopted and approved.**

APPENDIX E – RESOLUTION-TUNICA MUSEUM

With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderman Beach seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 this 7th day of March 2017.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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