

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, April 18, 2017 being the third 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	Absent
Town Clerk Celia J. Boren	Present
Deputy Clerk Charles N. Hailey	Absent
Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr.	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Present

There were no others in attendance.

Mayor Cariker called the meeting to order at 3:00 and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Smith led in prayer.

Others in attendance are listed on schedule kept by Asst. Chief Nichols.

APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting April 4, 2017. Alderman Graves moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Town Attorney Chuck Graves joined the meeting at 3:04.

REPORTS:

- There was no report for the Planning Commission.**
- Asst. Chief Nichols reported for the Police Department and told the Board about addressing the drivers' age students at Tunica Academy.**
- Supervisor Kelvin Cooke was involved with Rivergate, so Mayor Cariker gave short update on street and water activities.**
- Chamber director, Lyn Arnold, reported on upcoming Rivergate activities and other plans for the Chamber and Main Street.**

The Money Tree had paid twice for the same privilege license and was due a refund for \$20.00. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve a refund to them for \$20.00; Aldерwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Board had received a copy of the audit for fiscal year 2016 at the last meeting. Mayor Cariker asked if there were any questions or comments about the audit, and when none were offered, he asked for a motion to accept the audit as presented. Alderwoman Carson made the motion to accept the audit as presented by McCune and Bell, CPAs. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted. The audit will be on file in the Clerk's office and an advertisement will be placed in the Tunica Times.

APPENDIX B – PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Toni Canon had purchased plants and supplies for the hanging baskets downtown and in the amphitheater areas and presented an invoice for \$175.96 for reimbursement. Alderman Graves made the motion to approve reimbursement for Mrs. Canon, Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX C – INVOICE FROM TONI CANON

There were no travel requests.

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

Town Chaplain Danny Smith stayed in Executive session until 3:28, then left the meeting.

During Executive session, the Board heard the recommendation from the police chief interview committee. They recommended that current Asst. Chief Michael Nichols be considered for the position of Chief of Police. The Board, after diligent discussion, accepted the recommendation from the committee and, by motion made by Alderman Graves and seconded by Alderman Beach, appointed Michael Nichols as the new Chief of Police. He will be moved from hourly wage to a salaried position at \$53,000.00 per year, effective immediately. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Graves, yes; Beach, yes; Carson, yes; Taylor, yes; and Nickson, absent. The motion carried.

In another order of business previously missed, Alderman Graves made a motion authorizing Mayor Cariker to locate a veterinarian who would be willing to handle the rabies vaccinations this year. Alderman Beach seconded and it was unanimously adopted and approved. Information will be presented at the next meeting.

With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderwoman Carson seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:48 this 18th day of April 2017.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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