

REGULAR FIRST TUESDAY JUNE
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, June 6, 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 Fire Department Training Room 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
Police 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 May 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 – MAY CLAIMS

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

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting May 16, 2017. Alderman Graves moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS:

- There was no report from the Planning Commission.
- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.
- Kelvin Cooke reported for public works department.
- There was no report from the Chamber/Main Street.

The Board considered water adjustment recommendations in the amount of \$1,512.18; \$1,237.27 for billing errors and \$274.91 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

The Board considered the need for some extensive repairs to the lagoon to correct discharge issues. Tim Verner, Fisher & Arnold engineer, addressed the Board and answered questions about the engineering assessment. Mr. Verner discussed the contract and professional service agreement proposal totaling \$9,500.00. After diligent discussion, Alderwoman Taylor made the motion to accept the proposal from Fisher & Arnold, saying that this needed to be corrected to bring the lagoon back into compliance with MDEQ. Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX D – FISHER & ARNOLD CONTRACT

The Board considered the revised contract from Tunica County regarding the Town collecting Tunica County's garbage fees. A contract had been proposed earlier, but was not accepted by the Board of Aldermen. This revised contract addressed the concerns of the Board and seemed to be a workable agreement. After diligent and extensive discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Tunica County, whereby the Town would charge and collect \$6.00 garbage fees for certain county utility customers and would present the county with a detailed collection report at the end of the month. In addition, the Town would charge a 3% collection fee. Alderman Beach seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX E – INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The Mayor asked for Board approval to pay the poll workers \$75.00 each for working this Election Day and to pay the election commissioners \$250.00 as is Town's policy and in agreement with MS Code 23-15-221. Alderman Graves made the motion to authorize and approve payments to all election workers and election commissioners, Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Mayor also requested approval to send payments to Beau Rivage for the hotel rooms for those attending the MML conference in July. The payment has to be received one month in advance of the first nights stay. Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the payment to Beau Rivage, Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Cariker made the following announcements:

- He had received a letter from Doug Hardin, former Methodist pastor, now living in Hernando. Mayor Cariker read the letter to the Board.

- He also passed around a letter received from Tait Selden regarding needs at the Tunica Cut-off camps.

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

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

Police Chief Nichols remained in the meeting until 3:37.

Mayor Cariker announced the following action taken during executive session:

- After discussion, and upon recommendation from Chief Nichols, Alderman Graves made the motion to hire Michael Strickland as a police officer at a starting pay rate of \$14.50 per hour. Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- After diligent discussion, and based on the actions of Mr. Vernell McKinney, Alderman Graves made the motion to withdraw the offer of employment. Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

With no other business, Alderwoman Carson moved to adjourn, Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:40 this 6th day of June 2017.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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