

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that Tuesday, June 20, 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:

<b>Mayor Charles M. Cariker</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman John A. Graves Jr</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Brad Beach</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Eloise Carson</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Brooks Taylor</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Marie A. Nickson</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Town Clerk Celia J. Boren</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Deputy Clerk Kate Scott Pennock</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr.</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Chief of Police Michael Nichols</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Chaplain Danny Smith</b>	<b>Present</b>

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 Police Officer Frank Contreras.

**APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET**

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting June 6 and special meeting June 9, 2017. Alderman Carson moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

**REPORTS:**

- Chief Nichols is attending the conference for the MS Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Kelvin Cooke reported for public works.
- Chamber director, Lyn Arnold, reported for the Chamber and Main Street with details about Music on Main and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. She also discussed the possibility of a DRA grant called Delta Creative Spacemaker. More information will be forthcoming.

Michael Johnson, Tunica County Supervisor for Beat 2, addressed the Board regarding some road repairs needed following water leaks in the streets in his district.

Approval was requested to hire part-time help in the office for filing duties, not to exceed 20 hours a week. This will be a temporary position and hourly rate is suggested to be \$9.00. After discussion by the Board, Alderman Graves made the

**motion to approve part-time help in the office, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

**The Board considered water adjustments recommendations from Deputy Clerk Pennock totaling \$5,309.35 consisting of \$4,846.24 for billing errors, \$419.51 for leak repairs and \$43.60 for a sewer adjustment for filling a swimming pool. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the adjustment recommendations, Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

#### **APPENDIX B – WATER ADJUSTMENTS**

**The Mayor and Board reviewed the revenue/expense reports for April.**

**Mayor Cariker told the Board that Governor Bryant had sent out a resolution allowing the governing bodies of state offices the option of giving Monday, July 3, as an additional holiday. The Mayor asked for Board approval to allow Monday, July 3, as an additional holiday. Alderman Graves made the motion, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved, allowing all Town employees the additional holiday.**

**Chief Nichols requested approval for a re-worded body armor police policy, police number 305.1, to be added to the police policy manual. After reading the policy, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve adding this to the police policy manual, stating that the clarification regarding the use of the body armor is beneficial to both the town and police officers. Alderwoman Carson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.**

#### **APPENDIX C – POLICY #305.1**

**The Board discussed the resolution to MML stating the voting delegate and alternate delegate for the upcoming presidential and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-presidential election. Since the upcoming president from the central district was defeated in the June election, there will be an election for this position. Only one person qualified for the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president position. After discussion, Alderwoman Taylor made the motion to appoint Mayor Cariker as the voting delegate and Alderman Beach as the alternate delegate. Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.**

#### **APPENDIX D – RESOLUTION AND DELEGATE INFORMATION**

**The Board considered the renewal of the current gap and dental/vision policies for the town employees. Gulf Guaranty is company that serves the town at present and there is no increase in rates for either the gap or the dental/vision policies. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve signing the renewals for Gulf Guaranty. Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

#### **APPENDIX E – RENEWAL POLICIES WITH GULF GUARANTY**

**The Board heard the following travel requests:**

- For Jay Robinson to attend mathematics course in Hattiesburg August 7-9. This is designed to prepare the registrants for the wastewater class/test to be held later in August. There is no cost for the class, meals and hotel only.**

After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the travel request, Alderwoman Carson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Cariker made the following announcements:

- The swearing-in of the new Board will take place Friday, June 30 at 3:00 in the Boardroom in Town Hall. Municipal Court Judge, Honorable Jim McGarrh, will deliver the oaths of office to each official.

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, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Chief Nichols remained in the meeting.

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

Mayor Cariker announced the following actions taken during executive session:

- Chief Nichols requested Board approval to hire part-time officer at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. He said that even though he is still looking for full-time officers, the part-time officer will be a big help. After discussion Alderman Graves moved to approve a part-time officer for the police department; Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.
- Also in the police department, Chief Nichols asked for the Board to approve a light-duty temporary position for Keith Smith. He will have shoulder surgery on the 21<sup>st</sup> and hopes to be able to return soon. He will not be able to perform his normal duty-related activities, but he can manage some of the light-duty work. Chief is working on a job description for light-duty and will present it to the Board. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to allow a light-duty position in the police department as a temporary assignment for officers who are recovering from surgery or injuries. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

With no other business, Alderwoman Carson moved to adjourn, Alderman Graves seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:44 this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017. There was cake served after the meeting in honor of Eloise Carson and Marie Nickson, neither of whom sought re-election.

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Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk

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