

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that Tuesday, August 15, 2017 being the third Tuesday of said month and the day fixed by Board order for holding the second 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 Andrew Dulaney</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderwoman Brooks Taylor</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Billy Willis</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Clerk Celia J. Boren</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Deputy Clerk Kate Scott Pennock</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr.</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Police Chief Michael Nichols</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Chaplain Danny Smith</b>	<b>Present</b>

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.

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting August 1 and special meeting August 14, 2017. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

**REPORTS:**

- Chief Nichols reported for the police department. He told the Board that he plans a meeting of all slow-vehicle operators to review the rules and responsibilities.
- Mayor Cariker reported for public works department.
- Lyn Arnold gave an update on the application process for the Delta Creative Placemaking Grant and brief outline of upcoming events.

The Board considered a request to authorize payment for service fees of \$300.00 for ROCIC, used by the police department. This is for a one year period. After discussion, Alderman Graves moved to approve the payment, Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

**APPENDIX B – INVOICE FROM ROCIC**

The Board next considered a payment due to American Municipal Services for \$86.63 for court collections. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to

authorize payment, Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### **APPENDIX C – AMS INVOICE**

Mayor Cariker discussed with the Board the necessity of emergency repairs on the Nellie Johnson lift station at approximately 11,410.00. The Mayor outlined the need for repairs, and to bring this lift station up to a three-phase pump system like the other lift stations. Those pumps will work more efficiently and be interchangeable with the other lift stations. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to authorize rebuilding the Nellie Johnson lift station, citing an emergency situation. Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board discussed the MEMA District 1 Regional Hazard Mitigation agreement and the public hearing required to be held prior to the Board's approval. After discussion, Alderwoman Taylor made a motion to set the public hearing date on September 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, immediately preceding the regular first Tuesday meeting. Alderman Beach seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

#### **APPENDIX D – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board discussed the date for the millage and budget public hearing. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to set the public hearing date for \_\_\_\_\_ . The budget will be approved at a special meeting on September 12. Alderman Willis seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

#### **APPENDIX E – NOTICE OF BUDGET/MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board considered another purchase, this time for fire equipment. The Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus used by TVFD is failing. At a previous meeting, the Board authorized the purchase of ten units, but that still left one truck with faulty equipment. Due to the nature of the purchase, that being the safety of the fire fighters, an emergency purchase may be declared to allow the purchase of all new units for the department. The cost for fifteen (15) units will be \$82,810.30. If approved, those funds will be transferred from the Fire Rebate Fund. After discussion, Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve the purchase of all new units. Alderman Beach seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

Mayor Cariker told the Board that payment was due to Tunica County for collections of the first month's garbage fees. A payment list will be included with the payment of \$2,117.51. That represents total collections of \$2,183.00 minus the 3% collection fee. Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve payment to Tunica County, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The only travel request was for approval for the Mayor and Aldermen to attend MML's Small Town Conference in Oxford October 25-26. The registration fee is \$85.00 plus hotel, meal and mileage expense. Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the travel, Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

**Mayor Cariker asked for a motion to move into executive session to discuss both police and administration personnel. Alderman Beach made the motion to enter executive session; Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.**

**Chief Nichols left the meeting at 3:55.**

**Upon a motion from Alderman Graves and seconded by Alderman Willis, the Board re-entered session.**

**Mayor Cariker announced the following action took place in executive session: Upon the recommendation from Police Chief Nichols, and with a motion from Alderman Dulaney and seconded by Alderman Willis, Officer Frank Contreras will be moved to the position of Sergeant and Officer James Cheslock will be moved to the position of investigator. Both of the moves will have no increase in salary at this time, but will be addressed in the new budget year. The motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

**With no other business, Alderman Beach moved to adjourn, Alderman Willis seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.**

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**Charles M. Cariker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Celia J. Boren, Town Clerk**

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