

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that Tuesday, December 19, 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:

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| Mayor Charles M. Cariker            | Present |
| Alderman John A. Graves Jr          | Present |
| Alderman Brad Beach                 | Present |
| Alderman Andrew Dulaney             | Present |
| Alderwoman Brooks Taylor            | Present |
| Alderman Billy Willis               | Present |
| Town Clerk Celia J. Boren           | Absent  |
| Deputy Clerk Kate Scott Pennock     | Present |
| Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr. | Present |
| Police Chief Michael Nichols        | Present |
| Investigator Chris Cheslock         | Present |
| Town Chaplain Danny Smith           | Present |

Others in attendance are listed on the attendance sheet.

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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 December 5, 2017. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

**REPORTS:**

- Jack Graves reported for planning commission.
- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.
- Kelvin Cooke reported for public works department.
- No report for the Chamber of Commerce.

Faydrian Jackson addressed the Mayor and Board regarding a past due water account. Customer had a water account with the Town of Tunica and had a leak causing several high water bills. She moved out of residence leaving a balance of \$241.49 after her deposit was applied. The leak was repaired approximately 9 months after she moved out per documentation from property owner received from Ms. Jackson. She will be setting up a new water account and will have to pay the past due balance in full, in addition to a new deposit to get water service. Alderman Beach made a motion to set up a payment plan for her to pay \$100.00 deposit plus and \$24.00 per month in addition to her monthly water bill until debt is paid in full. Failure to comply with the payment agreement, Ms. Jackson will be required to pay all debts owed in full to have service reconnected. Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

Tim Verner, with Fisher & Arnold, reported on the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) study and recommendations for compliance. The Tunica Wastewater Treatment System is a four-cell partial mix aerated lagoon with chlorination/de-chlorination. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has issued a new NPDES Discharge Permit with new discharge limitations for total phosphorus and total nitrogen. Since no previous data existed, twenty 24-hour composite samples were collected and analyzed for BODs, total suspended solids, total nitrogen and total phosphorus. The lagoon is operating satisfactorily for BODs, total suspended solids and total phosphorus. There were some violations for the total nitrogen that need to be addressed. The existing lagoons showed considerable sludge build-up reducing depth and retention time with significant amounts of algae to be discharged. In order to improve the effluent, it is recommended that the lagoon levels be raised two feet increasing water depth. This would allow lagoon effluent to be taken off below the algae layer and above the sludge zone. New baffle curtains would be required, and a new outlet structure constructed. This can be done at a total projected cost of \$521,875.00. If it is determined or required by MDEQ that additional aeration is required, it is expected that this will result in an additional \$150,000.00 will be spent on additional surface aerators and electrical modifications to support this new equipment. The Town has until June 2022

to meet the new requirements allowing time to seek and hopefully procure funding sources. Alderman Graves made a motion for Fisher & Arnold to send Wastewater Treatment Plant Study to MDEQ; Alderman Taylor seconded and motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered changing regular business hours in Town Hall to allow time for clerks to complete daily business. Employees will report to work at 8:00 am and lobby will open for business at 9:00 am. This will allow extra time for clerks to close out the previous day's business and complete daily operations. Town Hall will continue to close for lunch from 12:00-1:00 and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Alderman Beach made a motion to change business hours in Town Hall to 9:00-12:00/1:00-5:00 for customers and 8:00-12:00/1:00-5:00 for employees to allow clerks time to complete daily business; Alderman Dulaney seconded and motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board discussed landscaping and planting flowers downtown where the trees were removed. The Board would like to review options discuss at next meeting. No action was taken.

With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderman Willis seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

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Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kate Scott Pennock, Deputy Town Clerk

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