

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, December 5, 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 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	Absent
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
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.

The Board considered the claims for November 2017. Alderman Beach had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX B – NOVEMBER CLAIMS

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting November 21, 2017. Alderman Taylor moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS:

- **Bob Barber reported the following for the Planning Commission:**
 1. **Tommy Harrison was appointed as chairman and Penny Franklin as secretary for the group.**
 2. **The variance request for 1496 School Street was reviewed by the Planning Commission.**
- **Chief Nichols reported for the police department.**
- **Kelvin Cooke reported for public works department.**
- **Lynn Arnold reported for the Chamber of Commerce/Main Street.**

The Board reviewed the drawings from Midsouth LandDesign Group, LLC of Rivergate Park with trees, shrubs, and plans for green space. After discussion this will be under advisement until the next board meeting.

The Board considered a resolution authorizing Norma Anderson to collect the Town of Tunica's property taxes for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. After discussion, Alderman Willis made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing Norma Anderson to collect the Town of Tunica's property taxes for 2017/2018 fiscal year; Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

Granville Sherman, with North Delta Planning and Development District, presented applications for MS Department of Wildlife Fisheries & Parks Recreational Trails grant and MDOT Transportation Alternatives grant. He informed the Mayor and Board that both grants were 80%/20% match. The alternative transportation includes sidewalks, bike trails, bike lanes, and improvement to crosswalks & crossings. He requested approval of the resolutions for NDPDD to prepare and submit grant applications for both the Recreational Trails grant and Transportation Alternatives grant. After diligent discussion, Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve the resolutions authorizing NDPDD to prepare and submit applications for the Recreational Trails grant and Transportation Alternatives grant; Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX C- RESOLUTIONS

The Mayor briefed the Board on the bids for the garbage truck and recommended accepting the lower bid from Crows Truck Service for \$168,811.00. The specs for the new truck will help cut down on the number of trips made to the landfill and help cut down on wear and tear. The truck should arrive in late March or early April of 2018. Alderman Taylor made the motion to accept the bid from Crows Truck Service for \$168,811.00 for the garbage truck; Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board discussed adopting a policy for meter tampering due increase in number of locked meters tampered with. In the past, any meter found to be tampered with were pulled and could be replaced with the same or a new meter. The new AMR meters have ID numbers that are associated with the account and pulling them creates more time and work for the guys. The Mayor spoke with TCUD about their tampering policy and they charge a fee for tampering. The Board discussed looking at a couple of policies and let Attorney Graves review drafted policy. No action was taken.

The Mayor and Board considered the recommendation from the Planning Commission to deny the variance request for 1496 School Street. After discussion, Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve the denial for the variance request for 1496 School Street; Alderman Beach seconded the motion and the motion was put to a vote: Graves, absent; Beach, yea; Dulaney, yea; Taylor, yea; and Willis, yea. The motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board took up for discussion the BBI software/maintenance agreement for 2018, BBI software upgrades for Budgetary, Water, and Payroll software, and server and hardware upgrades. The total cost for the maintenance agreement and upgrades is \$43,742.00. The upgrades are scheduled for January or February 2018. Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the BBI software/maintenance agreement for 2018, BBI software upgrades for Budgetary, Water, and Payroll, and server and hardware upgrades; Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

Mayor Cariker reminded the Board about the first monthly meeting being January 2, 2018 and suggested we meet at the regular time and recess until January 4, 2018 to be able to review claims and have a quorum.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next considered holding an Executive Session, as authorized pursuant to Section 25-41-7, Mississippi 1972, as amended. Alderman Dulaney moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Graves, absent; Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Willis, yea. The matter having received the majority vote of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Mayor and Board held a closed determination on the issue of whether an executive session is necessary. Mayor Cariker stated that the purpose for holding the executive session would be to discuss litigation update.

Based on this, Alderman Dulaney made the motion that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hold an executive session to discuss, consider and act on the Executive Session matter. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Graves, absent; Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Willis, yea.

Alderman Taylor made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderman Willis. The vote was as follows: Alderman Graves, absent; Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Willis, yea. The motion carried and the Board returned to open meeting. Mayor Cariker stated there was no action taken.

With no other business, Alderman Beach moved to adjourn, Alderman Dulaney seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm this 5th day of December 2017.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Deputy Town Clerk

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