

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, February 20, 2018 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:

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	Present
Deputy Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	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.

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting February 6, 2018. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

**Tommy Harrison and Lyn Arnold joined the meeting at 3:08.
Chad Mask joined the meeting at 3:10.**

REPORTS:

- Alderman Graves reported for the planning commission, stating the board met February 19.**
- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.**
- Mayor Cariker reported for Public Works.**
- Lyn Arnold reported for the Chamber and Main Street.**

The Board considered invoice #620 from McCune and Bell CPA's for progress to date on the 2017 audit for \$7,000.00. Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the invoice and authorize payment; Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX B – MCCUNE & BELL INVOICE

Mayor Cariker asked the Board to consider the amount of additional donation to the Chamber/Main Street for Rivergate expenses. After discussion, and based on last year's donation of \$7,500.00, Alderman Dulaney made the motion to again donate an additional \$7,500.00 for the festival expenses, considering the promotional value to the Town. Alderman Willis seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

Tommy Harrison left the meeting at 3:20 and returned at 3:22.

The Board discussed mosquito control for the coming season. After discussion, Alderman Graves asked the Mayor to contact Advanced Mosquito Control in Boyle, MS and, if the cost is the same as last years, authorized the Mayor to contract with them again for the

current year. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor advised the Board that some furniture had been moved from different offices and was no longer needed or was in a state of disrepair. He asked the Board to declare one desk and 2 broken rolling chairs surplus and stated there would be more of such items listed periodically. Alderman Graves made the motion to declare the mentioned items as surplus to either be destroyed or sold. Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next considered holding an Executive Session, as authorized pursuant to Section 25-41-7, Mississippi 1972, as amended. Alderwoman Taylor 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, yea; 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, Mayor Cariker 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 hear litigation update.

Based on this, Alderman Willis 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 Graves seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; 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 Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and the Board entered in to executive session to consider the Executive Session Matter. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen who voted on going into executive session, Town Attorney Chuck Graves, Town Clerk Boren and Attorney Chad Mask. After discussion, the following action was taken: Alderman Dulaney made the motion that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen enter into mediation with Tunica County Board of Supervisors upon the recommendation from Chad Mask, provided the mediation can occur by the end of March, with the understanding that the Mayor and Mr. Mask will come back with a strong recommendation from Mayor Cariker and Mr. Mask for the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Beach seconded and a vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Willis, yea. The matter having received the majority vote, Mayor Cariker announced the motion carried.

Alderman Graves made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderwoman Taylor. The vote was as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; 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 announced the Executive Session matter discussed and advised of the action taken.

With no other business, Alderman Beach moved to adjourn, Alderman Dulaney seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm this 20th day of February 2018.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia Boren, Town Clerk

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