

Minute Book 32

August 31, 2021

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR
AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI**

OFFICERS:

Mayor Andrew T. Dulaney

Alderman Lee B. Turner

Alderman Valerie Hartsfield

Alderman Rebecca P. Fyfe

Alderman Adam Fullilove

Alderman Daniel M. Pierce

Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II

Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock

Chief of Police Kevin Hatton

Town Chaplain Danny Smith

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
HELD AUGUST 31, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, held a meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. The meeting was held in the Boardroom in the Municipal Complex at 909 River Road in the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following present or absent as indicated below:

Mayor Andrew T. Dulaney	Present
Alderman Lee B. Turner	Present
Alderman Valerie Hartsfield	Present
Alderman Rebecca P. Fyfe	Present
Alderman Adam Fullilove	Present
Alderman Daniel M. Pierce	Present
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II	Absent
Assistant Police Chief Kevin Hatton	Absent
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	Absent
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Absent

***Via telephone.**

Others in attendance are listed on the attendance sheet - None.

It was noted that the meeting is being in order that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen can conduct a public hearing on the budget and proposed tax levy for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021.

A copy of the draft budget and proposed tax levy were available for the public. A copy was provided to all those present. Mayor Dulaney briefly reviewed the budget and proposed tax levy. Following the brief review of the draft budget and proposed tax levy, Mayor Dulaney advised that notice had been given to the public as required by law such that the public would have an opportunity to comment on the draft budget and proposed tax levy. A copy of the notice which was given as well as a statement confirming the proper posting of the notice were received and directed to be included in the minutes as Exhibit A.

EXHIBIT A – NOTICE OF HEARING & STATEMENT CONFIRMING GIVING OF NOTICE

Thereupon, Mayor Dulaney opened the public hearing and stated that the Board was prepared to hear comments from anyone desiring to comment on the draft budget and proposed tax levy. There being no comments, Alderman Turner moved that the public hearing be closed. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote and having received the unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of Alderman, the Mayor declared the same carried, adopted and approved this the 31st day of August, 2021 and the public hearing was closed.

It was noted that the Board will again consider the draft budget at its September 7, 2021, meeting and is expected to adopt the same. Further, the Board will consider the proposed tax levy and is expected to adopt the same. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing on September 7, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. to receive public input and comment on the budget. Notice of said September 7, 2021, budget/tax levy hearing has previously been given as required by law.

With no other business, Alderman Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted, and the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m. this 31st day of August 2021.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

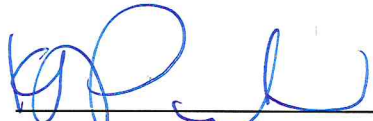
APPENDIX A – NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING/TAX LEVY

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING
OF BUDGET/TAX LEVY NOTICE

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, Kathryn C. Pennock, Town Clerk, Town of Tunica, Mississippi, who, after having been duly sworn, did state on oath as follows:

1. My name is Kathryn C. Pennock. I am the duly appointed Town Clerk for the Town of Tunica.
2. On August 19, 2021, I personally posted notice of the budget and tax levy hearing relating to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen's August 31, 2021, public hearing at the following locations:
 - a. United State Post Office
Town of Tunica
912 Magnolia Street
Tunica, MS 38676
 - b. First Regional Library – Tunica Branch
1285 Kenny Hill Drive
Tunica, MS 38676
 - c. Town Hall – Town of Tunica
909 River Road
Tunica, MS 38676
 - d. Tunica County Courthouse
1300 School Street
Tunica, MS 38676
3. A copy of the notice which was posted at these locations is attached hereto. Instructions were given that the notice should remain posted until September 1, 2021.

Further, affiant sayeth not.



Kathryn C. Pennock, Town Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 19 day of August, 2021.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 9-19-22



**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND
PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE
TOWN OF TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI
AUGUST 31, 2021, AT 5:30 PM**

The Town of Tunica will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2022 on August 31, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the Boardroom of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen located at 909 River Road, Tunica, MS.

The Town of Tunica is operating with projected total general fund budget revenue of \$2,003,185.00. At present, 9.1 percentage, or \$182,500.00 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed general fund budget has total projected revenue of \$2,435,765.00. Of that amount, 7.2%, or \$183,415.00, is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy of 20 mills (MCA § 27-39-307); .5%, or approximately \$12,000.00, for the library funded through an ad valorem tax levy of 1.5 mills (MCA § 39-3-5); and 1.2%, or \$25,000.00, for solid waste will be funded by an ad valorem tax levy of 3mills (MCA § 21-19-2) for a total of 24.5 mills. The \$2,435,765.00 includes \$400,000.00 of revenue to be transferred in for capital acquisitions for fire/emergencies services. It is anticipated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will take final action on the budget and tax levy at its meeting on September 7, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom located in Town Hall, 909 River Road, Tunica, MS.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2022 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2022.

Any citizen of the Town of Tunica is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2022 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND
PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE
TOWN OF TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, AT 3:00 PM**

The Town of Tunica will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2022 on September 7, 2021, at 3:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen located at 909 River Road, Tunica, MS.

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