

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, December 17, 2019 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 Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr.	Present
Police Chief Michael Nichols	Present
Investigator Chris Cheslock	Absent
Street Supervisor Kelvin Cooke	Absent
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	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 December 3, 2019. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Willis seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

REPORTS:

- Alderman Graves reported for the Planning Commission.**
- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.**
- J Robinson reported on public works operations.**

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered approving the FY 2018 audit from Bridgers, Goodman, Baird & Clarke, PLLC. Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve the FY 2018 audit as presented; Alderman Willis seconded, and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX B – FY 2018 AUDIT

The Mayor and Board discussed payment to Bridgers, Goodman, Baird & Clarke, PLLC for FY 2018 audit in the amount of \$22,000.00. Alderwoman Taylor made the motion to approve payment of \$22,000.00 to Bridgers, Goodman, Baird & Clarke, PLLC for the FY 2018 audit; Alderman Beach seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX C – INVOICE FOR FY 2018 AUDIT

The Mayor and Board discussed water adjustments as presented by J Robinson. No action was taken and will be discussed and considered the next meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next considered holding an Executive Session, as authorized pursuant to Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Alderman Graves moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Beach 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, 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 police personnel.

Based on this, Alderman Beach 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 into executive session to consider the Executive Session Matters. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, all members of the Board of Aldermen who voted on going into executive session, Town Attorney Graves, Police Chief Nichols, and Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock.

After discussion, the following actions were taken regarding police personnel: Alderman Beach made a motion to hire Anfrenee Saffold as a patrol officer for the police department at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour and a one-year probation period effective 12-17-2019. Alderman Dulaney 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.

Alderman Beach made a motion to hire Robert Melvin as a patrol officer for the police department at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour and a one-year probation period effective 12-17-2019. Alderman Dulaney 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.

Alderman Graves made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderman Beach. 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 actions taken during Executive Session.

With no other business, Alderwoman Taylor moved to adjourn, Alderman Willis seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m. this 17th day of December 2019.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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