

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that Tuesday, November 7, 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:

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

**There were no others in attendance.**

**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 October 2017. Alderman Beach had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.**

**APPENDIX A – OCTOBER CLAIMS**

**The Board considered the minutes from the meeting October 17, 2017. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.**

**REPORTS:**

- **Jack Graves reported the following for the Planning Commission:**
  1. **Tommy Harrison was appointed as chairman and Patsy Boyer as secretary for the group.**
  2. **There will be a public hearing on November 30 at 5:00 regarding a variance request.**
- **Chief Nichols reported for the police department.**
- **Mayor Cariker reported for public works department.**
- **He also reported for the Chamber of Commerce.**

**Under old business, the Board considered their previous order regarding cleanup efforts at 1112 North Court. After discussion, the Board decided to wait until spring to begin the cleanup process.**

Still under old business, Mayor Cariker led the Board in discussion about non-monetary ways of assisting the airport, such as in-kind services. The Board agreed that there are other methods to help the airport.

The Board considered invoice #35977 from AMS for utility collections. A total of \$619.51 was collected; AMS's portion of that, 25% or \$123.90, is due to AMS. Alderman Dulaney made the motion to authorize payment to AMS, Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

#### **APPENDIX B – INVOICE FROM AMS**

The Board next considered paying for Mary Green's flu shot; her insurance will not be effective until December 1, but it would be in the best interest of the Town to make this available to her. Alderman Dulaney agreed and made the motion to pay \$30.00 for the flu shot; Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Cariker gave a brief update regarding Halloween stating that there were no problems, except a traffic jam on School Street. There was discussion about closing off part of School Street for pedestrian traffic only for safety reasons.

The Municipal League is promoting and sponsoring a bill urging the State of Mississippi to enact legislation to collect debts owed to municipalities from income tax refunds. Mayor Cariker is instrumental in working with the MML to make this possible. MML has requested that cities adopt and approve a resolution supporting this legislation. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

#### **APPENDIX C – RESOLUTION**

Town Chaplain Danny Smith attended the final chaplains' training in October and presented his tickets for mileage and meal reimbursement totaling \$126.07. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to authorize payment for the expenses, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

#### **APPENDIX D – CHAPLAIN'S EXPENSES**

The proposed personnel policy was discussed, but no action taken. The policy will be reviewed at the Nov. 21 meeting.

Former Alderwoman Marie Nickson has applied for an eleven (11) month extension on COBRA insurance with the Town, due to her disability. Payments for the insurance have been made by the Kidney Foundation, but Board approval is needed for continued payment. After brief discussion, Alderman Willis made the motion to approve the extension for Marie, Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

**Alderwoman Taylor left the Boardroom prior to discussion of a Tunica Times invoice to avoid any conflict of interest.**

**The Mayor and remaining Board members reviewed invoice #10636 for \$16.92 for a notice of public hearing for the Planning Commission. Alderman Dulaney made the motion to authorize paying the invoice, Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted by the four aldermen present.**

#### **APPENDIX E – TUNICA TIMES INVOICE**

**Alderwoman Taylor rejoined the meeting at 3:53.**

**Mayor Cariker advised the Board that, with Alex Obad taking over the deli, there are several pieces of equipment that will not be needed and asked the Board to consider these items and declare them as surplus. The items no longer needed are: Steam table, grill, 2 fryers, the ice cream freezer box, and the juke box. In order for the items to be sold, they must first be declared surplus, fair market value must be determined, and the items can be offered for sale or bid. After some discussion, Alderman Willis made the motion to declare the listed equipment surplus and further, to allow it to be placed for bid. Alderman Graves seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.**

**The Board considered a travel request for the MML Mid-Winter Conference in Jackson January 9-11. Costs for the conference are \$135.00 for registration, plus hotel, meals, and mileage. Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the travel, Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

**Mayor Cariker announced the dates of the Christmas Open House downtown (November 9 beginning at 4:00), the Christmas tree lighting (November 30), the Veterans' Day Program (Monday, November 13 at 11:00), and advised the Board regarding the holiday schedule.**

**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 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 and litigation update.**

**Alderman Willis left the meeting at 3:55.**

**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. Alderwoman Taylor 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, absent.**

**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 Matters. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, all members of the Board of Aldermen who voted on going into executive session, with the exception of Alderman Willis, Town Clerk Celia Boren and Police Chief Michael Nichols.**

**Police Chief Nichols left the meeting at 4:05.**

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

**With no other business, Alderwoman Taylor moved to adjourn; Alderman Dulaney seconded and the meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.**

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**Charles M. Cariker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Celia Boren, Town Clerk**

**APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET  
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