

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, January 16, 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	Absent
Alderman John A. Graves Jr	Present
Alderman Brad Beach	Present
Alderman Andrew Dulaney	Present
Alderman 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.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Graves, in Mayor Cariker’s absence, 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 January 2, 2018 and the recessed meeting January 4, 2018. Alderwoman Taylor moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

REPORTS:

- **Mayor Pro-Tem Graves reported for the planning commission, stating the board met January 15 with no business.**
- **Chief Nichols reported for the police department.**
- **Kelvin Cooke reported for public works department.**

The Board discussed the problem the town has had with customers tampering with water meters. Chief Nichols provided information and advised the Board that Mississippi Code deals with this issue in codes 21-27-9 and 97-25-3. The Board will consider this information and more discussion will follow at a future meeting. No action was taken.

Next, the Board discussed an advertisement with Delta Business Journal for the February issue in which Tunica will be one of the featured articles. A full page color ad has been offered for \$795.00, the same price the town has paid the last two years. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to approve purchasing the full page ad citing the benefit of exposure for the Town. Alderman Willis 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. Alderman Beach 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 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 Pro-Tem Graves declared the motion carried and the Mayor Pro-Tem and Board held a closed determination on the issue of whether an executive session is necessary. Mayor Pro-Tem

Graves stated that the purpose for holding the executive session would be to discuss wage increase requests for three street personnel.

Based on this, Alderman Willis made the motion that the Mayor Pro-Tem and Board of Aldermen hold an executive session to discuss, consider and act on the Executive Session matter. Alderman Beach seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: 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 Pro-Tem, the four remaining members of the Board of Aldermen who voted on going into executive session, Town Attorney Chuck Graves and Town Clerk Boren. After discussion, the following action was taken: Alderman Beach made the motion to increase the hourly wages of Jarvis Paige, Eric Coleman and Cassius Black by 2%, Alderman Dulaney seconded and a vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Willis, yea. The matter having received the majority vote, Mayor Pro-Tem Graves announced the motion carried.

Alderman Dulaney made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderman Willis. The vote was as follows: Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Willis, yea. The motion carried and the Board returned to open meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Graves announced the Executive Session matter discussed and advised of the action taken.

With no other business, Alderman Dulaney moved to adjourn, Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm this 16th day of January 2018.

John A. "Jack" Graves, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Celia Boren, Town Clerk

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