

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, March 6, 2018 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:

Mayor Charles M. Cariker	Present
Alderman John A. Graves Jr	Present
Alderman Brad Beach	Absent
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.	Absent
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 claims for January 2018. Alderman Willis had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX B – FEBRUARY CLAIMS

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting February 20, 2018. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

REPORTS:

- **The Planning Commission has not met for the month.**
- **Chief Nichols reported for the police department. Mayor Cariker and the Board discussed some equipment that had been budgeted for this department. Keeping in mind the recent school shootings, and the equipment necessary for defense of such incidents, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve purchases of rifles, shields and helmets. The weapons were already budgeted and the budget can be amended, if necessary. Alderman Dulaney seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.**
- **Mayor Cariker reported for public works department and advised the Board that some damage had occurred to several large water lines and everyone was working to repair those breaks.**
- **Lyn Arnold reported for the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street.**

Mayor Cariker updated the Board on the lagoon situation and the possible stop-gap measures that could be taken.

Walt Norwood, a resident of the town, addressed the Board about litter.

Under old business, Mayor Cariker advised the Board that Advanced Mosquito Control in Boyle had sent a quote for their services this year and the cost will remain the same as last year.

The Mayor and Board reviewed and discussed water adjustments amounting to \$10,661.39 (\$5,536.91 for leak repairs, \$2,604.48 for billing errors, and \$2520.00 for a combination of leak repairs and billing errors). Determining the adjustments to be justified and in the best interest of the town and consumer, Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve the water adjustments as presented. Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

APPENDIX C – WATER ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Norwood left the meeting at 3:25

The Board next considered proposed budget amendments for the current budget. Expenses were increased significantly due to the initial cost of the LED lighting project, the number of lift stations that have had major repairs, the drainage project on Hospital Street, the unbudgeted repairs to the grocery store, the on-going lagoon repairs, including the additional professional services that go with that, and the unbudgeted donation to the Tunica Airport. After diligent discussion, Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve the proposed amendments, Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX D – BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Jim McNaughton and Rory Reardon gave a short report and an overview of Tunica County's solid waste plan.

There were no travel requests.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next considered holding an Executive session, as authorized pursuant to Section 25-41-7, Mississippi code 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 Graves seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, absent; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Willis, yea. The matter having received the majority note of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mayor Cariker declared the motion carried and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen 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 potential litigation and an update on current litigation.

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. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, absent; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Willis, yea.

The matter having received the majority vote of the Board of Aldermen, 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 four Aldermen present, Town Clerk Celia Boren, Jim McNaughton and Rory Reardon.

Jim McNaughton and Rory Reardon left the meeting at 4:25.

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

Mayor Cariker announced that there was no action taken.

With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderman Dulaney seconded and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. this 6th day of March 2018.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia Boren, Town Clerk

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