

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, April 3, 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	Present
Alderman Andrew Dulaney	Present
Alderwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
Alderman Billy Willis	Present
Town Clerk Celia J. Boren	Absent
Deputy Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr.	Present
Police Chief Michael Nichols	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Absent

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. Alderman Willis led in prayer.

The Board considered the claims for March 2018. Alderman Willis had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Graves seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX B – MARCH CLAIMS

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting March 20, 2018. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

REPORTS:

- The Mayor reported for the planning commission, stating working on some code issues that will be brought up at the next meeting after the planning commission meets.
- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.
- Mayor Cariker reported for public works department.
- Lyn Arnold reported for the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street.

Under old business, no action was taken on police policies and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Board considered invoices # 37650 for \$12.24 for collection of \$61.20 for utilities. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the invoice and authorize payment. Alderman Graves seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX C– AMS INVOICE

The Board considered payment for re-certification on taser training held in Little Rock, AR for Officer Keith Smith. The cost of the training is \$225.00 plus hotel and meals. After discussion, Alderman Graves made the motion to approve payment of \$225.00 plus hotel and meals for re-certification on taser training for Officer Smith. Alderman Beach seconded the motion 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 Dulaney 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 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, Mayor Cariker declared the motion carried. Mayor Cariker stated that the purpose for holding the executive session would be to hear litigation update and police personnel.

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 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 in to executive session to consider the Executive Session Matter. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen who voted on going into executive session, Town Attorney Chuck Graves, Deputy Town Clerk Pennock, and Chief Nichols.

After discussion, the following action was taken regarding Police Officer Michael Strickland: Alderman Graves made the motion to terminate Officer Strickland for insubordination and falsifying documents effective April 4, 2018. A letter of termination will be given to Officer Strickland stating he will be terminated April 4, 2018 and his insurance with the Town will be effective through the month of April. Alderman Beach 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. The matter having received the majority vote, Mayor Cariker announced the motion carried.

Chief Nichols left the meeting at 3:50 pm.

After discussion, the following action was taken regarding litigation update: Alderman Beach made the motion to accept the settlement offer from Tunica County for attorneys fees, reached during mediation on March 30, 2018, in the amount of \$350,000, to be paid May 10, 2018. Alderman Graves 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. The matter having received the majority vote, Mayor Cariker announced the motion carried.

Alderwoman Taylor made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderman Graves. 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 Executive Session matter discussed and advised of the action taken.

With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderman Beach seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm this 3rd day of April, 2018.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Deputy Town Clerk

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