

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that Tuesday, April 17, 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:

<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>Present</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>

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 Special Meeting March 29 and the meeting April 3, 2018. Alderman Beach moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Alderwoman Taylor and unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

**REPORTS:**

- Alderman Graves reported for the planning commission, the group having met April 16.
- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.
- Kelvin Cooke reported for Public Works.
- Mayor Cariker reported for the Chamber and Main Street.

The Board discussed the problems that have arisen from picking up debris from home or business remodels. It has long been the policy of the Town of Tunica that contractors must remove their own debris at the contractor's expense. With the advent of several residents attempting their own remodel or repairs, a larger burden has been placed on the town's trash truck and instances have occurred when the truck was unable to pick up the trash for other residents, because of such a load from a resident's own remodel. Due to this situation, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have put into place a new policy, beginning May 1, 2018, which will require all remodel/repair debris to be removed by whomever undertakes such work, whether it be a contractor or homeowner.

The Board considered invoices # 37750 for \$255.50 representing deposits of \$1,277.50 for court collections. After discussion, Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve the invoices and authorize payment. Alderman Graves seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

**APPENDIX B – AMS INVOICE**

The Board considered the annual rabies vaccination for this spring. After discussion, the date was set for May 5 in conjunction with the downtown rummage sale. The event will be held in the fire station at a cost of \$10.00 per animal. Dr. Landiss, DVM, will administer

the vaccinations. Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve the vaccination project, Alderman Graves seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Board discussed the burned-out Nickson apartment buildings. The property is neglected and has been condemned for occupancy. The Mayor and Board discussed options and, upon a motion from Alderman Graves, the clean-up process will begin. Alderman Beach seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved. A public hearing will be held May 15 at 3:00, prior to the second monthly Board meeting. Notice will be given and published in the Tunica Times.

Mayor Cariker presented a quote from Wayne Manues for \$7,800.00 to replace the roof on the old fire house, now used by the Town for storage and work area. The Town had repaired the fascia and painted the building several years ago. After discussion, Alderman Beach made the motion to accept the quote from Manues for \$7,800.00. Alderman Dulaney seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Board considered an invoice from The Flower Girl Florist, #220747, for the flowers and for planting the baskets in town. The total cost for the flowers and labor is \$1,501.50. After discussion Alderman Graves made the motion to approve payment of the invoice to The Flower Girl Florist for the work completed. Alderman Beach seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted and approved.

#### APPENDIX C – FLOWER GIRL FLORIST INVOICE

Mayor Cariker asked the Board to consider the purchase of an additional utility vehicle for use in the park, or in other areas as needed. The vehicle, a Landstar, is similar to the John Deere Gators currently in use, but is somewhat smaller and less expensive at \$5,100.00 including roof and light. After discussion, it was determined that this vehicle would fit the need of the town. Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the purchase of the Landstar vehicle and Alderman Willis seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted and approved. The vehicle will be purchased from Golf Cars of Hernando.

The Board considered a travel request for Reggie Griffin to attend a collection system course directed by MWPCOA in Starkville May 21-25. The cost of the course is \$175.00 plus a \$40.00 test fee in addition to hotel, meals and other normal authorized expenses. There was also a request for Danny Smith, Town Chaplain, to attend an autism awareness class related to the work as chaplain. The only costs involved will be meals and mileage. Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the requests, seconded by Alderwoman Taylor and 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 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 potential litigation and administration personnel issue.

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 matters. 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 in to executive session to consider the Executive Session Matters. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen who voted on going into executive session, Town Attorney Chuck Graves, Town Clerk Boren, and Deputy Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock.

**Alderman Graves made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderman Willis. 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.**

**There was no action taken during the Executive session.**

**With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderman Beach seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.**

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**Charles M. Cariker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Celia Boren, Town Clerk**

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