

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, October 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	Present
Alderman John A. Graves Jr	Present
Alderman Brad Beach	Present
Alderman Andrew Dulaney	Present
Alderwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
Alderman Billy Willis	Absent
Town 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 Graves led in prayer.

Charles Hailey, James Jeffcoat, and John Flowers joined the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting October 2, 2018. Alderwoman Taylor moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Alderman Dulaney and unanimously adopted by all members present.

REPORTS:

- **Chief Nichols reported for the police department. He introduced Phillip Keys, new employee, to the Mayor and Board.**
- **Mayor Cariker reported for Public Works.**
- **Charles Hailey reported for the Tree Committee. He discussed the list of damaged trees around town, the recommendation of removal, and suggested trees to plant in place of trees removed.**

Andy Richardson joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Vivian Shelton, citizen of the Town of Tunica, expressed her appreciation to the Public Works and Police departments for all of their hard work to keep the town safe and clean.

Charles Hailey left the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

The Mayor and Board heard a proposal from Gordon Burke, with Cooke Insurance, for property and liability insurance coverage for the Town of Tunica for FY 2019.

Gordon Burke left the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

No action was taken on the appointments for the Historic Preservation Committee for FY 2019.

The Board considered the recommendation from Andy Richardson to accept the bid from Murphy Paving for the paving project. Alderman Graves made the motion to accept the bid

from Murphy Paving for the paving project; Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX B – BIDS FOR PAVING PROJECT

Andy Richardson left the meeting at 3:47 p.m. and Alderwoman Taylor recused herself at that time as well.

The Board considered future payments to Tunica Times for invoices received for approved publications. Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve future payments to Tunica Times for approved publications; Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

Alderwoman Taylor rejoined the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

The Board considered monthly payments to Comcast for internet and cable services for Town Hall, Town Shop, and Police Department when received to avoid disruption of services and late fees. Alderman Graves made the motion to approve monthly payments to Comcast for internet and cable services for Town Hall, Town Shop, and Police Department when they are received to avoid disruption of service and late fees; Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

The Board considered quotes from Manues Construction and A-2-Z Home Services for renovations to Town Hall. Renovations include moving a door from small office on west side of building to Town Clerk's office and closing up the wall and glass window in small office with sheetrock. Alderman Beach made the motion to accept the quote from A-2-Z Home Services in the amount of \$2,125.00 for the renovations to Town Hall; Alderwoman Taylor seconded and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX C – QUOTES MANUES CONSTRUCTION & A-2-Z HOME SERVICE

The Mayor and Board discussed concerns and complaints from citizens regarding the dumpster behind the Jeffcoat's Family Market. Mr. Jeffcoat and Mr. Flowers, with Jeffcoat's Family Market, were in attendance and stated that the dumpster is chain locked and emptied twice a week to help prevent ransacking and odors. They were open to any suggestions that would help minimize the problems addressed. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Jeffcoat and Mr. Flowers left the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

The Mayor advised the Board of a travel request for Charles Hailey to attend the 31st Urban Forestry Conference in Ridgeland, MS November 1-2. Registration is \$125.00 plus the cost of hotel, meals, and other travel expenses. Another travel request was presented for Chief Nichols to attend the MS Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference in Natchez, MS December 10-14. Registration is \$325.00 plus the cost of hotel, meals, and other travel expenses. Alderman Graves made the motion to approve the travel requests presented for Charles Hailey and Chief Nichols; Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.

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 Graves moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Dulaney 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, absent. 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 Police personnel issues.

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 matters. Alderman Beach 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, the Board of Aldermen who voted on going into executive session, Town Attorney Chuck Graves, Police Chief Nichols, and Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock.

After discussion, the following action was taken regarding police personnel: Alderman Beach made the motion to hire Roosevelt Eaton as a patrolman with a starting salary of \$35,000 with a one year probation period, per Chief Nichols' recommendation. 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, absent. The matter having received the majority vote, Mayor Cariker announced the motion carried.

Alderman Graves made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderman Beach. 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 actions taken during Executive Session matter.

With no other business, Alderman Beach moved to adjourn, Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m. this 16th day of October 2018.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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