

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2019**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mississippi was held in the Board Room of the Municipal Complex beginning at 3:00 p.m. pursuant to the following notice, to-wit:

The following were present or absent as indicated below:

Mayor Charles M. Cariker	Present
Alderman John A. "Jack" Graves, Jr.	Present
Alderman Brad Beach	Present
Alderman Andrew Dulaney	Present
Alderwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
Alderman Billy Willis	Present
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Chief of Police Michael Nichols	Present
Town Attorney Charles B Graves, Jr	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 p.m.

Under old business, the Board considered moving forward with the clean-up of the Nickson property by the Town based on inadequate report received prior to the last meeting. Mayor Cariker reviewed the status of the matter. The Board inquired about a timeline for when an executor would be appointed and no answer was given by the Nickson family representative. Bob Barber, with Orion Plan & Design, stated the necessary steps for securing the property properly and that is an undertaking. After the discussion, Alderman Dulaney offered and moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA AUTHORIZING THE CLEAN UP OF THE NICKSON PROPERTY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica (the "Board") acting for and on behalf of the Town of Tunica (the "Town") hereby find, determine and adjudicate as follows:

1. The Mayor and Board have previously given proper and timely notice to the owners of the Nickson properties (6170 Fox Island Road and 856 Magnolia) (the "Nickson properties") concerning the property being in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community;
2. A public hearing has previously been held relating to the Nickson Properties and the Mayor and Board have determined that the Nickson Properties are in need of being cleaned and secured as the same present a danger to the community and are a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the Town;
3. In light of the damage to and current condition of the structures – one damaged as a result of a fire in 2011 as outlined in the building officials report previously reviewed and considered by the Board, and one damaged by the impact of weather and time, the Nickson Properties are not safe and present a danger to the community;
4. The current dilapidated and dangerous condition of the Nickson Properties has persisted for several months (if not years);
5. On January 15, 2019, the Nickson Apartment Building was observed to be obviously open and accessible along with evidence of unlawful entry and alcohol consumption;
6. The Chief of Police has previously discussed with the Mayor and Board the problems previously experienced and the potential for additional criminal problems with vacant damaged buildings not being secured and, in particular, with the problems created by the Nickson Properties;
7. Rodents have been observed as living in the building without any action taken to eliminate them;

Now therefore, based on the above and foregoing, the Mayor and Board hereby resolve as follows:

- A. The prior resolution from November, 2018, authorizing the cleanup (not tear down) of the Nickson Properties be confirmed and that the Mayor and other such employees of the Town as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Mayor be authorized to clean up or cause to be cleaned up the two locations in question (the Nickson properties) which shall include cleaning up the property and securing the same and the posting of appropriate unsafe building signage, provided that no such action be initiated by the Town until after April 1, 2019, in order to provide the current owners with time to cause such action to take place themselves. If the landowner addresses the situation on or before April 1, 2019 to the satisfaction of the Town's building official/inspector, the same shall be reported to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in writing to be included in the minutes.

Following the motion for the adoption of the foregoing, Alderwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Thereupon the matter was put to a vote and the same was unanimously approved and adopted by the Board.

Bob Barber left the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Also under old business, Alderman Willis abstained from the discussion about selling beer at the deli due to conflict of interest. The Board discussed liability and would like to talk to our insurance agent, Jimmy Erwin. Discussion was carried over to the next meeting on February 5, 2019. No action taken.

Henry Nickson joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Jeff Burkhardt and Brad Giacone, with Active Solutions, gave a presentation to the Mayor and Board of Alderman on the proposal they drew up for different types of security cameras and placement of the cameras. No action was taken.

The Mayor announced that February 1, 2019 would be "Go Red Day" for cardiovascular disease awareness. He encouraged everyone to wear red that day.

APPENDIX B – WEAR RED DAY PROCLAMATION

Upon motion from Alderman Willis and seconded by Alderman Beach, the special meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m. this 23rd day of January, 2019.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

Attest:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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