

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, December 3, 2019 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 Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Charles B. Graves Jr.	Present
Police Chief Michael Nichols	Absent
Investigator Chris Cheslock	Present
Street Supervisor Kelvin Cooke	Present
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	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 November 2019. Alderman Dulaney had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Beach seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX B – NOVEMBER CLAIMS

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting November 19, 2019. Alderman Willis moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Graves seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

REPORTS:

- Alderman Graves reported for the Planning Commission.**
- Investigator Cheslock reported for the police department.**
- J Robinson reported on public works operations.**

The Mayor and Board considered and discussed approving the hardware and software maintenance contract for 2020 from BBI, Inc. Alderman Willis made the motion to approve the hardware and software maintenance contract from BBI, Inc. for 2020; Alderwoman Graves seconded, and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX C – 2020 BBI MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered travel request for Officer Eaton to attend the refresher course at the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Moorhead, MS. The cost of registration is \$1,500.00, plus meals and other travel expenses. Mayor Cariker announced that the MML Mid-Winter Conference will be January 14-16, 2020 in Jackson, MS. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve travel requests; Alderman Beach seconded, 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 Code of 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 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, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Mayor and Board 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 contracts and personnel.

Based on this, Alderman Willis 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 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, 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 into executive session to consider the Executive Session Matters. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, all members of the Board of Aldermen who voted on going into executive session, and Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock.

Alderman Willis 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, yea. The motion carried and the Board returned to open meeting. Mayor Cariker announced that no action was taken during Executive Session.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered appointing Wes Ryals as the Town Attorney at a salary of \$2,000.00 per month. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to appoint Wes Ryals as Town Attorney at a salary of \$2,000.00 per month effective January 1, 2020; Alderman Willis seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board also discussed and considered appointing Charles B. Graves, of Chuck Graves Law Firm, as the prosecuting attorney for the municipal court at \$14,000.00 per year. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to appoint Charles B. Graves as the prosecuting attorney for the municipal court at \$14,000.00 per year; Alderman Willis seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- Town Christmas Tree Lighting will be December 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Rivergate Park.

- **Open Enrollment for 2020 will be December 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Town Hall.**
- **Christmas Open House will be held December 17, 2019.**

With no other business, Alderman Willis moved to adjourn, Alderman Beach seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. this 3rd day of December 2019.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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