

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, October 1, 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	Present
Investigator Chris Cheslock	Absent
Street Supervisor Kelvin Cooke	Present
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Present

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 claims for September 2019. Alderman Dulaney had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX B – SEPTEMBER CLAIMS

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting September 17, 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.
- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.
- Kelvin Cooke and J Robinson reported on public works operations.
- Mayor Cariker and J Robinson reported for Tunica Mainstreet.

The Mayor and Board considered and discussed approving the letter of engagement with Bridgers, Goodman, Baird, & Clarke, PLLC for the fiscal year 2019 audit. Alderman Beach made the motion to approve the letter of engagement; Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX C – LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT

The Board also considered and discussed the annual Municipal Compliance Questionnaire for fiscal year 2019. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire; Alderman Willis seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX D – MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Mayor and Board discussed additions and revisions to the current water policies. Such changes include damage, tampering, and data log fees as well as a revised policy for water adjustments. During the discussion, Alderman Willis suggested that the data log fee occur after the second and subsequent request for data log. Policies will be published in the paper after reviewed by Attorney Graves. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve water policies presented with the suggested changes; Alderman Graves 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.

APPENDIX E – WATER POLICIES

The Mayor and Board discussed purchasing fall decorations for downtown Tunica. Items can be purchased from local businesses. Alderman Graves made a motion to approve purchasing fall decoration for downtown Tunica as reasonable as possible; Alderman Beach seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered offering flu shots for the employees that is paid by BCBS. The Town will pay for employees that are in the 90-day probation period. The date and who will administer the shots is to be determined. Alderman Beach made a motion to approve offering flu shots to employees; Alderman Graves 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 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 Graves 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 public works and police 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 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 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, Attorney Graves, Police Chief Nichols, and Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock.

After discussion, the following actions were taken regarding public works and police personnel: Alderman Graves made a motion to hire Larry Willis for the public works department at a pay rate of \$9.00 per hour and a 90-day probation period. After the probation period ends, the pay rate will increase to \$10.00 per hour. Alderman Dulaney 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.

Alderman Willis made a motion to hire Kevin Hatton as a patrol officer for the police department at a pay rate of \$18.00 per hour and a one year probation period effective 10-01-2019. 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.

Alderman Willis 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 action taken during Executive Session.

With no other business, Alderman Graves moved to adjourn, Alderman Willis seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. this 1st day of October 2019.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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