

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, January 21, 2020 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
Ward 5	Vacant
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Absent
Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II	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.

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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 meeting January 7, 2020. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderwoman Taylor 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 reported on public works operations and hiring of Eddie Miles for the street department. Alderman Graves made a motion to hire Eddie Miles for the street department at \$9.00 per hour and a 90-day probation period effective January 15, 2020. After the probation period ends, the pay rate will increase to \$10.00 per hour. Alderman Beach seconded, and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.**

Under old business, no action was taken regarding Jeremy Wheeler and the Clark Cove Property matter.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered the 2020 Fire Protection Contract between the county and the town. No action was taken.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered the contract with Pafford. No action was taken.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered declaring a vacancy for the Ward 5 seat and set a date to hold a special election. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to declare Ward 5 seat vacant and hold a special election on March 3, 2020; Alderman Graves seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

The Mayor and Board took no action on the discussion of disposal of grass clippings and leaf removal done by commercial or individual businesses.

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 Beach 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; and Alderwoman Taylor, 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 real property matters.

Based on this, Alderman Graves 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; and Alderwoman Taylor, 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 Attorney Ryals.

Alderman Graves made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderwoman Taylor. The vote was as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; and Alderwoman Taylor, yea. The motion carried and the Board returned to open meeting. Mayor Cariker announced the no action was taken during Executive Session.

With no other business, Alderman Dulaney moved to adjourn, Alderman Beach seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. this 21st day of January 2020.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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