

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, January 7, 2020 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	Absent
Alderman Brad Beach	Present
Alderman Andrew Dulaney	Present
Alderman Brooks Taylor	Present
Alderman Billy Willis	Present
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Wes Ryals	Present
Police Chief Michael Nichols	Present
Investigator Chris Cheslock	Absent
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.

Alderman Willis submitted a letter of resignation effective immediately due to appointment as County Administrator.

APPENDIX B – LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The Board considered the claims for December 2019. Alderman Beach had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Taylor seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX C – DECEMBER CLAIMS

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting December 17, 2019. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Taylor seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

REPORTS:

- There was nothing to report for the Planning Commission.
- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.
- Kelvin Cooke reported for Operations.

Citizen Jeremy Wheeler addressed the Mayor and Board regarding water and sewer taps for the property he purchased on Clark Cove. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Wheeler, J Robinson, and Trentiss Gordon call MS DEQ via conference call to obtain all of the requirements for installing sewer service to the recently rezoned property.

The Board considered and discussed water adjustments recommendations presented by J Robinson. Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve water adjustment as presented; Alderman Beach seconded, and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX D – WATER ADJUSTMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor and Board discussed stop signs for the Delta/Mockingbird and speed bumps on Edwards/Mockingbird. No action was taken.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered travel requests for Mary Green to attend the Clerk Certification program February 26-28, 2020 in Oxford, MS. Registration fee is \$200.00 plus the costs for hotel, meals, and travel. They also discussed and considered for 4 police officers to attend NIBRS training splitting between 2 different dates and locations. There is no fee for the training and all of the materials are included. Costs will include hotel, meals, and other travel expenses. Alderman Dulaney made the motion to approve all travel requests; Alderwoman Taylor 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 Beach moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Graves, absent; 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 for Public Works personnel.

Based on this, Alderman Beach 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 Dulaney seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Graves, absent; 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 into 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 Wes Ryals, Operations Manager J Robinson, and Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock.

After discussion, the following action was taken regarding public works personnel: Alderman Beach made the motion to terminate public works employee Austin Dunlap effective immediately. Alderman Dulaney seconded and a vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Graves, absent; 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.

With no other business, Alderman Dulaney moved to adjourn, Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m. this 7th day of January 2020.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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