

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that Tuesday, June 2, 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:

<b>Mayor Charles M. Cariker</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>*Alderman John A. Graves Jr</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>*Alderman Brad Beach</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Andrew Dulaney</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderwoman Brooks Taylor</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>*Alderman Dan Pierce</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Attorney Wes Ryals</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Police Chief Michael Nichols</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Investigator Chris Cheslock</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Investigator Kevin Hatton</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Street Supervisor Kelvin Cooke</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Chaplain Danny Smith</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>*Attended via conference call.</b>	

**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. Mayor Cariker also led in prayer.**

**The Board considered the claims for May 2020. Alderwoman Taylor had reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and made the motion to approve them as presented. Alderman Dulaney seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.**

**APPENDIX C – MAY CLAIMS**

**The Board considered the minutes from the meeting May 19, 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.**
- J Robinson reported for Operations.**
- Laura Withers reported for Tunica Mainstreet.**

**Citizen Alida Gookin was not able to attend and asked to reschedule her participation request concerning drainage issues for the next meeting held June 16, 2020.**

**Under old business, Attorney Ryals asked that the Board review the drafted ordinance regarding animals on chains and leashes in town. No action was taken at this time and will be further discussed during the next meeting.**

**The Board considered and discussed renting a mini excavator for ditch work at \$50.00 per hour with a minimum of 50 hours used. Alderman Beach made a motion for renting a mini excavator at \$50.00 per hour with a minimum of 50 hours used; Alderman Pierce seconded, and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.**

**The Mayor and Board discussed and considered opening the lobby of Town Hall to customers and citizens. Alderman Graves made a motion to open the lobby of Town and to continue only accepting payments made by check, money order, bank draft, or by credit card online or by phone for utilities, permits, and privilege licenses. Alderman Pierce seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

**The Board considered and discussed requesting an extension to the Safe Pathways Grant that is being utilized to aid in the design and construction of drainage improvements and a new sidewalk along Beatline Road in Tunica, MS. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to request an extension to the Safe Pathways Grant for Beatline Road; Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

**No action was taken regarding discussion of preparations for the FY 2021 budget. Will revisit budget discussion in July.**

**The Board considered and discussed water adjustment recommendation in the amount of \$721.51. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve the water adjustment recommendations as presented; Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.**

#### **APPENDIX C – WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Under COVID-19 update, the Mayor and Board discussed the opening of the downtown park. Prior to opening, suggestions were putting up a wrought iron fence around the playground with two gates and hand sanitizing areas for hand washing. Equipment will be sanitized daily, and safety signs will be placed in the park.**

**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. Alderwoman Taylor moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Dulaney 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 Pierce, 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 contractual services, litigation, and real estate.**

**Based on this, Alderman Dulaney made the motion that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hold an executive session to discuss, consider and act on the Executive Session matter. Alderwoman Taylor seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Pierce, 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 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, Town Clerk Pennock, and Town Attorney Ryals.**

**After discussion, the following actions were taken regarding contractual services: Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve the revised contract with American Tank for water tank maintenance. Alderwoman Taylor seconded and a vote was taken with**

**the following results: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea.**

**Alderwoman Taylor made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderman Dulaney. The vote was as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, yea; Alderman Dulaney, yea; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The motion carried and the Board returned to open meeting and Mayor Cariker announced the following actions that were taken during executive session.**

**With no other business, Alderman Dulaney moved to adjourn, Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m. this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020.**

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**Charles M. Cariker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk**

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