

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, that Tuesday, July 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	Present
Alderman Brad Beach	Present
Alderman Andrew Dulaney	Present
Alderwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
*Alderman Dan Pierce	Present
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Wes Ryals	Present
Police Chief Michael Nichols	Present
Investigator Chris Cheslock	Absent
Investigator Kevin Hatton	Absent
Street Supervisor Kelvin Cooke	Absent
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Absent
*Attended via conference call.	

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 Graves led in prayer.

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

APPENDIX B – JUNE CLAIMS

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting June 16, 2020. Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Graves seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

REPORTS:

- **Nothing was reported for the Planning Commission.**
- **Chief Nichols reported for the police department.**

- **J Robinson reported for Operations.**
- **Mayor Cariker reported for Tunica Mainstreet.**
- **David Graves reported for code enforcement.**

Pastor Evelyn Hubbard, spokesperson for Faith Based Initiative, addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman regarding concerns and issues of the citizens of Tunica, MS.

The Board considered and discussed authorizing payment of \$1,000.00 to MS River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI) for annual membership dues. Alderman Beach made a motion to approve payment to MRCTI in the amount of \$1,000.00 for annual membership dues; Alderman Graves seconded, and the motion was adopted and approved by all members present.

APPENDIX C – INVOICE FOR MRCTI ANNUAL DUES

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered authorizing disbursement of \$61.80 to replenish the petty cash drawer. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve disbursement of \$61.80 to replenish the petty cash drawer; Alderman Graves seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX D – PETTY CASH DISBURSEMENTS

The Board considered and discussed requesting Mississippi State University to perform and complete a water rate study. Alderman Beach made a motion to request a water rate study performed by MSU; Alderman Pierce seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered authorizing reimbursement to Thomas J. Robinson, II in the of \$133.00 for parts purchased at Memphis Ice Machine, Co., Inc. for the ice machine in the Town Shop. Alderman Graves made a motion to approve reimbursement of \$133.00 to Mr. Robinson for parts purchased for the ice machine; Alderwoman Taylor seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX E – INVOICE FROM MEMPHIS ICE MACHINE CO., INC.

The Board considered and discussed water adjustment recommendation in the amount of \$1,337.87. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve the water adjustment recommendations as presented; Alderman Beach seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved.

APPENDIX F – WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

No action was taken during the COVID-19 update.

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. 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 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 and 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 matter. Alderman Pierce 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 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.

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; Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The motion carried and the Board returned to open meeting and Mayor Cariker announced that no action was taken during executive session.

With no other business, Alderman Dulaney moved to adjourn, Alderman Graves seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m. this 7th day of July 2020.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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