

**Minute Book 31**

**January 19, 2021**

**BOARD MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR  
AND  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE  
TOWN OF TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI**

**OFFICERS:**

**Mayor Charles M. Cariker**

**Alderman John A. "Jack" Graves, Jr.**

**Alderman Brad Beach**

**Alderman Andrew T. Dulaney**

**Alderwoman Brooks Taylor**

**Alderman Dan Pierce**

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**Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II**

**Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock**

**Chief of Police Michael Nichols**

**Town Chaplain Danny Smith**

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that Tuesday, January 19, 2021 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:

<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>Alderman 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 Richard W. Ryals, II</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Police Chief Michael Nichols</b>	<b>Present</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>Present</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. Chaplain Smith led in prayer.

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting January 5, 2021 Alderman Dulaney moved to approve the minutes as written, Alderman Pierce seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

**REPORTS:**

- David Graves reported for the Planning Commission.

Alderman Beach made a motion to place an immediate moratorium on car lots and bail bonds businesses in the city limits until a rezoning plan is drafted and approved. Alderman Graves seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

- Chief Nichols reported for the police department.
- Thomas “J” Robinson reported on public works operations.
- Nothing to report for Tunica Mainstreet.
- David Graves reported on code enforcement.

The Mayor and Board discussed the request from the Tunica County Board of Supervisors to assist with the Build Grant to improve roads. No action was taken.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered the Mississippi Emergency Management flood plain map. Alderman Dulaney made a motion to approve the flood plain map as presented; Alderman Beach seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered payment to Mississippi Municipal Attorney's Association in the amount of \$175.00 for Winter 2021 conference for Attorney Ryals. Alderman Pierce made a motion to approve payment to Mississippi Municipal Attorney's Association in the amount of \$175.00; Alderman Dulaney seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

#### **APPENDIX B – MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY'S ASSOC INVOICE**

Alderman Graves left the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

The Mayor and Board considered the following travel request:

- Book rooms for the 2021 Annual MML Conference July 26-28 in Biloxi.

Alderman Beach made a motion to approve all travel requests presented; Alderman Pierce seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted and approved by all members present.

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 Pierce 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 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 real estate and personnel matters.

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. Alderman Beach seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Graves, absent; 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.

Alderman Beach made the motion to leave executive session seconded by Alderman Pierce. The vote was as follows: Alderman Graves, absent; 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 Pierce seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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Charles M. Cariker, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk**

**APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**APPENDIX B – MISSISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY’S ASSOC INVOICE**

**BOARD MEETING  
ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE  
3:00 P. M.  
JANUARY 19, 2021**

NAME	EMAIL/ORGANIZATION
1. <u>Danny Smith</u>	<u>Town Chaplain</u>
2. <u>Wes Ryals</u>	<u>Town Attorney</u>
3. <u>Chief Nichols</u>	<u>Police Chief</u>
4. <u>J Robinson</u>	<u>Operations Manager</u>
5. <u>David Graves</u>	<u>Code Enforcer</u>
6. <u>Martha Xhu</u>	<u>Citizen</u>
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# Mississippi Municipal Attorneys' Association

JAN 05 2021

c/o Renee Cain or Cindy Heuser  
P.O. Box 3032  
Oxford, MS 38655-3032

Town of Tunica  
ATTN: Kate Scott Pennock  
P.O. Box 395  
Tunica, MS 38676

Invoice Number: CL0321  
CS Code: Winter MMA 2021  
Date of Invoice: December 11, 2021

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## *INVOICE*

**Mississippi Municipal Attorneys' WINTER 2021**  
**CLE Seminar, January 14, 2021 via Zoom**

Richard W. Ryals, Esq.  
Discounted Member Rate

\$175.00

Total Due

\_\_\_\_\_ \$175.00

Please make checks payable to the Mississippi Municipal Attorneys' Association