

**Minute Book 31**

**March 24, 2021**

**SPECIAL 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**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN HELD ON MARCH 24, 2021**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mississippi was held in the Board Room of the Municipal Complex beginning at 3:00 p.m. pursuant to the following notice, to-wit:

**TO: POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL NICHOLS**

For service on John A. "Jack" Graves, Jr., Brad Beach, Andrew Dulaney, Brooks Taylor, Dan Pierce, and Richard "Wes" Ryals, II:

You are hereby notified of a special meeting with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, to be held at the hour of 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in the Board Room in the Town of Tunica Municipal Building at 909 River Road in the Town of Tunica, being the usual place of meeting of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the purposes to-wit;

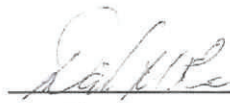




1. Personnel
2. Employee Handbook
3. Approval of minutes from the March 2, 2021 regular meeting

  
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MAYOR

Notice of the foregoing call of Special Board Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mississippi is accepted, and the undersigned hereby join in the call for said meeting.

NAME:

DATE AND HOUR:

	03/23/2021 12:55pm
	March 23, 2021 1:05pm
	March 23, 2021 1:10pm
	3/23/2021 1:16pm
	3-23-21 1:39 PM

The following were present or absent as indicated below:

Mayor Charles M. Cariker	Present
*Alderman John A. "Jack" Graves, Jr.	Present
Alderman Brad Beach	Present
Alderman Andrew Dulaney	Present
Alderwoman Brooks Taylor	Present
Alderman Dan Pierce	Absent
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II	Present
Chief of Police Michael Nichols	Absent
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	Absent
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Absent
*Via telephone.	

Mayor Cariker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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 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, absent.

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 personnel and employee handbook.

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, 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 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 action was taken during Executive Session: Alderman Graves made a motion to remove Trentiss Gordon as the Water Operator and all supervisory duties. He will be placed as hourly employee in the public works department at \$16.50 per hour with a one-year probation. Alderman Dulaney seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, absent; Alderman Dulaney, Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Pierce, absent.

Alderwoman Taylor made a motion to re-hire John L. Watson in the sanitation department at \$14.00 per hour for 32 hours a week. Alderman Beach seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Graves, yea; Alderman Beach, absent; Alderman Dulaney, Alderwoman Taylor, yea; and Alderman Pierce, absent.

Alderman Beach 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, absent. The motion carried and the Board returned to open meeting and Mayor Cariker announced the actions taken during executive session.

Upon motion from Alderman Graves and seconded by Alderman Dulaney, the special meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m. this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

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**Charles M. Cariker, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk**