

**REGULAR FIRST TUESDAY DECEMBER 2021, MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 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 Andrew T. Dulaney</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Lee B. Turner</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Valerie Hartsfield</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Rebecca P. Fyfe</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Adam Fullilove</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alderman Daniel M. Pierce</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Police Chief Kevin Hatton</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Town Chaplain Danny Smith</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>*Via telephone.</b>	

**Others in attendance are listed on the attendance sheet.**

**APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**Mayor Dulaney called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance. Alderman Fyfe led in prayer.**

**The Board considered the minutes from the November 16, 2021, meeting. Alderman Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written and previously provided to the Board. Alderman Fullilove seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.**

**The Board then considered the claims for November 2021. It was noted that a summary of the claims was previously provided to the Board. Additionally, all claims were available for review by the Board. After a brief discussion of the claims and a review by Mayor Dulaney, Alderman Turner moved to approve the claims as presented. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.**

## **APPENDIX B – NOVEMBER CLAIMS**

**Under old business, Mayor Dulaney updated the Board regarding the status of the agreement for the Mangum building on Main Street, stating Ms. Aimee Mangum has signed the agreement. The Town is waiting on the other two owners to sign the agreement. Once the agreement has been signed by all, the matter will be brought back before the Board for consideration.**

### **REPORTS:**

- **Police Report:** Police Chief Hatton reported for the Police Department. There being no questions, Chief Hatton was thanked for the information.
- **Public Works:** Thomas Robinson reported on public works and other operations. The public works crew have been working on getting Christmas decorations up as well as picking up leaves. The Board thanked Mr. Robinson for the information and complimented the Town employees for their hard work and how nice the Town looks.

**Mayor Dulaney stated that there was nothing to report on the water/sewer rate study. A report should be received and brought up for discussion in January, 2022.**

**The Mayor and Board next considered and discussed approving the annual hardware and software contract from BBI, Inc. for 2022. Contracts include technical support and back up of server. The contract(s) have been adjusted as needed based on changes in equipment and needs. Following a brief discussion, Alderman Turner moved to receive and approve the annual hardware and software contracts from BBI, Inc. for 2022, and authorized and directed Andrew Dulaney or Kate Scott Pennock to execute and deliver the contracts for and on behalf of the Town of Tunica. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.**

## **APPENDIX C – 2022 BBI HARDWARE & SOFTWARE CONTRACT**

**The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next considered and discussed the funding request from the Tunica County Airport Commission for the \$25,000 of funding appropriated for the Airport for fiscal year 2022, and Andrew Dulaney and Kate Scott Pennock (Mayor and Clerk) are authorized to sign and deliver a check making said payment. Alderman Pierce moved to approve the funding request from Tunica County Airport Commission for the approved budget amount of \$25,000.00. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.**

## **APPENDIX D – TUNICA AIRPORT COMMISSION FUNDING REQUEST**

**The Mayor and Board of Alderman considered and discussed approving a half page ad in the 2022 Tunica Visitors Guide at a cost of \$2,000.00 to be paid upon approval. Alderman Fyfe moved to approve placing and paying for a half page ad in the 2022 Tunica Visitors Guide in the amount of \$2,000.00, and Andrew Dulaney and Kate Scott Pennock (Mayor and Clerk) are authorized to sign and deliver a check making said payment. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Alderman present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.**

#### **APPENDIX E – 2022 TUNICA VISITORS GUIDE AD CONTRACT**

**There were no travel requests presented for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica to consider.**

**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 Pierce moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Fullilove seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative 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 Dulaney stated that the purpose for holding the executive session would be to discuss Police personnel and the possible sale of real property and negotiations relating to the same (the “Executive Session Matters”).**

**Based on this, Alderman Pierce moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hold an executive session to discuss, consider and act on the Executive Session Matters. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative 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, and Town Clerk Pennock.**

**During the executive session, the Executive Session Matters were discussed. The following action(s) were taken. Chief Hatton was present during part of the executive session to discuss police personnel issues. Chief Hatton presented issues relating to Officers Cheslock and Sims. Based on Chief Hatton’s recommendation, Alderman Turner moved that the recommendation of Chief Hatton be accepted and that Officer**

**Cheslock be place on 90 day probation, and that Office Sims be placed on unpaid administrative lease for 2 days and placed on probation for 90 days. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried, adopted and approved this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.**

**Chief Hatton left the executive session. The Board next discussed the possible sale of the lot owned by the Town on School Street slightly north of the Courthouse on the west side of the road. Following the discussion, Mayor Dulaney will check into what action would need to be taken in order to sell the lot.**

**Following the discussion, Alderman Fyfe moved to leave executive session. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and the Board ended the executive session and returned to open meeting. Mayor Dulaney announced the actions taken during executive session.**

**With no other business, Alderman Hartsfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Fullilove seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted, and the meeting adjourned this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.**

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**Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk**

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