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January 24, 2022

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

OF THE

MAYOR

AND

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI

OFFICERS:

Mayor Andrew T. Dulaney

Alderman Lee B. Turner

Alderman Valerie Hartsfield

Alderman Rebecca P. Fyfe

Alderman Adam Fullilove

Alderman Daniel M. Pierce

Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II

Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock

Chief of Police Kevin Hatton

Town Chaplain Danny Smith

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN HELD JANUARY 24, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, held a meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022. The meeting was held in the Boardroom in the Municipal Complex at 909 River Road in the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with the following present or absent as indicated below:

Mayor Andrew T. Dulaney	Present
Alderman Lee B. Turner	Present
Alderman Valerie Hartsfield	Present*
Alderman Rebecca P. Fyfe	Present
Alderman Adam Fullilove	Present
Alderman Daniel M. Pierce	Present
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II	Absent
*Via telephone.	

Others in attendance are listed on the attendance sheet - None.

A copy of the notice which was posted and given to each Alderman was received and directed to be attached hereto as Appendix A.

Mayor Dulaney called the meeting to order.

The Mayor and Board next discussed and considered the following official travel request:

- **Investigator Cheslock to attend the Certified Investigator Program at MDCC LETA, Moorehead, MS. The course is broken up into seven (7) 40-hour sessions which are scheduled once a month beginning in January and ending in July. The cost of tuition for the course is \$3,000.00 which includes meals and lodging.**

Following a discussion of the travel and a finding that the best interest of the Town will be served and benefited from the educational opportunities afforded to the those traveling, Alderman Fyfe moved that the reference travel request be approved. And, to the extent requested, a travel advance shall be made as authorized by law. Alderman Pierce 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 considered commemorating the life and public service of Public Works Director Kelvin Cooke. Mr. Cooke was a devoted employee of the Town of Tunica for more than two decades. He passed away January 21, 2022 and will be remembered for his dedication and compassion for the employees and citizens of the Town of Tunica. Alderman Pierce moved to adopt and approve the resolution commemorating the life and public service of Public Works Director Kelvin Cooke. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor, declared the same carried, adopted and approved this the 24th day of January, 2022.

APPENDIX B – RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING KELVIN COOKE

With there being no other business, Alderman Turner 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 24th day of January 2022.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk


APPENDIX A – NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

APPENDIX B – RESOLUTION COMMEMORATION KELVIN COOKE

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR & BOARD OF
ALDERMAN – TOWN OF TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI**

Notice is hereby given that Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor, has and does hereby call a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica to be held on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room located in Town Hall, 909 River Road, Tunica, Mississippi, at which date/time/place, the following items will be considered and acted upon:

1. Consider travel for Investigator Cheslock
2. Consider resolution commemorating the work of Kelvin Cooke for the Town of Tunica
3. Adjourn.



MAYOR
Dated: January 24, 2022 8:19 a.m.


This notice shall be serviced on Lee B. Turner, Valerie Hartsfield, Rebecca P. Fyfe, Adam Fullilove, Daniel M. Pierce, and Richard “Wes” Ryals, II, who are hereby notified of the special meeting. Additionally, this notice is being posted at Town Hall. This notice is given as contemplated by Section 21-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Notice of the foregoing call of Special Board Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mississippi was accepted electronically via email by each Member of the Board of Alderman as of the date/time indicated and the undersigned hereby join in the call for said meeting.

NAME:

DATE AND HOUR:

Lee B. Turner

 8:15 am

Valerie Hartsfield

Rebecca P. Fyfe

 8:15 am

Adam Fullilove

 8:15 am

Daniel M. Pierce

 8:15 am

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA
COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF KELVIN COOKE**

Took up for consideration the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, the passing of Kelvin Cooke, a longtime public servant and employee of the Town of Tunica. After consideration of the impact that Mr. Cooke had on the lives of all those he came into contact with, particularly the profound impact that he had on his fellow employees as well as the residents and citizens of the Town of Tunica, Alderman Pierce moved that the life and public service of Mr. Cooke be commemorated and a resolution duly adopted to be included as part of the permanent records of the Town of Tunica with said resolution as follows, to wit:

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke, was hired as an employee of the Town of Tunica on August 23, 2000, as an employee for the street department, and he continuously served the citizens, residents and visitors of the Town for over two (2) decades; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke, served in various roles of increasing responsibilities while employed by the Town of Tunica including ultimately serving as Director of Public Works with the responsibility of overseeing numerous and varied projects as well as directing many Town employees; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke, was a faithful, loyal, and dedicated employee of the Town of Tunica, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke, served with a compassionate and caring spirit and heart, and was always prepared to listen and address issues in a calm, but direct, manner in order to solve the then current problem in a respectful and dignified manner; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke, acted with kindness and respect towards all those he interacted with; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke never met a stranger; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke’s dedicated service to the Town resulted in him sacrificing precious time with his family, particularly, his beloved wife, Verastine; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke, will be remembered for his sense of humor, his kind and caring heart, his dedication to the Town, its employees, its citizens and its visitors, and too many other reasons to be listed herein; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke passed away on January 21, 2022, and has gone on to be with God in Heaven; and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cooke’s service to the Town of Tunica deserves to be commended and a record of such service should be recorded in the permanent records of said Town;

NOW THEREFORE, based on the above and foregoing, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, hereby resolve as follows:

1. The life and public service of Kelvin Cooke be and is hereby recognized, commended and remembered.
2. Mr. Cooke performed his job with the highest degree of honesty, loyalty, dedication, dignity and integrity.
3. Mr. Cooke’s commitment and dedication to the Town of Tunica, its employees, its citizens and its visitors serves as example to all.
4. Kate Scott Pennock, Clerk of the Town of Tunica, is hereby directed to spread a copy of this resolution on the official and permanent records of the Town, and to provide the original of this resolution to Vera Cooke, Kelvin’s wife of thirty-eight (38) years.

Following the reading of the above resolution, Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a roll call vote as follows, to wit:

<u>Alderman/Alderwoman:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Lee B. Turner	Yea
Valerie Hartsfield	Yea
Rebecca P. Fyfe	Yea
Adam Fullilove	Yea
Daniel L. Pierce	Yea

The resolution having received the unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen, Andrew Dulaney, Mayor, declared the same carried, adopted and approved this the 24th day of January, 2022.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

Attest:

Kate Scott Pennock, Clerk