

Minute Book 32

August 2, 2022

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

REGULAR FIRST TUESDAY AUGUST 2022, MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 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 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	Present
Police Chief Kevin Hatton	Present
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Present
*Via telephone.	

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. Chaplain Smith led in prayer.

The Board considered the minutes from the July 19 and July 26, 2022, meeting. Alderman Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written and previously provided to the Board. 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.

The Board then considered the claims for July 2022. 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 Pierce moved to approve the claims as presented. 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.

APPENDIX B – JULY CLAIMS

REPORTS:

- Police Report: Police Chief Hatton reported for the Police Department. Following a review of his report, Chief Hatton was thanked for the information.
- Public Works: Thomas Robinson and Reggie Griffin, reported on public works and other operations. Following their report, they were thanked for the information. .
- Tunica Mainstreet: The Board received an update relating to the ongoing Main Street projects and programs.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman had an appointment with representatives of the First Regional Library. Jennifer Stephenson reviewed the past year's operations for the Tunica Library and provided an overview of the entire regional library system. Following the presentation, Ms. Stephenson was thanked for the information. The budget request will be considered as part of the overall budget which will be presented in the next couple of weeks.

The Board next briefly discussed the PATH lighting. After a brief discussion, it was reported that all feedback received so far has been positive. Mayor Dulaney will work to get the financial information relating to the project. Once the financial information is received, a copy will be provided to the Board members for their review and consideration.

It was announced that the Board of Aldermen have received the audit from the Tunica County Tourism Commission for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Ms. Pennock will email a copy of the audit to each of the Board members. A copy of the current audit was directed to be included in the minutes.

APPENDIX C – TOURISM COMMISSION AUDIT (FY – 10/1/2020 TO 9/30/2021)

The Board of Aldermen discussed a general services engineering agreement with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. Neel-Schaffer, Inc. will provide engineering assistance relating to general matters including, but not limited to, such items as assisting with the MCWI Grant, recreational master planning, etc. Ms. Manning from North Delta Planning & Development District advised that North Delta will assist with the grant application. Following a discussion and as engineering services are or will be required by law for the various types of construction projects, Alderman Pierce moved that the Board of Alderman approve a general services engineering agreement with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., in substantially the form which is included with the minutes below and that Andrew Dulaney, Mayor, be authorized to execute and deliver the same for and on behalf of the Town of Tunica. And, that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution as presented by Ms. Manning from North Delta Planning & Development District relating to applying for the MCWI grant. Alderman Fullilove 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 D – ENGINEER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC. & RESOLUTION RELATING TO MCWI APPLICATION, ETC.

The Board of Aldermen next discussed setting the budget hearings and the meeting for the final adoption of the budget and tax levy. After a discussion of the requirements associated with this, Alderman Pierce moved that the Board hold the budget hearing on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of Town Hall, 909 River Road, Tunica, Tunica County, Mississippi, and the final hearing for the adoption of the budget and tax levy at the Board's September, 2022, meeting to be held Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. The notice(s) shall be posted at Town Hall and in three public places. Alderman Fyfe 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 – DRAFT BUDGET HEARING NOTICE(S)

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

- Thomas J. Robinson – 2022 Backflow Prevention Certification Class – Mississippi Rural Water Association (September 12-16, 2022, Raymond, MS);
- Christy Young (Municipal Court Clerk Fall Training) - (September 21-23, 2022, Oxford, MS); and
- Aldermen Fyfe, Fullilove and Hartsfield – Mississippi Rural Water Association Board Member Training (September 14 in Clarksdale or October 26 in Tupelo).

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 Turner 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.

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With no other business, Alderman Fyfe moved to adjourn the meeting. 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, and the meeting adjourned this 2nd day of August 2022.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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