

Minute Book 32

August 16, 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 THIRD TUESDAY AUGUST 2022, MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 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:

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 August 2, 2022, meeting. Alderman Turner 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.

REPORTS:

- Police Report: Police Chief Hatton reported for the Police Department. Chief Hatton briefly discussed the situation with convict who escaped from Arkansas. 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. Mr. Robinson stated that the materials for the new 4-way stop are ready and

he is just waiting on the new striping machine to come in. Once he has it, the new 4-way stop will be installed at the intersection of Edwards and Delta. Additionally, Mr. Robinson reported that some of the fire hydrants, including the one by the VFW Building, have been repaired and/or replaced. Mr. Griffin stated that truck 15 is still in the shop and they are waiting for parts in order to complete the needed repairs. He will check on it again on Friday. 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. Ms. Withers discussed the farmers market, the upcoming shopping social and Small Town Saturday. Ms. Withers stated that Spuds has opened. She is coordinating with Ray Adams, the owner, on him participating in Main Street.
- Community Events. The Board was advised of the upcoming Community Events. The date/time for the September 11 program has not been determined. As soon as a decision has been made, it will be publicized.

The Board of Aldermen were provided with a draft proposed schedule of fees for zoning matters and permitting issues. The Board will review this and act on it at a later time.

The Board of Aldermen were advised that there is only one water adjustment at this time. The matter will be carried over to the Board's September 2022, meeting for consideration then.

The Board of Aldermen discussed the traffic issues on Delta Street. Delta Street is a residential street but is also a through street between US Highway 61 and the downtown area. It is used frequently by non-residential traffic. Individuals are encouraged to use River Road, which is one block south (300 feet), has no stop signs and is designed for commercial and non-residential traffic. Delta Street has stop signs at every intersection, but these are not respected as well as they should be by the traveling public. Mayor Dulaney advised that he has and continues to receive complaints and concerns from individuals who live on Delta Street about the speed of individuals traveling on Delta and individuals running the stop signs. Most recently, Mr. Dion Rogers expressed concern and has requested that a speed bump be constructed on Delta Street between Kenny Hill Avenue and School Street. This block of Delta is longer than the other blocks and cars get up more speed than the other blocks. This issue has been witnessed by virtually all of the Aldermen. Following the discussion and at Mayor Dulaney's recommendation, Alderman Fyfe moved that a speed bump (that is bicycle friendly) be installed on Delta Street between Kenny Hill Avenue and School Street. 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 of Aldermen briefly discussed the CPR training. The invoice for this will be included as part of the claims docket to be presented at the September 6, 2022, meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed adopting a resolution relating to the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program. The State of Mississippi will provide the Town of Tunica with funding equal to \$1,000 per certified police officer who was employed as of July 1, 2022. Following the discussion, on motion of Alderman Hartsfield, seconded by Alderman Turner, and unanimously approved, the Board of Aldermen adopted the resolution which is included in the minutes.

APPENDIX B – RESOLUTION RELATING TO PREMIUM PAY

Mayor Dulaney next discussed transferring Devonta Robinson from the Street Crew (Department) to the Sanitation Department. Mr. Robinson is willing to be transferred and Mr. Griffin and Mr. Robinson recommend this. Alderman Hartsfield moved that Devonta Robinson be transferred from the Street Department to the Sanitation Department. Alderman Turner 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 Mayor and Board next discussed and considered the following official travel request:

- Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Clerk & Attorney – 2022 MML/PDDs Regional Legislative Planning Meeting – Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. in Batesville, MS; and
- Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Clerk & Attorney – Small Town Conference – October 13-14, 2022 - Flowood, MS.

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 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.

Mayor Dulaney provided the Board of Aldermen and all those in attendance with a copy of the proposed budget. Mayor Dulaney reviewed the budget and discussed the revenue and expenses. Mayor Dulaney discussed the concerns with the gaming revenue as well as the budget overages for the current year resulting from inflationary pressures. Gas, utilities and chemicals are all up significantly. The Board and those in attendance were reminded that the budget hearing will be held next 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) have been posted at Town Hall and in three public places. A copy of the summary budget is included in the minutes as follows:

APPENDIX C – DRAFT BUDGET

With no other business, Alderman Turner 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 16th day of August 2022. The Board was reminded that it'll meet again for limited items and the budget hearing on August 23, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET

APPENDIX B – RESOLUTION RELATING TO PREMIUM PAY

APPENDIX C – DRAFT BUDGET

**BOARD MEETING
ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE
3:00 P. M.
AUGUST 16, 2022**

NAME	EMAIL/ORGANIZATION
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PREMIUM PAY RESOLUTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TOWN OF TUNICA

On the 16th day of August, 2022, at a meeting of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA (the "Governing Body"), held in the Boardroom located in Town Hall, 909 River Road, Tunica, Tunica County, Mississippi, with a quorum of Aldermen present, the following matters were taken into consideration and after a discussion, Alderman Hartsfield moved for the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, this Governing Body acknowledges and understands that the Mississippi Legislature passed Mississippi House Bill 1427 and Mississippi House Bill 1542, creating the "Mississippi Law Enforcement and Firefighters Premium Pay Program," (the "Program") in its 2022 Regular Legislative Session, and that these bills were subsequently signed into law by Governor Tate Reeves;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Program is to provide premium payments to all eligible law enforcement officers and firefighters who are serving the State of Mississippi, for their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, these establishing laws shall take effect on July 1, 2022, and the Program shall be administered by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety;

WHEREAS, this Governing Body acknowledges and understands that the Mississippi Department of Public Safety seeks to work with law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and other law enforcement entities to efficiently administer the hazard premium payments in accordance with the guidelines set forth in 2022 Mississippi House Bill

1427, 2022 Mississippi House Bill 1542, and all related Mississippi and federal law;

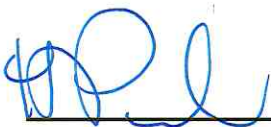
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

- I. RESOLVED that the BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA fully supports the efforts of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety to administer these premium payments, as provided in 2022 Mississippi House Bill 1427 and 2022 Mississippi House Bill 1542, while also adhering to the guidelines provided in all corresponding legislation; and be it further
- II. RESOLVED that the BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA will accept payments administered by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety under the "Mississippi Law Enforcement and Firefighters Premium Pay Program," for purposes of distribution to the law enforcement officers employed by this governing body (understanding that the Town of Tunica does not have any fulltime or parttime firefighters; and be it further
- III. RESOLVED that the BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA understands and acknowledges the conditions of receiving and expending the funds appropriated under 2022 Mississippi House Bill 1542; and be it further
- IV. RESOLVED that the BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA hereby certifies that any funds received by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for hazard premium payments shall be expended in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act.

- V. RESOLVED that the BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA authorizes such payments to be made directly from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, to the Town of Tunica for the purposes set forth by this resolution.
- VI. RESOLVED that the BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TUNICA hereby designates, approved and authorized Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor, and Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk, to execute and deliver all such documents as are required in connection with the Program and to make the payments to the approved and qualified law enforcement officers upon receipt of the funds.

Following the motion for the adoption of the above and foregoing resolution, Alderman TURNER seconded the motion.

Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the same carried, adopted and approved this the 16th day of August, 2022.



Kate Scott Pennock, Clerk


Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF TUNICA


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 21, 2025



Summary Budget FY 2023	
Description	Budget
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	
LIBRARY TAX	12,000.00
AD VALOREM TAX	177,915.00
HOMESTEAD EXEMEMPT -STATE	7,000.00
GAMING REVENUE	1,800,000.00
INTEREST FROM BANK	12,000.00
USE TAX	80,000.00
ARPA GRANT FUNDS	0.00
GRANTS	1,200,000.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS	6,500.00
SURPLUS REV STATE OF MS	0.00
FRANCHISE TAXES	51,000.00
COMCAST CABLEVISION	0.00
FIRE PROTECTION-STATE INS	0.00
MUNCIPAL AID	500.00
GASOLINE TAX	3,250.00
REIM POLICE ACADEMY	0.00
GENERAL SALES TAX	375,000.00
LIQUOR PRIVILEGE TAX	2,700.00
ROAD & BRIDGE TAX	0.00
MARKET PLACE REVENUES	0.00
GRANTS RECEIVED	0.00
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	500.00
POLICE FINES	40,000.00
RENT INCOME	24,200.00
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	1,500.00
GRAND GULF, ETC	14,200.00
TRANSFERS IN	0.00
TRANSFER 101 FIRE PROTECT	400,000.00
TRANSFER 210 UNEMPLOYMENT	0.00
TRANSFER 102 UR	-5,000.00
TRANSFER 400 WATER	-345,000.00
LOAN PROCEEDS	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	3,858,265.00

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	
MUNICIPAL COURT	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	85,478.00
SUPPLIES	4,000.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	32,050.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
TOTAL MUNICIPAL COURT	121,528.00
SUPERVISION/FINANCE DEPT	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	369,772.00
SUPPLIES	16,000.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	118,700.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
TOTAL SPRVSN/FIN DEPT	504,472.00
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	0.00
SUPPLIES	1,500.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	25,750.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
TOTAL MUN COMPLEX EXPENSE	27,250.00
SHOP MAINTENANCE	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	0.00
SUPPLIES	20,000.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	19,800.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,000.00
TOTAL SHOP MAINT EXPENSES	44,800.00
POLICE DEPT EXPENSES	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	567,840.00
SUPPLIES	80,500.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	91,800.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	35,000.00
TOTAL POLICE DEPT EXP	775,140.00
FIRE DEPT EXPENSES	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	300.00
SUPPLIES	31,200.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	98,050.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	400,000.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPT EXPENSES	529,550.00
STREET DEPT EXPENSES	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	328,628.00
SUPPLIES	134,500.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	322,300.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	175,000.00
TOTAL STREET DEPT EXP	960,428.00

PROMOTIONS	
SUPPLIES	0.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	42,500.00
TOTAL PROMOTIONS	42,500.00
MAIN STREET	
SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	0.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	37,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
TOTAL MAIN STREET	37,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENS	3,042,668.00
CURRENT FUND BALANCE	-815,597.00

101-FIRE PROTECTION FUND	
FIRE PROTECTION REVENUE	
FUNDS FROM STATE FOR TRUC	90,000.00
COUNTY MILLAGE REVENUE	35,000.00
COUNTY FIRE APPROPRIATION	46,500.00
STATE FIRE REBATE FUNDS	6,000.00
INTEREST FROM BANK	600.00
STATE REBATE-TRAINING	175.00
GRANTS RECEIVED	0.00
TRANSFERS IN	0.00
LOAN PROCEEDS	0.00
TOTAL FIRE PROTECT REVENU	178,275.00
FIRE PROTECTION EXP	
SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES	0.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
TRANSFERS	400,000.00
TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION EXP	400,000.00
CURRENT FUND BALANCE	221,725.00

102-URBAN RENEWAL FUND	
REVENUE	
INTEREST FROM BANK	1,200.00
POST OFFICE RENT	12,986.00
GROCERY STORE RENT	18,000.00
DELI RENT	3,600.00
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	0.00
TRANSFERS IN	5,000.00
PROCEEDS FROM LOAN	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	40,786.00
EXPENSES	
SUPPLIES	0.00
CONTRACTUAL	40,500.00
INSURANCE	0.00
TRANSFERS OUT	0.00
TOTAL URBAN RENEWAL EXP	40,500.00
CURRENT FUND BALANCE	-286.00

400-UTILITY FUND	
UTILITY FUND REVENUE	
SERVICE FEES	9,000.00
OVER AND SHORT	0.00
WATER REVENUES	520,000.00
WATER ADJUSTMENTS	0.00
SEWER REVENUES	470,000.00
SEWER ADJUSTMENTS	0.00
GARBAGE FEES	54,000.00
SOLID WASTE FUND	25,000.00
INTEREST EARNINGS	2,000.00
OTHER SUNDRY RECEIPTS	750.00
METERS DEPOSITS	0.00
LATE CHARGES	25,000.00
TRF FROM OTHER FUNDS	200,000.00
TRANSFER SALES TAX	144,897.00
TOTAL UTILITY FUND REV	1,450,647.00
PUBLIC HEALTH/SANITATION	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	225,108.00
SUPPLIES	69,000.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	28,200.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH/SAN	322,308.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	247,578.00
SUPPLIES	159,000.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	132,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
TOTAL WATER EXPENSES	538,578.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	177,268.00
SUPPLIES	178,000.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	57,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES	412,268.00
INTEREST EXP & DEPRECIATI	
DEBT PRINCIPAL	121,922.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
INTEREST EXPENSE	22,975.00
TOTAL INT EXP & DEPRECIAT	144,897.00
TOTAL UTILITY FUND EXP	1,418,051.00
CURRENT FUND BALANCE	-32,596.00