

REGULAR THIRD TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2022, MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, November 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	Absent
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
*As indicated.	

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 1, 2022, meeting. Alderman Fyfe 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.

REPORTS:

- Police Report: Police Chief Hatton reviewed the operations since the last meeting. 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 discussed various sewer issues that have been and are being

addressed. Mr. Griffin discussed the preparations being made for the Christmas season. 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 Town's Christmas Tree Lighting will be December 1, 2022.
- Code Enforcement: David Graves gave an update on code enforcement issues. In particular, Mr. Graves discussed the issue with Mr. Hardiman on Academy Street and the steps that he is taking to have this cleaned up. Mr. Graves was thanked for the information.

Alderman Turner arrived at the meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen heard a report from Robert Johnston from Entergy concerning Entergy's program for LED street lighting. A copy of the material provided to the Board was received and directed to be included in the minutes. Mr. Johnston was thanked for the information.

#### APPENDIX B – ENTERGY LED LIGHTING PRESENTATION MATERIALS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next heard a report from Bill Morris with Acuity Group. Acuity Group provided health, life, dental and vision coverage for the Town and its employees. The proposal was accepted and approved by the Board at the Board's last meeting. Mr. Morris reviewed the information. Mr. Morris was thanked and no further action was taken.

The Board of Aldermen next discussed the investment of surplus funds. Mayor Dulaney updated the Board with regard to the one-year treasury bond which was purchased based on the Board's prior approval from its October 4, 2022, resolution. The Board reviewed and discussed how the Town's additional surplus funds are invested. Specifically, the Board discussed the fire protection funds which will not be needed until the delivery of the new truck which will be at least 6 more months and the construction of the new fire facility which will be at least 6 more months. Section 21-33-323 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, provides authority to invest surplus funds in various government backed investments including treasury bills/bonds. After a discussion of the matter, Alderman Fullilove moved that the Board authorize and approve opening an account with First Security Bank through its Trust Department (or using the existing account), and that Andrew Dulaney and Kate Scott Pennock, Mayor & Clerk respectively, be authorized to sign such documents and agreements as are necessary and required to open such accounts and to have the available surplus funds of the Town invested in Treasury bills (which funds shall include the fire protection funds), provide that the interest rates are higher than the current certificate of deposit rates. 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 Mayor and Board discussed HOME application for the Town of Tunica. Mayor Dulaney advised that a public hearing was held by North Delta on behalf of the Town. Mayor Dulaney provided the criteria for individuals to qualify for the grants. A copy of the qualifications were provided to the Board members and others in attendance at the meeting. Following the discussion, no action was taken.

#### APPENDIX C – HOME GRANT QUALIFICATION SUMMARY

The Mayor and Board next discussed the Town's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Mayor Dulaney advised that following the audit, the Town had three follow up items. All of these have been addressed. With this, the Town has received a "Letter of Compliance" confirming the Town is in good standing. Following the discussion, a copy of the letter was received and directed to be included in the minutes.

#### APPENDIX D – COMPLIANCE LETTER – NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Board of Alderman next discussed and considered applying for a grant through the MCWI Grant Program being administered by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MCWI Grant). The Board previously authorized and approved applying for a MCWI Grant. The initial grant application was not awarded. DEQ will re-open its portal for round 2 of the MCWI Grants on December 1, 2022. DEQ has indicated its intent to award all the projects that were not awarded on the first round as part of the second round. The Board discussed the criteria for the grant and potential uses for the funds. Based on the guidelines, the Town will be entitled to/eligible for a grant of up approximately \$424,000 (two times the amount the Town's ARPA funds). There is need for the funding for the Town to upgrade and replace old waterline in Town. If the Town is successful, it will have approximately \$616,000 of funds available for the Project. Alderman Fyfe moved that the Town authorize and approve filing of a grant application for a MWCI Grant (round 2) and that Andrew Dulaney and Kate Scott Pennock, Mayor and Clerk, respectively, be authorized to execute and deliver a grant application and all related documents on behalf of the Town. Alderman Hartsfield 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.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman considered and discussed approving a half page ad in the 2023 Tunica Visitors Guide at a cost of \$2,000.00 to be paid upon approval. Alderman Hartsfield 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 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 E – 2023 TUNICA VISITORS GUIDE AD CONTRACT

With no other business, Alderman Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. 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, and the meeting adjourned this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

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Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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