

REGULAR THIRD TUESDAY JANUARY 2023, MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 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
Public Works Supervisor Reggie Griffin	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Absent
*Participated via teleconference.	

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 Fullilove led in prayer.

The Board was advised that the minutes for the January 3, 2023, meeting will be provided to the Board prior to the February, 2023, meeting and will be considered then.

REPORTS:

- Police Report: Police Chief Hatton reviewed the operations since the last meeting.
- Public Works: Thomas Robinson and Reggie Griffin, reported on public works and other operations. Following their update, they were thanked for the information.
- Tunica Mainstreet: Ms. Withers was unable to attend today's meeting.
- Code Enforcement: David Graves gave an update on code enforcement issues. Mr. Graves was thanked for the information.

The Mayor and Board discussed designating a committee to develop a data base of senior citizens in Tunica. The matter was continued until the Board's February 7, 2023 meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Tunica then discussed and considered the water adjustments for the last month(s) due to leaks that have now been repaired. The Board was advised that all the leaks have been confirmed and that each has been repaired/addressed by the customer. Mr. Robinson has the required information for each available for review. Mr. Robinson has confirmed that the proposed adjustments are in conformity with the Town's policy for water adjustments. Alderman Hartsfield moved the adjustments as presented by approved and that the necessary Town employees be authorized to take such action as is reasonably necessary to adjust the indicated customers water bills as the customers did not get the benefit of the water. Alderman Fullilove seconded. 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 – WATER ADJUSTMENTS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed and considered a change order with Magnolia Underground Construction, Inc. (Magnolia Underground) on the Beatline Road/DRA project. The Board was advised that there are some additional grant funds available. If the Town includes local funds to go with the additional grant funds, it'll be able to extend the project so that it reaches all the way from US Highway 61 to Friendship. The proposed change order will add the three additional culverts located just east of Friendship. The Town has ordered culverts in order to later extend the project along the south side of Beatline from School Street to Friendship. As the change order will result in a better and more complete project, Alderman Turner moved that the proposed change order be authorized and approved as contemplated by Section 31-7-13(g) and other applicable laws of the State of Mississippi, and that Andrew Dulaney, Mayor, be authorized to sign and deliver the same. 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 C – APPROVED CHANGE ORDER

The Board was advised that the Town has received its annual Report of Inspection of Drinking Water Supply. A copy of the report was provided to the Board members. After a brief discussion relating to the report, a copy of same was received and directed to be included in the minutes.

APPENDIX D – REPORT OF INSPECTION OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next considered the treatment process used at the sewer lagoon. Mr. Robinson discussed the current disinfection system. Currently, the process uses gas chlorination with a submersible pump. The pumps continue to have issues. Mr. Robinson recommended that the process be changed to liquid bleach which would not require a submersible pump. This change will have to be approved by DEQ. After a discussion of the proposal, Alderman Pierce moved that the recommendation be accepted and that the necessary documentation be prepared and submitted to DEQ in order that the change can be made. 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 of Aldermen next discussed the purchase of a pump for the main pump station. Mr. Robinson presented the matter. The main pump station has four pumps. One of them is no longer operational and is not able to be repaired. Mr. Robinson has obtained two quotes for the purchase of a new pump. Hydra Service, Inc. has submitted a price of \$18,287. Luckett Pump & Well Service, Inc. has submitted a price of \$23,688.52. After the presentation, Alderman Turner moved that the low bid of Hydra Service, Inc. be accepted and the pump purchased. 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 E – QUOTES FOR PUMP

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

- Thomas J. Robinson - April 2-5, 2023, Mississippi Alabama Joint Water Conference – Mobile, AL
- Thomas J. Robinson – January 18, 2023, MDEQ – Grenada, MS
- Adam Fullilove & Valerie Hartsfield – Required Board Member Training – Rural Water – May 16, 2023, Batesville, MS.
- Board of Aldermen, Mayor, Clerk (Town & Municipal Court) & Attorney – MML Annual Conference – MS Gulf Coast – June 26 – 28, 2023

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 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 17th day of January, 2023.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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