

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, February 21, 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:

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| 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 | Absent  |
| 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 Turner led in prayer.

The Board considered the minutes from the February 7, 2023, meetings. Alderman Turner moved to approve the minutes as written and previously provided to the Board of Aldermen. 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.
- Public Works: Thomas Robinson was absent due to an issue with the Nickson pump station. Mayor Dulaney updated the Board with regard to ongoing water/sewer issues.

Reggie Griffin, reported on public works and other operations. Following the update, Mr. Griffin was thanked for the information.

- Tunica Main Street: Ms. Withers was unable to attend today's meeting. She will update the Board on the Wild Game Cookoff at the Board's next 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 database of senior citizens in Tunica as well as to gauge the interest of senior citizens with regard to how they may be better served by the Town. Alderman Hartsfield moved that the following individuals be designated as a committee to assist the Town with developing a database of senior citizens and for related purposes:

| Position | Name                | Term* |
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| Mayor    | Audrey Smith        | 2023  |
| Ward 1   | Jack Wilkes         | 2023  |
| Ward 2   | Dwight Sorey        | 2023  |
| Ward 3   | Richard Fullilove   | 2023  |
| Ward 4   | Mike Boren          | 2023  |
| Ward 5   | (held until 3/7/23) | 2023  |

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.

The Board next discussed transferring a surplus patrol car to the Town of Coldwater. After a discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the 2012 Dodge Charger, VIN 2C3CDXAT8CH316298, which has problems with its transmission be deemed surplus and transferred to the Town of Coldwater as authorized by Section 31-7-13(m)(6) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and other applicable code sections. 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: LETTER FROM TOWN OF COLDWATER

The Board of Aldermen next discussed the status of the building owned by Vernon Barker located at 1335 Main Street, Tunica, Ms. After the discussion, Alderman Fyfe moved that the resolutions as presented and reviewed with the Board by Mr. Ryals be adopted. The same are attached hereto as Appendix C. 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 C: RESOLUTION AND RELATED MATERIALS FOR VERNON BARKER

The Board of Aldermen next discussed a payment owed to Norma Anderson for the collection of taxes. The Town has paid a 3% fee, but the amount changed to 4% in September 2022. \$549.64 is owed to catch this amount up. Alderman Fullilove moved that a payment of \$549.64 be approved to Ms. Anderson in order to bring the amount due to her up to the correct amount as called for by the contract. 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 discussed various trees located in the parks and on Town right of way that are in need of attention. A list was previously provided to the Board members for their review and input. After a discussion, Alderman Fullilove moved that the list be approved, and the Mayor and other applicable Town employee(s) be authorized to solicit the necessary bids/proposals so that the work can be performed. 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 D: LIST OF TREES WHICH NEED ATTENTION

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed resurfacing the tennis courts. Neel-Schaffer, Inc. has submitted a proposed contract to assist with preparing and soliciting proposals for the work. The work will consist of resurfacing the two existing courts and repairing the fence. The cost of the engineering services is \$3,000. Alderman Turner moved that the contract with Neel Schaffer, Inc. for the tennis court resurfacing project be approved and Andrew Dulaney, Mayor, be authorized to sign the same. 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.

#### APPENDIX E: CONTRACT WITH NEEL-SCHAFER, INC. – TENNIS COURT RESURFACING PROJECT

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed pursuing a recreational project and any associated grants for the Town of Tunica in order to add additional recreational facilities including two additional tennis courts, pickleball courts and a gazebo near the location of the existing tennis courts. After a discussion, Alderman Fyfe moved that the project be preliminarily approved and

Andrew Dulaney, Mayor, be authorized to initial preliminary work on 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.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman next discussed Tunica Main Street. The Board previously approved appropriating funds to Tunica Main Street in an amount equal to one-half of the cost of a new Christmas Tree. This was initially approved on October 4, 2022. The final bill has been received and half of the cost is \$4,199.28. Alderman Turner moved that \$4,199.28 be appropriated and paid to Tunica Main Street to help offset the cost of the new Christmas Tree. 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.

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

- Valerie Hartsfield – MAPDD Annual Conference – MS Gulf Coast – April 18-21, 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 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.

Granville Sherman next updated the Board on various issues. Mr. Sherman discussed the Town applying for a CDBG Grant. After a discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the Board adopt the resolution attached in the form as Appendix F for the Town to apply for a CDBG Grant. 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.

APPENDIX F: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR CDBG  
GRANT BY NDPDD

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023.

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Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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