

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, March 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:

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	Present
*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. Chaplain Smith led in prayer.

The Board considered the minutes from the March 7 and March 14, 2023, meetings. Alderman Hartsfield moved to approve the minutes as written and previously provided to the Board of Aldermen. 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.

REPORTS:

- Police Report: Police Chief Hatton reviewed the operations since the last meeting. The new truck which has been ordered, but the delivery date has been pushed back to May/June, 2023.

- Public Works: Thomas Robinson updated the Board with regard to the ongoing work being done by the Atmos contractors. Kelly Construction is working on the south end of Town, Benton is working the middle area of town, and Tri-State will soon be working in the north end of Town. Mr. Robinson discussed the status of several pump stations and the action being taken to repair them. Mr. Robinson discussed the Nickson pump station and the Aaron E. Henry pump station. Reggie Griffin, reported on public works and other operations. Mr. Griffin discussed the work being done to have Town looking nice for the River Gate Festival. 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 at the Board's next meeting.
- Code Enforcement: David Graves gave an update on code enforcement issues. Mr. Graves discussed his report and action taken by the Court relating to the issues at 940 Academy and 1068 Academy. Mr. Graves was thanked for the information.

[update re Main Street] The Board of Aldermen next discussed the status of the building owned by Vernon Barker located at 1335 Main Street, Tunica, Ms. As previously authorized by the Board at its February 21, 2023, meeting, it was announced that the Board would consider the issue relating to the dilapidated condition of the building located at 1335 Main Street which is owned by Mr. Barker. Notice of the matter was properly and timely given. It was noted that Mr. Barker was present for the matter. Mayor Dulaney called on Mr. Barker so that Mr. Barker could address the situation. Mr. Barker stated that he had received the letter and he had a copy of the letter with him. Mr. Barker stated that he is aware of the condition. Mr. Barker has cleaned up the bricks that have fallen. Mr. Barker stated that it is his intent to have the façade repaired. He has met with several contractors who do brick work. However, none of them have come to perform the work. Mr. Barker stated that he understands the concern and potential danger presented. He also understands that River Gate Festival will be held April 20 – 22, 2023 and that the area needs to be safe and have an attractive appearance. Mr. Barker advised that he has only owned the building since July, 2022. Mayor Dulaney stated that the issue has been ongoing for many years and needs to be addressed as soon as possible given the current dangerous situation that it presents. After the discussion, Alderman Pierce moved that the resolution and related documents attached hereto finding that the building needs to be cleaned up, etc. be adopted. The same are attached hereto as Appendix B. 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.

APPENDIX B: RESOLUTION AND RELATED MATERIALS FOR VERNON BARKER BUILDING

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reviewed and considered water adjustment recommendations as presented understanding that all information and documentation has been presented for each

account which is being adjusted. Alderman Fyfe moved to approve the water adjustment recommendations as presented understanding that the customers did not get the benefit of the water that went through the customer's meter. 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.

APPENDIX C – WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed resurfacing the tennis courts. Neel-Schaffer, Inc. has prepared the draft documents which will be needed in order for the Board to received competitive proposals. The work is estimated to cost less that \$75,000 so that the Board is required to get two written proposals. The Board discussed accepting proposals to have the two courts resurfaced and repair so that it'll be two tennis court with an alternate bid so that it'll be striped to be one tennis court and four pickleball courts. It is anticipated that proposals will be received on or before April 13, 2023, with the proposals to be submitted to the Board at the April 18, 2023, meeting. Alderman Hartsfield moved that the Board authorize and approve receiving proposals for the work with the documents to be in substantially the form as is attached and understanding that the Board will received proposals to have the area striped for two tennis court, and priced to have one tennis court and four pickleball courts. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. The Mayor and the Clerk are authorized to receive and open the proposals on or about April 13 and to present them to the Board at the Board's April 18 meeting. 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: DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE TENNIS COURT PROJECT

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed a drainage project. The first two culverts on the north side of Delta just east of Cummins Street were installed too high and are causing water to backup in block where Mr. Harris', Mr. Veazey, etc.'s houses are located. In order to provide for adequate and proper drainage, the two culverts will have to lowered so that they will be dug up, re-graded and properly sized culverts installed in order to address the drainage problem. The cost to have the concrete work performed will be \$4,380. The proposal is from Haynes Concrete Construction. Alderman Fyfe moved that the project be approved and a purchase order issued to have the concrete work performed. Alderman Hartfield 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 considered holding an Executive Session, as authorized pursuant to Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Alderman Pierce moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Fullilove seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote

with the results as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Mayor and Board held a closed determination on the issue of whether an executive session is necessary. Mayor Dulaney stated that the purpose for holding the executive session would be to discuss the Chief of Police (the “Executive Session Matter”).

Based on this, Alderman Turner moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hold an executive session to discuss, consider and act on the Executive Session Matter. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and the Board entered executive session to consider the Executive Session Matters. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, Board attorney, Clerk, Chief of Police and all members of the Board of Aldermen.

During the executive session, the Executive Session Matter was discussed the Chief of Police. The Board was advised that Chief Hatton will retire effective June 1, 2023 with his last day to work being May 31, 2023.

Following the discussion, Alderman Turner moved to leave executive session. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and the Board ended the executive session and returned to open meeting. Mayor Dulaney announced the actions discussed during executive session.

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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 21st day of March 2023.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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