

REGULAR FIRST TUESDAY JUNE 2023, MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, June 6, 2023, being the first Tuesday of said month and the day fixed by Board order for holding the first 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
Interim Police Chief Richard Veazey	Present
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	Present
Public Works Supervisor Reggie Griffin	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Absent
*Via telephone – 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 as well as the prayer.

The Board considered the minutes from the May 16, 2023, meeting. Alderman Hartsfield moved to approve the minutes as written and previously provided to the Board of Aldermen. 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 then considered the claims for May 2023. It was noted that a summary of the claims was previously provided to the Board. After a brief discussion of the claims and a review by Mayor Dulaney, Alderman Fullilove moved to approve the claims as presented. 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 B: MAY CLAIMS

OLD BUSINESS: The Mayor and Board briefly discussed the tennis/pickleball court project. The Board was advised that the contractor should start work on August 1, 2023. The project should be completed within 30 to 45 days. Following the discussion, no action was taken.

### REPORTS:

- Police Report: Interim Police Chief Richard Veazey reported for the police department. Mr. Veazey reviewed the report and discussed the activities of the Police Department over the month of May. Following the report, Mr. Veazey was thanked for his report.
- Public Works: Mr. Robinson reported to the Board concerning utility issues. Mr. Robinson discussed starter issues for the south well. He might have to replace the starter due to snake getting into the box and causing an electrical issue. Mr. Robinson discussed the problems that are being experienced with the Walker McGee pump station. Tim Verner has been assisting with plans and specifications to be sure that the pump station is repaired and upgraded so that it'll work more efficiently. Mr. Robinson reviewed the lowest and best bids that have been received for the new pump(s) and control panel (and related items). The lowest and best bid for the control panel is from Control Systems, inc. for \$18,197.00. The lowest and best bid for the pumps and related items is from Hydra Service, Inc. for \$23,688.00. After a discussion and based on Mr. Robinson's recommendation, Alderman Turner moved that the recommended bids be accepted, and the items purchased. 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: QUOTES FROM HYDRA SERVICE, INC. AND CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC.

Mr. Griffin next reviewed the public works issues with the Board. Various drainage improvements have been made including replacing the culvert on Hickory Lane. Additionally, the crew has been working on grass cutting and is preparing to install the speed bumps on Delta. Finally, the knuckle boom truck is back in operation. Following the discussion, Mr. Griffin was thanked for his report.

- Tunica Main Street: Ms. Withers was unable to be at today's meeting. Mr. Dulaney gave a brief update of the Tunica Main Street activities. No action was taken.

The Mayor and Board next discussed cancelling the truck which was previously approved and ordered for the Police Department. Mr. Veazey advised that the truck is still not ready, and it is unclear when it will be ready. Also, Mr. Veazey advised that he is in more need of police cars for patrolling than he is for a truck. Mr. Veazey has discussed cancelling the truck order with Landers

and the Town has the right to do so given the delays in getting it delivered. After a discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the Board of Aldermen confirm and ratify any prior action taken to cancel the new truck for the Police Department, authorize and approve the termination of the current purchase order to the extent needed, and authorize and approve the issuance of a new purchase order and purchase of a new police car provided the same is on state contract and/or the purchase otherwise complies with Mississippi's public purchasing laws with Andrew Dulaney, Kate Scott Pennock and other Town employees being authorized to take such action as is need to acquire a new police car and all related equipment (lights, stripping, etc.). 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 of Aldermen discussed transferring Davonta Robinson from the water/sewer department to the street department. Alderman Turner moved that Mr. Robinson be transferred as discussed (from water/sewer to streets). 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.

The Board briefly discussed the position of Chief of Police. The Board will know more once Mr. Veazey has been to the Chief's Association annual meeting. No action was taken.

The Board next discussed various fire issues. Mayor Dulaney advised that as part of a longer-term plan for the fire department, the department is looking at a new fire truck. The proposed truck is a ladder truck. The estimated cost of over \$1,000,000.00. Various grants are available to help cover the cost. Without assistance, the Town cannot afford this truck. The lead time is 3 to 5 years for delivery. After a discussion, Alderman Turner moved that Mayor Dulaney be authorized to work with Mr. Harrison, Tunica County Fire Coordinator, towards securing grant funding to be used towards the purchase of a new fire truck. 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.

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 Turner 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 D: WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Alderman considered and discussed appointment of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the MML 2023 Election of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Alderman Hartsfield moved to appoint Mayor Andrew Dulaney as Voting Delegate and Alderman Adam Fullilove as Alternate for the MML 2023 Election of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. 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: VOTING DELAGATE/ALTERNATE MML ELECTION

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

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Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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