

REGULAR FIRST “TUESDAY” JULY 2023, MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED that Wednesday, July 5, 2023, being the first business day after Tuesday, July 4, 2023, which was a State Holiday, 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	Present*
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	Absent
Public Works Supervisor Reggie Griffin	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Present

*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. Danny Smith led in prayer for the Town.

The Board considered the minutes from the June 20, 2023, meeting. 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.

The Board then considered the claims for June 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: JUNE CLAIMS

OLD BUSINESS: None.

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 June. Mr. Veazey discussed the status the new car with the Board. Following the report, Mr. Veazey was thanked for the information.
- Public Works: Mr. Robinson was absent due to various other obligations. Mr. Griffin reviewed the public works issues with the Board. The crew has been working on grass cutting and should have the speed bumps installed on Delta Street this week. He is also working on the Veterans Park. 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 including an overview of the July 4th parade. No action was taken.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman next discussed and considered reappointing Mr. Richard "Wes" Ryals, II for the attorney for the Town of Tunica effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Alderman Fyfe made a motion to approve and confirm the appointment of Mr. Ryals for attorney for the Town of Tunica July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Alderman Pierce 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 Board was advised that the Flowers Family has executed a deed conveying property owned by Tunica Planters, Inc. to the Town of Tunica for the new fire department facility. After a discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the deed be accepted and recorded with a copy to be included with these minutes. 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 C: DEED FROM TUNICA PLANTERS, INC. FOR NEW FIRE FACILITY

Mayor Dulaney next presented two lots to the Board for the Board to consider initiating the process of having the property cleaned. Mayor Dulaney had pictures of the two properties which he took earlier today for the Board to review. Following a brief discussion and after a review of the process

by Mr. Ryals, Alderman Hartsfield moved that the Board adopt resolutions relating to each of properties which resolutions are attached hereto and included herein as Appendix D. Alderman Pierce 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: RESOLUTIONS AND RELATED DOCUMENT CONCERNING
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1150 BEATLINE ROAD AND 1168
BEATLINE ROAD

Mayor Dulaney briefly updated the Board with regard to water and sewer payments the Town has received from Mid-State Opportunities, Inc. for various customers. The payments total approximately \$195,000.00. The payments are required to be applied to 142 specific individual customers based on direction from Mid-State. Mayor Dulaney called the Mississippi State Department of Audit concerning the payments. The State Auditor's office reviewed the information and has called Mayor Dulaney back. The State Auditor has advised that the funds should be accepted and applied to the accounts as directed by the information provided by Mid-State. Mayor Dulaney advised that Mary Green, Mary Evelyn Watson and Kate Scott Pennock have worked particularly hard to encourage our customers to apply for this assistance. The Town received such a large payment based on these individuals continued, diligent and persistent efforts to encourage the Town's customers to apply for these funds.

With no other business, Alderman Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. 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, and the meeting adjourned this 5th day of July 2023.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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