

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, August 15, 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	Absent
Interim Police Chief Richard Veazey	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.

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Mayor Dulaney called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Smith led in prayer.

The Board considered the minutes from the August 1, 2023, meeting. Alderman Pierce 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: Mr. Veazey reported for the Police Department. Mr. Veazey advised that he has been following up on the new car periodically. It should be available later this month. Mr. Veazey discussed the status of the fleet of patrol cars. Mr. Veazey updated the Board on Police activities. Mr. Veazey was thanked for his report.

- Public Works: Mr. Robinson updated the Board with regard to water and sewer operations. Mr. Robinson briefly discussed the leaks that have been repaired as well issues at the lagoon. He is waiting on the engineering report for the lagoon so that it can be submitted for approval by the State. Several of the meters on the wells are out. He is working on having this addressed. Mr. Griffin updated the Board with regard to Public Works. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Robinson were thanked for their reports.
- Tunica Main Street: Ms. Withers updated the Board with regard to Main Street issues. There will be a shopping social September 12 from 4 to 6. Additionally, she advised the Board that “Touch-A-Truck” or “Smalltown Saturday” will be October 14, 2023. No action was taken and Ms. Withers was thanked for her report.
- Code Enforcement: David Graves gave an update on code enforcement issues. Mr. Graves discussed his report and the ongoing actions for code enforcement. Mr. Graves was thanked for the information.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman had an appointment with representatives of the First Regional Library. Lori Barnes and Jennifer Stephenson reviewed the past year’s operations for the Tunica Library and provided an overview of the entire regional library system. Following the presentation, Ms. Stephenson and Ms. Barnes were thanked for the information. The budget request will be considered as part of the overall budget which will be presented in the next couple of weeks.

It was noted that Horizon had scheduled an appointment with the Board for today. They have rescheduled this for September 5, 2023.

The Board next discussed the budget for FY24. Mayor Dulaney previously provided a rough draft of the proposed budget to the Board members. Each member of the Board was provided with an additional copy of the budget. Mayor Dulaney reviewed the budget and compared last years budget with this year's budget. Following a discussion of the budget, the Board was reminded that the public hearing will be held next week (Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.).

The Mayor and Board next discussed the annual payment to the Tunica Humane Society. Following a brief discussion, Alderman Hartsfield moved that the Board approve the \$4,000 to the Tunica Humane Society for FY23 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign and deliver a check making said payment. 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 a payment to Mid-State Opportunities, Inc. for individuals whose accounts have been closed or are inactive. Mid-State Opportunities, Inc. previously made a payment to the Town of Tunica to go towards certain individual’s water/sewer accounts. For the individuals whose accounts are closed or whose accounts are inactive, the funds are required to be

reimbursed to Mid-State Opportunities, Inc. Currently, Ms. Pennock has calculated that \$21,084.70 will need to be reimbursed. Additional amounts will have to be reimbursed if any of the other customers close their accounts prior to all funds being expended. After a discussion of the matter, Alderman Fyfe moved that the Board approve a payment to Mid-State Opportunities, Inc. for \$21,084.70 as reimbursements for the accounts that are closed or are inactive, as well as future amounts as accounts are closed and funds are required to be reimbursed. 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.

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

- Laure Withers, Kate Scott Pennock and Andrew Dulaney, Grant Seminar, Memphis, TN, September 7, 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 Hartsfield 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.

The Board was updated on the status of the pickleball courts. No action was taken.

With no other business, Alderman Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting. 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, and the meeting adjourned this 15th day of August 2023.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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