

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, September 5, 2023, being the first Tuesday of September, 2023, 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	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 August 15 and August 22, 2023, meetings. Alderman Fyfe moved to approve the minutes as written and previously provided to the Board of Aldermen. 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 then considered the claims for August 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: AUGUST CLAIMS

CITIZENS/PRESENTATIONS/HEARING:

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next heard a presentation concerning security cameras and access points. Kristen Liguori with Verkada and David Pino with Horizons made the presentation. Following the presentation and questions concerning the same, Ms. Liguori and Mr. Pino were thanked for the information.

Mayor Dulaney advised that the Board would next consider the budget for FY24. A copy of the budget was provided to everyone present. Mayor Dulaney gave a brief overview of the budget. Following the review of the budget the Board held a public hearing.

First, it was announced that notice of the proposed adoption of the budget and tax levy had previously been posted as required by law. A copy of the notice along with an affidavit relating to the posting of the notice was received and directed to be included in the minutes.

APPENDIX C – BUDGET ADOPTION AND TAX LEVY NOTICE & AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING OF THE SAME

Mayor Dulaney opened the meeting up for comments from the public. No one appeared to comment on the proposed budget. There being no comments relating to the budget, Alderman Hartsfield moved that the hearing be closed. 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. It was noted that the Board will consider the formal adoption of the budget and tax levy later in the meeting.

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen recognized an employee for having served the Town continuously for a period of ten years. Mayor Dulaney recognized Christy Young, Municipal Court Clerk and presented a ten year certificate. Following the presentation, the Board members thanked Ms. Young for her hard work and service to the Town.

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 August. Mr. Veazey updated the Board on the status the department's patrol cars. The department is in pretty good shape. Following the report, Mr. Veazey was thanked for the information.

- Public Works: Mr. Griffin discussed the public works department. In particular, Mr. Griffin discussed Beatline Road and the cleanup that was performed. Mr. Robinson discussed various water leaks and sewer issues which have been addressed. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Dulaney discussed purchase issues and the need to make purchases slightly different to be sure the Town is in full compliance with the State's purchasing laws. Mr. Robinson reviewed two bids that he has received for the purchase of chlorine. Following the discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the quote of Fabri Clean Supply be accepted for liquid chlorine at a unit price of \$277.41 for a 150-pound cylinder. This price is valid for six (6) months. This is lower than the other bid and the other bidder would not hold their price for more than 30 days. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and all Aldermen present voted in favor of the same. The Mayor declared the motion carried and adopted.

APPENDIX C: QUOTES FOR CHLORINE

Following the discussion, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Griffin were thanked for their reports.

- Tunica Community Events: Danny Smith updated the Board on the September 11 program which will be held September 11 at 11:30 in Veterans Park. Planning is underway for the Veterans Day program which will be held around November 11th. Given November 11 is a Saturday, it might be held either Friday or Monday.

The Board of Aldermen next discussed adopting a resolution memorializing and remembering the life and service of Ann Papasan, long term clerk of the Town of Tunica who retired some year ago. Ms. Papasan passed away earlier this month. Following the discussion, Alderman Turner moved that a resolution be adopted in the form and substance as is attached hereto as Appendix D. 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 D – RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING, MEMORIALIZING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ANN PAPASAN

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed the audit for FY23. The Board was advised that an audit engagement letter needs to be approved between the Town of Tunica and Bridgers, Goodman, Baird & Clarke, CPAs. The form of the proposed agreement was provided at the meeting. Following a discussion, Alderman Fyfe moved that the proposed engagement letter be

approved and that Andrew Dulaney, Mayor, be authorized to execute and deliver the same. 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 E – AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR FY23

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed the purchase of holiday decorations. The Board discussed various options. The Board will look at adding a decoration which will provide a photo opportunity for individuals in Town. After a discussion, Alderman Fullilove moved that the Board authorize and approve appropriating \$7,500 towards the purchase of new holiday decorations. Said funds shall be paid to Tunica Main Street as Tunica Main Street organizes and coordinates all holiday decorations for the Town. Alderman Fyfe 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 next considered and discussed adoption of the final budget and tax levy for fiscal year 2024. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen have held the required public hearings. The budget has been carefully reviewed by each Aldermen. It was noted that the tax levy will be the same as last. Alderman Turner moved to approve the adoption of the final budget and tax levy for fiscal year 2024. 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 – FY 2024 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

The Mayor and Board of Alderman discussed the current contract between the Town and Advanced Mosquito Service (Advanced). Mayor Dulaney has met with representatives of Advanced to discuss the same. Currently, the contract provides that the Town will be sprayed 6 nights a week for five hours night. Advanced has explained that the Town is sprayed 6 nights a week subject to: i) if the wind is 10 mph or higher, they cannot spray, or ii) if it is raining or has recently rained. Additionally, the Town is sprayed on a north/south and east/west gride. This takes approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours. Advanced is not allowed to spray more than this as it would exceed the amount of chemicals that can be put out. Following a discussion, Alderman Fyfe moved that the Advanced contract be modified to reflect the terms as discussed above and Andrew Dulaney is authorized to sign and deliver the same. 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 G: AMENDED CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed marked and unmarked patrol vehicles. Mr. Veazey requested that one of the unmarked cars be marked and one of the marked cars be approved to be “unmarked.” After a discussion of the request, Alderman Turner moved that Mr. Veazey’s request be approved as indicated on the attached Appendix H. 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 H: APPROVED REQUEST FOR MARKING/UNMARKING PATROL VEHICLES

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed three emergency purchases that have been made. Mr. Robinson discussed this with the Board. One relates to the issue with the 10-inch water that is near the intersection of Hickory and Cummins. The line was hit by an Atmos contractor late in the afternoon and caused a significant part of the Town to lose water. The line had to be repaired immediately in order to restore service to most of the Town and ensure fire protection would be available. The second issue relates to the eight-inch sewer main at Marie (old hospital site). This was a sewer issue which had to be addressed immediately to prevent sewage from overflowing on the ground and from backing up in residences' homes. Similarly, the Walker Magee pump station had an issue. It has to be addressed immediately to prevent sewer overflow and having sewer back up in residences homes. Following the discussion and a review of the invoices associated with the work, Alderman Turner moved that the purchases be authorized and approved as emergency purchases given the nature of the issues and as said issues had to be immediately addressed for the public health and safety. Alderman Fyfe 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 I: WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor and Board of Alderman discussed renewing the lease for Tunica Nutrition. Tunica Nutrition is a great use of the building as the building was not designed for a restaurant but for a deli. The current use does not cause issues with the sewer like the prior uses. Additionally, having the building occupied encourages additional downtown activities and increases sales tax. Based

on the discussion, Alderman Fyfe moved that the lease be extended, and Andrew Dulaney be authorized to execute and deliver an extension in the form and substance as is attached hereto. 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.

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

- Andrew Dulaney, MML Board of Directors meeting, Oxford, MS September 21 – 22, 2023
- Thomas J. Robsinon, Tupelo, MS - October 23-26, 2023 – MS Rural Water Fall Training 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 Turner moved that the reference travel request be approved. And, to the extent requested, a travel advance shall be made as authorized by law. 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 Alderman next discussed the house and lot located at 1150 Beatline Road and the house and lot located at 1168 Beatline Road. These were the subject of the public hearings and resolutions adopted at prior meetings. Mr. Griffin presented the information relating to the cost of the Town to have this cleaned up. After a discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the Board adopt resolution(s) for each in the form and substance as is attached hereto. Alderman Fyfe 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 J: RESOLUITONS CONCERNING THE CLEAN UP OF THE HOUSE AND LOTS LOCATED AT 1150 BEATLINE ROAD AND 1168 BEATLINE ROAD

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed the status of the current “Welcome to Tunica” signs. The existing signs are approximately 20 years old. They are extremely weathered and in need of repair or replacing. Mayor Dulaney advised that two quotes have been solicited and received. After a discussion, Alderman Fyfe moved that the quote of Chickasaw be accepted and approved as it is the lowest and best proposal received. 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 K: TWO PROPOSALS FOR NEW “WELCOME TO TUNICA”
SIGNS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed the adopt of a new Fleet Safety Policy. A copy of the proposed policy was provided to each Board member. Additionally, Mr. Ryals has reviewed this. Alderman Turned moved that the Fleet Safety Policy be accepted, approved and adopted in the form and substance as attached hereto. Alderman Fyfe 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 L: FLEET SAFETY POLICY

Mayor Dulaney gave the Board an update of various ongoing projects and the timeframe for each. Following the discussion, no action was taken.

With no other business, Alderman Turner 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 5th day of September 2023.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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