

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, October 3, 2023, being the first Tuesday of October 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	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
*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 September 19, 2023, meetings. Alderman Pierce 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 September 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 Hartsfield moved to approve the claims as presented. 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 B: SEPTEMBER CLAIMS

### CITIZENS/PRESENTATIONS/HEARING:

Billy J. Hollis will be recognized at the Board's next meeting for over 15 years of service. Due to an issue, he was not able to be at today's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

### REPORTS:

Police Report: Interim Police Chief Richard Veazey reported for the police department. Mr. Veazey has been out and did not have his written report available. This will be presented at the Board's next meeting. Mr. Veazey updated the Board on police activities for the last several weeks. Following the report, Mr. Veazey was thanked for the information. It was mentioned that the City of Shaw has submitted a request that the two surplus patrol cars be transferred to them. This is item 11 on the agenda. The Board of Aldermen next discussed and considered declaring two police vehicles as surplus and authorize donating/transferring them to the City of Shaw per their written request. This is authorized by Mississippi law including, but not limited to, Section 31-7-13(m)(vi). The description of each vehicle is as follows: 2010 Dodge Charger black and white VIN 2B3AA4CV9AH304331 (113228 miles) and 2012 Dodge Charger black and white VIN 2C3CDXAT4CH316296 (120009 miles). After discussion, Alderman Turner moved to approve declaring the two police vehicles as surplus and authorizing the donation/transfer of the same to the City of Shaw. 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 C: REQUEST FOR SURPLUS VEHICLES

- Public Works: Mr. Robinson discussed various water leaks and sewer issues which have been addressed. Mr. Griffin discussed the public works department. Following the discussion, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Griffin were thanked for their reports.
- Tunica Main Street: The Board will receive the Tunica Main Street report at its next meeting.
- Tunica Community Events: The next event will be Halloween. The Board briefly discussed Halloween. It will be handled similarly as in the past.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed Tunica Main Street. The term of Jeannie Arnold expired September 30, 2023. The Tunica Main Street Board has five members, and they are on staggered terms. After a brief discussion Alderman Hartsfield moved that Jeannie Arnold be appointed to the Tunica Main Street Board for a term of approximately five (5) years with the term to expire the later of September 30, 2028, or when her successor is appointed. 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 discussed the municipal compliance questionnaire. A copy of previously provided to all the Board members. After a brief discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the municipal compliance questionnaire be approved and that Andrew Dulany, Mayor, be authorized and approved to sign the same. 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.

#### APPENDIX D : MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Board of Aldermen next discussed Halloween. In prior years the Board has adopted a curfew and closed streets due to the number of individuals (including a significant number of younger children being out and walking). After a discussion, Alderman Fyfe moved that the Board adopt and approve an ordinance for Halloween 2023 in the form and substance as attached on hereto. 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 E: HALLOWEEN 2023 ORDINANCE

The Board was advised that the insurance quote has not been received. It will be received in the next day or two. As soon as it is received, a special meeting will be called to consider insurance for the upcoming year. The current policy expires October 12, 2023.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next considered a request that the Police Officers of the Town of Tunica be authorized work special events, including athletic events, for the Tunica County School District. The School District will pay the officers. The Board was advised that this is allowed with the approval of the Town. Alderman Pierce moved that the request be approved. 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 of Aldermen next discussed adding some additional features to the Town's BBI software. The Board was advised that for an initial payment of \$3,149.98 and then an annual

payment of \$750.00, the Town can get the time clock software and two machines. This will allow for better and more efficient timekeeping. After a discussion of the matter, Alderman Pierce moved that the Board approve the additional software and related items from BBI relating to time keeping for the employees at an estimated cost of \$3,149.98 with an annual license/maintenance fee. 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 next discussed an emergency repair to the Town's Volunteer Fire Department's Rescue-2 fire vehicle. The Board was advised that Rescue-2 had an issue during a fire call and had to be towed due to failure to crank. The cost to have it repaired was in excess of \$5,000. However, there was only one option available who could work on it and get it back in a timely manner. After a discussion of the repair and emergency of the same as the Town could have been without adequate fire protection, Alderman Turner moved that the purchase be approved. 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 F: INVOICE FOR REPAIRS TO RESCUE-2

The Mayor and Board will consider a revised low speed vehicle ordinance at a future meeting. A draft of the proposed ordinance was given to each member of the Board and anyone else present who wanted one.

The Mayor advised the Board that he has received the Emergency Operation Plan for the Tunica Medical Clinic. It is his understanding that the plan does not have to be approved, just received. After a discussion of the same, Alderman Hartsfield moved that the Emergency Operation Plan for the Tunica Medical Clinic be received and that Andrew Dulaney, Mayor, be authorized to sign the same. 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 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 Hartsfield 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 G: WATER ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Dulaney gave the Board an update of various ongoing projects and the timeframe for each. Specifically, the tennis/pickleball court rehab project is underway and should be completed in the next several weeks. The contractor handling the fence replacement will be here shortly thereafter to replace the fence. The plans for the water line replacement will be turned into the State any day now. One of the items discussed was the purchase of a new truck for the public works department. Mr. Griffin advised that the new truck that is needed is on state contract. The cost is \$45,328 for a ¾ Truck – crew cab/4wd as indicated on the attached. Alderman Turner moved to approve purchase and having a purchase order issued. 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 H: STATE CONTRACT INFORMATION FOR PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK

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 Hartsfield moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Pierce 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 personnel matters to include discussing each specific employee and his/her job duties, job performance and compensation (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 Pierce 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 and all members of the Board of Aldermen.

During the executive session, the Executive Session Matter was discussed. Specifically, Mayor Dulaney provided each Aldermen with a list of the Town’s employees. Mayor Dulaney briefly discussed and reviewed the job performance for each employee and made a recommendation for raises effective immediately. Following a discussion of the individual employees, Alderman Turner moved that the recommendation be accepted and that effective the next pay period, the

salaries for the employees to be set and approved as outlined in Appendix I. Alderman Hartsfield 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 approved.

#### APPENDIX I: LIST OF EMPLOYEES & SALARIES

Following the discussion, Alderman Turner moved to leave executive session. Alderman Fyfe 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 taken during the executive session.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023.

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Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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