

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, December 5, 2023, being the first Tuesday of December 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	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. In Mr. Smith's absence, Alderman Turner led in prayer for the Town.

The Board considered the minutes from the November 21, 2023, meetings. 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 November 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 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.

APPENDIX B: NOVEMBER CLAIMS

CITIZENS/PRESENTATIONS/HEARING:

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen recognized Reggie Griffin for having served the Town continuously for a period of over twenty years. Mayor Dulaney recognized Mr. Griffin and presented a twenty-year certificate. Following the presentation, the Board members thanked Mr. Griffin for their hard work and service to the Town.

Granville Sherman from North Delta Planning & Development was present. He discussed last years CDBG application. The application has not been formally denied at this point but the Town has not received a site visit which is an indicator that the Town will not receive a CDBG based on last year's application. With this, Mr. Sherman recommended the Board authorize pursuing a CDBG for 2024. After a discussion of the matter, Turner moved that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing Andrew Dulaney to initiate a CDBG application for 2024 and that North Delta Planning & Development be approved to assist with the same. The form of the resolution is attached hereto. Alderman Hartsfield 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: CDBG RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NORTH DELTA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ANDREW DULANEY TO PURSUE A CDBG APPLICATION FOR 2024

OLD BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS:

- Police Report: Interim Police Chief Richard Veazey reported for the police department. Mr. Veazey presented and reviewed his report with the Board. Following the report, Mr. Veazey was thanked for the information and update.
- Public Works: Mr. Griffin reported for public works. Mr. Griffin discussed the leaf machine and advised that the crew is able to keep up with getting leaves picked up and hauled off. Mr. Robinson discussed various water leaks and sewer issues which are being addressed. Mr. Robinson advised that the culverts for the Hickory Lane Project and the Cummins Project should be here in the next couple of days. Following the discussion, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Robinson were thanked for the reports.
- Tunica Main Street: Ms. Withers updated the Board with regard to the Christmas Tree lighting. Additionally, Ms. Withers advised that there is another grant that is available to

help support festivals. It is a sponsorship grant for \$3,000. Ms. Withers plans to apply for this grant as part of River Gate. Ms. Withers will work on getting the details on this and finalizing it in a timely manner.

- Tunica Community Events: There are no upcoming community events. For 2024, the Town will host the three events in May (Peace Officers Memorial Day, National Day of Prayer and Memorial Day). The Town will hold a September 11th event and its annual Veterans Day program.

The Mayor and Board next discussed the real property owned by the Town of Tunica on the west side of Pine Street were the pecan grove it. After a discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the Board authorize and approve soliciting proposals for the leasing of the property with the same to maintained as a pecan grove. 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 advised the Board that the JAG Grant has been awarded. The Town has received the documents relating to this. After a brief discussion, Alderman Hartsfield moved that Andrew Dulaney and Kathryn Pennock, Mayor and Clerk respectively, be authorized to execute and deliver all of referenced documents, copies of which shall be included with these minutes. 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.

APPENDIX D: JAG GRANT DOCUMENTS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed a request from the Tunica County Airport Commission that the \$25,000 budget by the Town for the Airport be paid. The Board budged \$25,000 to help support the Airport's operations for this fiscal year. After discussing the matter, Alderman Hartsfield moved that the Board approve paying \$25,000 to the Airport as per the budget and that Andrew Dulaney and Kathryn Pennock, Mayor and Clerk respectively, be authorized to sign a check to make said payment. 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 with the exception of Alderman Turner who abstained from the discussion and vote, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

The Mayor and Board next discussed a appropriating funds to Tunica Main Street. Previously the Board approved allocating \$7,500 to Tunica Main Street for the purchasing of additional holiday decorations. These have been purchased and Tunica Main Street has requested their funds be paid. Alderman Hartsfield moved that the Board approving paying \$7,500 to Tunica Main Street and that Andrew Dulaney and Kathryn Pennock, Mayor and Clerk respectively, be authorized to sign a check to make 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 of Aldermen next discussed paying rent to Tobin Mangum for the property that the Town leases from him. After a discussion, Alderman Hartsfield moved that the Town pay Tobin Mangum \$3,000 as rent due pursuant to the agreement between the Town and Mr. Mangum and that Andrew Dulaney and Kathryn Pennock, Mayor and Clerk respectively, be authorized to sign a check to make said payment. 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 received the holiday proclamations for the current holiday season. The Town will be closed December 25, 2023 and January 1, 2024, as per state law for Christmas and New Year's. Additionally, based on the action of the Governor, the Town will be closed Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Alderman Turner moved that the holidays be approved. 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 E: HOLIDAY PROCLAMATIONS

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

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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