

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2019**

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan, Willie Jennings, City Attorney Ben Logan; and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Councilman Lynn Bryan gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Natalia Davis.

**IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER**

President Nettie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Councilman Mike Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Markel Whittington, to confirm the agenda and agenda order. The vote was unanimous.

**PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS AGENDA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS**

No scouts were present for recognition.

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES**

No employees were present for recognition.

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF COLONEL CARLYLE S. "SMITTY" HARRIS**

The Mayor welcomed and presented Colonel Carlyle "Smitty" Harris a Key to the City for his heroism, patriotism and bravery during the Vietnam War. His wife, Louise, was also present for the presentation.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS**

The following public recognitions were made by council members:

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Councilman Willie Jennings noted that he had recently attended the National League of Cities Conference in San Antonio, Texas and that other participants in the conference were very complimentary of the transit system the City of Tupelo has put into place. He also said that Mayor Jason Shelton did a tremendous job when he spoke to the Conference on Saturday.

Councilman Travis Beard commented that the Park and Recreation Department, as well as others, did a great job of the 'Lighting of Ballard Park' event.

**IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Shelton recognized Mr. Marcus Gary, Outreach Coordinator, along with Gloria Jarrel, a teacher at Tupelo High School. Mr. Gary and Ms. Jarrel both talked about the Project Search Program through the Tupelo High school that is geared towards those who are special needs students. The program trains and helps the students find jobs.

(CLOSE REGULAR MEETING OPEN PUBLIC AGENDA)

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No one appeared to discuss this matter

(CLOSE PUBLIC AGENDA AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION)

**ACTION AGENDA**

There were no items discussed.

**ROUTINE AGENDA**

**REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Willie Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Buddy Palmer, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 19, 2019. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL EXPENSE LIST**

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Chief Financial Officer, Kim Hanna, submitted a request to the City Council to approve a list of expenditures for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Tupelo. Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Willie Jennings, to approve the advertising and promotional list as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the list is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX A.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, PAY BILLS AND APPROVE UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council members: Markel Whittington, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Willie Jennings; and Traci Dillard, Accounts Payable.

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Buddy Palmer to approve the payment of the checks, bills and claims, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**APPENDIX B**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT REQUEST FOR SPECIAL POLICE DETAIL**

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Travis Beard to approve the request from Chief Bart Aguirre that Police Officers be allowed to wear uniforms and use proper city issued equipment for helping with security and deterrent for the Downtown Main Street Association. Liability and the fee for the officer's detail will come from DTMSA. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX C.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, ACCEPT REJECT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2019 COLISEUM COMMISSION MEETING**

Councilman Buddy Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Markel Whittington, to accept the October 21, 2019 Coliseum Commission Meeting minutes as submitted, a copy being attached as **APPENDIX D.** The vote was unanimous in favor.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, ACCEPT, APPROVE REQUEST FROM INNOVATION IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TO THE MIDDLE COLLEGE – A JOINT INITIATIVE OF TPSD AND ICC**

Councilman Mike Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Travis Beard to accept the recommendation of the Innovation in Education Committee to establish an annual scholarship to the middle college, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX E.**

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**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, ACCEPT, REJECT AMENDMENT #2 TO THE ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND MCNEIL RHOADS FOR “AMI SCOPE OF WORK”**

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Mike Bryan, to accept amendment #2 to the energy services agreement between the City of Tupelo and McNeil Rhoads for “AMI Scope of Work”. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto as **APPENDIX F.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE/REJECT SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF WATER METERS AND ELECTRIC METERS FROM MCNEIL RHOADS AND BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY- TUPELO WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT**

TWL Director, Johnny Timmons submitted a request to approve a Sole Source Purchase to authorize the Department to directly award brand specific purchase of water meters to McNeil Rhoads and Aclara electric meters to Border States Electric Supply. Each of these vendors is the sole authorized distributor of the referenced meters in the State of Mississippi.

Councilman Willie Jennings moved to approve both McNeil Rhoads and Aclara for water meters and electric meters respectively as a sole source vendor for these items, as requested by Johnny Timmons. Councilman Lynn Bryan seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously in favor. A copy of the letter from McNeil Roads and Border States Electric Supply reflecting the status as a sole source vendor is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX G.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, APPROVE, REJECT MEMORANDUM OF REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A 26’ SKYJACK, MODEL NO SJ6826RT TO THE CITY OF TUPELO**

Councilman Markel Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Travis Beard to accept the donation of a 26’ Sky Jack, Model No. SJ6826RT, Registration No. HST 6-92775/06 from Southeast Ventures LLC to the Tupelo Fire Department at the estimated value of \$9,500.00. This machine will be available for any city department to use. The vote was unanimous in favor. The memorandum of request and supporting documents are attached as **APPENDIX H.**

**STUDY AGENDA**

It was determined that both items on the Study Agenda should stay tabled for now.

- 8.1 Review, Discuss Speed Table Policy
- 8.2 Review, Discuss Speed Limit Range Project

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No Items

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the City Council, Councilman Willie Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Buddy Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Of those present the vote was unanimous in favor.

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Nettie Davis, President  
City Council

ATTEST:

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Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

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Jason Shelton, Mayor

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December 17, 2019  
Date