

MUNICIPAL MINUTES, CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Be it remembered that the regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall Building on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Markel Whittington, R. Fred Pitts, Jim Newell Nettie Y. Davis, Jonny Davis and Willie Jennings; City Attorney John S. Hill; and Glenda Muse, Clerk of the Council. Councilman Mike Bryan was absent.

The invocation was led by President Fred Pitts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scouts of Troop #85.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Pitts called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to confirm the agenda and agenda order as presented.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF BOY/GIRL SCOUTS

Boy Scouts from Troop #85 had previously been introduced by Councilman Newell and had led the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting. Their Assistant Scout Leader David Malone was present as well. Scouts present who are working on their Citizenship in the Community Service Badges included Drew Moore, Griffin Moore, Ryan Malone and Chris Patty.

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES

No city employees were present for recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

The following public recognitions were made by council members:

Councilman Jennings – Invited everyone to come out to the Haven Acres Community Center on Sunday, November 20, 2011, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a free Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings.

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Councilwoman Davis – Reminded everyone of the Mission Mississippi Breakfast scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2011, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at Harrisburg Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jimmy Barnes, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church.

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Reed next recognized two sports teams from Tupelo High School who had won first place at the State level this year. The teams, the Girls Cross Country and Boys Cross Country, were introduced to the audience and City Council and congratulated for their outstanding performances.

Another team of students from Tupelo Middle School, the “Golden Wave Bridge Builders” were recognized for their selection to the nationwide event sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. The students on the team were Christopher Wright, Maddie Arancibia, and William Bell. These students had built a balsa wood bridge and written a portfolio as a part of the process. Teams are selected by grade levels for a total of nine teams and invited to attend the national competition. For the past five years that the competition has been held, Tupelo schools have had at least one team invited. Work has already begun by an eighth grade team to compete next year. Ms. Linda Clifton, former Principal of Tupelo Middle School, serves as sponsor.

IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Reed had been honored last week to represent the City of Tupelo in Phoenix, Arizona, at the annual meeting of The National League of Cities. Tupelo was one of only twenty-four cities in the nation to be invited to show at the National League Showcase, presenting information on Tupelo’s “Health on a Shelf” initiative. This endeavor is an innovative way to get healthy food choices into neighborhoods not served by grocery stores but who have access only to convenience stores. Cara Perry, staff member of the Tupelo Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Mayor Reed visited with people from all across the country sharing this idea. On Friday, Mayor Reed was invited to participate in a panel discussion along with the Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas, and a leader of the Kaiser Health Foundation from Boulder, Colorado, sharing many of the initiatives that our Mayor’s Task Force on Health has introduced. These efforts have been in partnership with the Tupelo Parks & Recreation Department, the Tupelo Public Works Department and the Tupelo Public School District.

The Mayor presented a power point presentation to the City Council and audience that he had given at the meeting in Phoenix featuring: Safe Splash Program, Mayor’s

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Marathon, 3-ft. – It's the Law, Project FIT, Heathworks!, Health on a Shelf, the Farmer's Market, Community Gardens, ABC's of Fruits and Vegetables and Tupelo's Healthy Food Billboards.

Mayor Reed next presented information regarding sales tax receipts for November. The city is up 7.24% or \$94,238, giving a total this month of \$1,396,408.42 vs. 1,302,170.59 over last year and after only two months into this fiscal year, the city is up \$177,361 with total receipts of \$2,803,924.86 vs. \$2,626,563.85 over last year. This increase equals our entire 2012 budget's 1% increase.

On Monday, November 21, 2011, at 12:15 p.m., the Tupelo Community Thanksgiving Service will be held, and Mayor Reed invited citizens of all faiths and ages to come and participate in this event...stating we have much to be thankful for.

(President Pitts then closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Agenda.)

5. PUBLIC AGENDA

5.1 PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1.A LISTING OF LOT MOWINGS

No one appeared to address this issue.

(President Pitts then closed the Public Agenda and the council returned to regular session.)

6. ACTION AGENDA

No items appeared on the Action Agenda for consideration.

7. ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/PAY BILLS

Upon a motion by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Jennings, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve payment of the following checks, bills having been reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Whittington, Pitts, N. Davis, J. Davis and Jennings:

Check Nos. 96528 through 96894 (Pool Cash Fund)
Electronic transfers as shown on the face of the docket.
Invoices as shown on the face of the docket.
Requests made by AFLAC to reimburse employees under Flex-One Plan
As shown on the face of the docket.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Terri Blissard, Grant Administrator, had advised the Mayor and City Council of the award of a new Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$25,000, pending approval by the council. The grant will be used to fund Craig Nash's contract for training and related expenses under the State Homeland Security Program.

Upon a motion by Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to accept this grant from the Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$25,000.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FY 2012 BUDGET REVISION #1

Councilman Whittington moved to approve FY 2012 Budget Revision #1 and to accept the donations from the Tupelo Sports Council, Tupelo Public Schools and Tupelo Baseball Association. The motion was seconded by Councilman Newell and unanimously approved by vote of council members present. A copy of the revision is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX A.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE DONATION OF VEHICLE FROM LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve the donation of a vehicle held at present by Leflore County, Mississippi, said vehicle having been purchased by grant funds from the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security. The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security had requested the transfer of this vehicle to the City of Tupelo,

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Mississippi, from Leflore County. According to Tupelo Police Chief Tony Carleton, the vehicle will be used primarily in emergency situations and for officers to attend training, callouts and meetings, thus eliminating the need to drive multiple vehicles in such cases. The property is a 2008 Ford Expedition, VIN #1FMFK155X8LA63479, originally purchased at a cost of \$25,832.00.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TUPELO, TUPELO AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND
MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH GRANT
OFFER FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of Tupelo, Mississippi, and the Tupelo Airport Authority are in receipt of Federal grant funds as a result of submission of an Application for Federal Assistance to the Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Improvement Project No. 3-28-0070-036-2011 consisting of: "Extend runway; rehab taxiway signage, south connecting taxiway, and electrical vault; ARFF SCBA equipment". The Federal Aviation Administration's share of the project costs amounts to 95% with the City of Tupelo and Tupelo Airport Authority being responsible for the remaining 5%.

The application had included a request to the Mississippi Transportation Commission for financial assistance in payment of the 5% share by the City and Tupelo Airport Authority. The Commission has offered to pay 50% of this share in the amount of \$153,439, with the City of Tupelo and Tupelo Airport Authority expending the other 2.5% of the project costs.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis and a second by Councilman Jennings, the council voted as follows to approve an Airport Development Agreement accepting the offer of the Mississippi Transportation Commission to pay 50% of the 5% share of grant funds owed by the City of Tupelo and the Tupelo Airport Authority for this airport improvement project:

VOTING AYE:	Whittington, Pitts, N. Davis, Jennings
VOTING NAY:	Newell, J. Davis
ABSENT:	Bryan

An executed copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX B.**

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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF TUPELO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to accept the minutes of the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency meeting of September 29, 2011, a copy being attached hereto as **APPENDIX C.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF PARKS ADVISORY BOARD AND SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING

Upon a motion by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Jennings, the council voted unanimously of those present to accept the minutes of the Parks Advisory Board and Sports Council meeting of September 27, 2011, a copy being attached hereto as **APPENDIX D.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS BY TUPELO WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a listing of items to be declared surplus by the Tupelo Water & Light Department, these items no longer being of any use to that Department. A copy is attached hereto as **APPENDIX E.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE LISTING OF LOT MOWINGS

Councilman Davis moved to approve a listing of lot mowings presented to the council by the Department of Development Services with the exception of #8271, belonging to Habitat for Humanity, which had been taken care of according to B. J. Teal, Director of that department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Newell. A public hearing had been conducted earlier in this council meeting with no one appearing to address any of the properties. The listed properties are declared as being in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community, thereby authorizing the Department to proceed with mowing procedures. The motion was unanimously passed by a vote of those present. A copy of the listing is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX F.**

8. STUDY AGENDA

No items appeared on the Study Agenda for consideration.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, upon a motion by Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED:

MAYOR