

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, CITY OF TUPELO**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

Be it remembered that a special called meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall Building on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Markel Whittington, R. Fred Pitts, Jim Newell, Nettie Y. Davis, Jonny Davis, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings; City Attorney John S. Hill; and Glenda Muse, Clerk of the Council.

**NOTICE: CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
**OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF LEE**  
**CITY OF TUPELO**

**TO: MARKEL WHITTINGTON, R. FRED PITTS, JIM NEWELL,  
NETTIE Y. DAVIS, JONNY DAVIS, MIKE BRYAN, WILLIE  
JENNINGS, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, is hereby called to meet in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 71 East Troy Street, in the City of Tupelo at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

The object of said meeting, being called pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 21-8-11, is to discuss and act upon the following matter(s) of business:

- (1) Review/Adopt Lee County Tax Assessment Roll and Special Assessment Roll of City of Tupelo
- (2) Review/Adopt Resolution for the Levying of the Ad valorem Taxes for the City of Tupelo and the Tupelo Municipal Separate School District for the Tax Year 2011 and the Current FY 2011-12
- (3) Review/Approve Resolution Adopting FY 2011-12 City of Tupelo Budget
- (4) Review/Approve Grant Agreement Between City of Tupelo, Tupelo Airport Authority and Federal Aviation Administration Accepting Grant Funds in the Amount of \$5,830,700 to Extend Runway 18; Rehabilitate Taxiway Signs; Rehabilitate South Connect Taxiway; Rehabilitate Electrical Vault; Acquire Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for ARFF

This call issued on this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

/S/ Jack Reed, Jr., Mayor

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

President Pitts called the special called meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Due to time constraints, President Pitts requested that the matter concerning the airport grant be considered first before taking up the budgetary issues.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TUPELO, TUPELO AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis and a second by Councilman Jennings, the council voted as follows to approve a Grant Agreement between the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, and the Tupelo Airport Authority (Co-Sponsors) and the Federal Aviation Administration signifying acceptance of funds from the FAA for and on behalf of the United States, said funds representing 95 percent of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing Project Number 3-28-0070-036-2011, said Project consisting of the following: Extend Runway 18 ) 650' x 150'; rehabilitate taxiway signs, south connecting taxiway (300' x 60'); and electrical vault; acquire Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting equipment (self-contained breathing apparatus)

The maximum obligation of the United States payable under this offer shall be \$5,830,700.00 for airport development. An executed copy of the Grant Agreement is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX A.**

Vote taken on the matter was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ADOPT LEE COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF CITY OF TUPELO**

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously to adopt the part of the Lee County Assessment Roll containing the property located within the municipality as provided in Miss. Code Section 21-33-0, including the Land Roll Assessment, Personal Roll Assessment and Special Assessment Roll.

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**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR THE LEVYING OF THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE TUPELO MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011 AND THE CURRENT FY 2011-2012**

Upon a motion by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the council voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution for the Levying of the Ad valorem Taxes for the City of Tupelo and the Tupelo Municipal Separate School District for the Tax Year 2011 and the Current FY 2011-2012. A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX B.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING FY 2011-12 CITY OF TUPELO BUDGET**

Councilman Newell moved to adopt the FY 2011-12 City of Tupelo budget as presented, and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Davis. A lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman Jennings offered an amendment to the budget as follows: Transfer the “Plant a Seed” money from the Summer Youth Program in the general fund and place under the Human Resources Department budget to be used for twenty slots for the “Plant a Seed” program next summer in order to provide a better way to track the program. The amendment was seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously passed by a vote of the City Council.

Councilman Bryan next offered an amendment to the budget as follows: Remove the 5.2% administrative salary increase in the Human Resources Department budget, allowing only the 3% salary increase as is being given to all city employees. The amendment was seconded by Councilman Whittington with vote being as follows:

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

Vote was then called on the original motion to adopt the City of Tupelo budget, as amended, which vote was as follows:

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, upon a motion by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Jennings, the council voted unanimously to adjourn the special called meeting at 5:25 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED:

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MAYOR



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**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS**

The following public recognitions were made by Council Members:

President Pitts – Announced that he had attended a disaster drill conducted at the Tupelo Regional Airport that morning in which several local emergency agencies ran exercise tests. The airport had teamed up with local and state emergency agencies to conduct this disaster drill. Nursing staff from Itawamba Community College had participated as well.

Councilwoman Davis – Issued an invitation for everyone to come out on Saturday, September 24, 2011, for the Community Forward Festival to be held at the Park Hill community on North Green Street. This event is staged annually in conjunction with the Tupelo Police Department to promote a positive image in the community between citizens and law enforcement personnel. Many events are planned including a BBQ cook-off, games, door prizes, etc. A parade will kick off the event at 1:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Davis commended Sid Russell, Director of the Public Works Department, and his crews for planting greens in city-owned vacant lots around the city for citizens to enjoy this fall. The first is being planted in Ward 4 and Councilwoman Davis expressed her appreciation for this effort on the part of this Department.

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF “BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/TACO BELL CAREER EXPERIENCE WEEK”**

Mayor Reed presented a proclamation to Zell Long, Director of the Northeast Mississippi Boys & Girls Clubs, in recognition of “Boys & Girls Club/Taco Bell Career Experience Week” being celebrated September 18 - 24, 2011. The Taco Bell Foundation for Teens funds real-world experiences focused on career exploration, academic success and community service. The Tupelo Haven Acres and Northside Boys & Girls Clubs were awarded a Taco Bell Graduate to Go Career Experience grant in the amount of \$7,310 which will serve a minimum of twenty teen club members. The teens will participate in a career workshop on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at the Haven Acres Boys & Girls Club from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., with various career and college officials present.

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**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF “WEEK OF THE FAMILY”**

Mayor Reed presented a proclamation to Gina Thorgensen in recognition of “The Week of the Family” to be celebrated November 7 – 13, 2011. The proclamation recognizes that Tupelo has strong families which are the center of strong communities. The family essentially makes up the cultural, social and spiritual fabric of any community. During this week, Tupelo residents are urged to take time to honor and recognize the importance of families and to recognize the strength and enrichment of this valuable institution.

**IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Reed reported that sales tax receipts for September were up \$86,879 or 6.56% over last September. This year receipts were \$1,412,176.55 while last year’s amounted to \$1,325,279.09. For the fiscal year ended the city received \$16,919,190.89 versus \$16,462,580.98 in FY 2010, amounting to a yearly increase of \$456,610.00 and a 2.77% increase against a conservative budget of a 1% increase of \$164,625.00. The year ended with six months of consecutive increases.

The next part of Mayor Reed’s report concerned the commemoration of 09/11/01 last Sunday at the Lee County Library, together with the celebration of “Tupelo Reads”. Mayor Reed stated the speaker’s challenge to keep a spirit of optimism inspired him to remain positive and to keep looking ahead for the city. He said he still believes Tupelo can respond to the challenges it faces and that city leaders can take this city into a bright future.

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

**5. PUBLIC AGENDA**

**5.1 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**5.1.A LIST OF LOT MOWINGS**

No one appeared to address this issue.

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## **5.2 CITIZENS' HEARINGS**

- 5.2.A** Rev. J. C. Humphrey appeared before the Mayor and City Council to express his concern about the indecent clothing being worn around the city by youths and teens and requested that city officials look into the matter, either by ordinance or by some type of assessment of fines for such behavior.

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

## **6. ACTION AGENDA**

### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF SECTION OF VALLEY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (SHARON HILLS)**

This item had been tabled at the August 16, 2011, city council meeting and will remain tabled at this time.

### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDING PREVIOUS ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING AND FIXING RATES FOR ELECTRIC POWER FURNISHED TO CONSUMERS OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to adopt an Amendment to Ordinance Adopted July 1, 1997, and Amended September 26, 2006, March 4, 2008, and March 8, 2011, Prescribing and Fixing Rates for Electric Power Furnished to Consumers of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi. An executed copy of this Ordinance is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX A**. According to this Ordinance, these rates for electric power will be effective for all meters read on or after October 21, 2011. According to a memorandum dated September 14, 2011, from Johnny Timmons, Manager of the Tupelo Water and Light Department, the Tennessee Valley Authority enacted this 2.00% electric rate increase. By adoption of this Ordinance, the City Council finds and determines that the rate increase set forth in that document is necessary, fair and reasonable.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/RE-ADOPT TUPELO: THE STORY CONTINUES AS THE CITY'S 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The City of Tupelo's 2025 Comprehensive Plan, Tupelo: The Story Continues, was adopted by the City Council in December 2008. The plan called for staff to provide an annual report to the Planning Committee and city administration on the status of implementation of the plan. According to a memorandum dated September 13, 2011, from Senior Planner Pat Falkner, if no changes are found to be necessary, the Comprehensive Plan should come before the City Council for re-adoption. The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Annual Report for the period July 2010 through June 2011 was presented to the City Council for their review and action. Based on the implementation report, the Planning Committee recommends re-adoption of the plan.

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously of those present to re-adopt Tupelo: The Story Continues as the city's 2025 Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the annual report is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX B**.

## **7. ROUTINE AGENDA**

### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve the minutes of the special called City Council meeting of August 30, 2011; the regular City Council meeting of September 6, 2011; and a special called City Council meeting of September 13, 2011.

### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/PAY BILLS**

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

Check Nos. 94840 through 95232 (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.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO TUPELO AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD**

Due to the expiration of the term of Mr. Bo Gibens on the Tupelo Airport Authority, Mayor Reed has nominated Mr. Rocky Miskelly to fill this vacancy. Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve the appointment of Mr. Miskelly to this position. His term will begin September 2011, ending after five years in September 2016. A copy of his bio is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX C.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE REQUEST TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR EOD UNIT**

Upon a motion by Councilman Newell and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Resolution of Authorization to Submit Homeland Security Grant Application to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety's Office of Homeland Security. According to a memorandum from Terri Blissard, Grant Administrator, dated September 15, 2011, the request is for the amount of \$78,169 to be used by the Tupelo Police Department's EOD Unit. The EOD Unit proposes to purchase two trucks for the unit's commander and deputy commander, as well as a PowerHawk robot attachment for the unit's Andros robot. There is no match requirement for this grant funding. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as **APPENDIX D.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE REQUEST TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR S.W.A.T. TEAM**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Resolution of Authorization to Submit Homeland Security Grant Application to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety's Office of Homeland Security. According to a memorandum from Terri Blissard, Grant Administrator, dated September 15, 2011, the request is for the amount of \$333,559 for the Police Department's S.W.A.T. Unit, which is a part of the North Mississippi Regional Response Team. The Unit proposes to use these funds to purchase a multi-use emergency response rescue vehicle. There is no match requirement for this grant funding. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as **APPENDIX E.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Upon a motion by Councilman Davis and a second by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve the acceptance of a joint Justice

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Assistance Grant in the amount of \$30,027. According to a memorandum from Terri Blissard, Grant Administrator, dated September 15, 2011, this grant has been awarded by the U. S. Department of Justice to the City of Tupelo and Lee County as a joint grant. The City of

Tupelo's portion of the joint grant is \$18,829, which will be used to purchase a Livescan fingerprint system, radios, and miscellaneous law enforcement equipment. No match is required under this grant.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE REQUEST TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANTS**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis and a second by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve Resolutions of Authorization to Submit Hazard Mitigation Grant Applications to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for five (5) Hazard Mitigation Grants. According to a memorandum from Terri Blissard, Grant Administrator, dated September 15, 2011, these grants require a 25% match.

These five applications involve proposed projects designed to help the City of Tupelo protect its citizens from the destruction caused by storms and flooding. The proposed projects and their estimated costs are as follows:

- 1 – Installation of a storm warning system in the Little Red Oaks area near the Intersection of South Veterans Parkway and Hadley Street.  
Estimated Cost: \$15,000 (\$11,250 MEMA/\$3,750 City)
  
- 2 – Installation of a backup generator for the Parks & Recreation Department Maintenance shop on Joyner Avenue  
Estimated Cost: \$3,000 (\$2,250 MEMA/\$750 City)
  
- 3 – Installation of two 13'x13' freestanding storm shelters at the Public Works Department and one 13' x 13' freestanding storm shelter at the Parks & Recreation maintenance shop. Cost per shelter is \$9,600.  
Estimated Cost: \$28,800 (\$21,600 MEMA/\$7,200 City)
  
- 4 - Drainage improvements in a residential area approximately ½ mile west of the Thomas Street/Pemberton Street intersection  
Estimated Cost: \$32,100 (\$24,075 MEMA/\$8,025 City)
  
- 5 – Drainage improvements near the intersection of Eason Blvd./Highway 6 Intersection  
Estimated Cost: \$69,900 (\$52,425 MEMA/\$17,475 City)

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The total cost for these five projects would be \$148,800. If approved, MEMA would pay \$111,600 of this total, and the City of Tupelo would be responsible for the remaining \$37,100. Copies of these five (5) resolutions are attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX F**.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FOR PARK HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve an application for a neighborhood grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Park Hill Neighborhood Association. These funds are requested in order to complete the fencing in the Green Street Park.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FOR HAVEN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion by Councilman Newell and a second by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve an application for a neighborhood grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Haven Acres Neighborhood Association. These funds are requested to initiate or complete several projects as described in the grant application.

**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 #8219, which has been taken care of. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington. A public hearing had been conducted earlier in the meeting with no one appearing to address any of the properties listed. 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 those present. A copy of the listing is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX G.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously of those present to accept the minutes of the Planning

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Committee meeting of September 12, 2011, a copy being attached hereto as **APPENDIX H.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/AWARD/REJECT BID FOR IRRIGATION PROJECT ON THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PROGRAM SOUTH GLOSTER STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to award the base bid and all added alternates for the Irrigation Project for South Gloster Street Improvements to Stewart Environmental, Inc. for a cost of \$90,052.00 as the lowest and best bid for this project. This recommendation was made by Sid Russell, Director of the Tupelo Public Works Department, as well as the landscape architect. A copy of the bid package is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX I.**

It is noted that the apparent low bidder in both the Base Bid and Total Bid categories, Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC, did not fully consider all required components of the proposed project and has submitted a letter requesting to withdraw their bid, that letter being included in the bid package as attached.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF TUPELO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PROGRAM MEETING**

Upon a motion by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to accept the minutes of the Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program meeting of August 8, 2011, a copy being attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX J.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/AWARD/REJECT CITY HALL JANITORIAL BID**

This item had been discussed at the agenda review session on Monday with the consensus being that all bids should be rejected. Therefore, upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously of those present to reject all eight (8) bids received.

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**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE RESOLUTION EXEMPTING CERTAIN POLICE VEHICLES FROM VEHICLE MARKING REQUIREMENTS**

Upon a motion by Councilman Bryan and a second by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Resolution listing certain law enforcement vehicles owned and operated by the Tupelo Police Department to be exempted from Miss. Code, Annotated, styled, "Marking public owned or leased vehicles: exceptions: effect of non-compliance". According to the Resolution, marking of these law enforcement vehicles would hinder the conduct of official on-going criminal

investigations. An executed copy of the Resolution with a full listing of vehicles to be exempted from marking requirements is attached to these minutes and included herein as **APPENDIX K.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE WRITE-OFF OF TUPELO WATER & LIGHT COLLECTIONS ACCOUNTS TO BAD DEBT FILE**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve the write-off of a listing of Tupelo Water & Light Collections accounts to the bad debt file. The total amount of the bad debt is \$53,697.20, representing a percentage of loss of .00167% for the period of January 2010 through June 2010. According to Johnny Timmons, Manager of the Tupelo Water & Light Department, efforts will continue to be made to collect these accounts even though they have been transferred.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL QUANTITY SUMMARY FOR HIGHWAY 45 SOUTH SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Upon a motion by Councilman Bryan, seconded by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve Change Order No. 1 and Final Quantity Summary for the Highway 45 South Sewer Replacement Project. A copy of the executed change order is attached hereto as **APPENDIX L.** The estimated amount of the change order is a deduction of \$4,228.50, resulting in a contract total of \$214,104.00.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FY 2011 BUDGET REVISION #10**

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve FY 2011 Budget Revision #10, a copy being attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX M.**

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**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING PERS RETIREMENT FOR POLICE & FIREMEN**

Upon a motion by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THERE BE A ZERO PERCENT (0%) INCREASE IN THE BENEFITS FOR ALL MEMBERS AND BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING RETIRED RELIEF OR DISABILITY RELIEF BENEFITS FROM THE FIREMEN'S AND POLICEMEN'S DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND. The City of Tupelo finds that at this time it is not in the best interest of the public welfare to authorize such increases and benefits to be paid to the members and beneficiaries under the Firemen's and Policemen's Disability and Relief

Fund. Therefore, the City of Tupelo finds there shall be no increase in benefits to all members and beneficiaries receiving retired relief or disability relief benefits from the Fund, which shall be effective as of October 1, 2011. An executed copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX N.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE 2012 PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a listing of FY 2012 Petty Cash Accounts to be opened for various departments of the city. The listing of such accounts, together with the amounts and names of persons responsible for each, is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX O.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE LISTING OF FIXED ASSETS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND REMOVED FROM FIXED ASSET LISTING**

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington and a second by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a listing of fixed assets submitted to the City Council by City Clerk Kim Hanna, such fixed assets to be declared surplus and removed from the city's fixed asset listing. In addition, a listing of fixed assets are declared surplus and will remain on the fixed asset listing until sold at the next auction. These two listings are attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX P.**

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**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE LISTING OF SURPLUS ITEMS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

Upon a motion by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a listing of fixed assets submitted by the Department of Parks & Recreation to be declared as surplus. These items are broken or no longer being used. A copy of the list is attached hereto as **APPENDIX Q.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FOR AUDUBON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve an application for a neighborhood grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the Audubon Neighborhood Association. An individual has donated a

parcel of land in this area, and the requested funds will be used to erect a sign for a park to be built on this land.

**8. STUDY AGENDA**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/DISCUSS DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS  
COMPRISING TRACE INN AND COUNTRY HEARTH INN AND SUITES**

This item has been deleted from the agenda.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the council, upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously of those present to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT

APPROVED:

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MAYOR