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Be it remembered that the regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in Council Chambers at the City Hall Building on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Y. Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings; City Attorney Ben Logan; and Glenda Muse, Clerk of the Council.

The invocation was led by Councilman Lynn Bryan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Nettie Davis.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Palmer called the regular 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 Vice-President Lynn Bryan and a second by Councilman Jennings, the council voted unanimously to confirm the agenda and agenda order, amended as follows:

ADD: Minutes of Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program meeting
ADD: Appointment to Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Committee

4. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF BOY/GIRL SCOUTS

Mayor Shelton introduced Boy Scout Tyler Sheffield, member of Troop #12, sponsored by First United Methodist Church.

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor Shelton presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following City employees for their years of service to the citizens of Tupelo:

Alan Taylor	Tupelo Public Works Department	25 years
Chuck Williams	Tupelo Public Works Department	20 years

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

The following public recognitions were made by Councilwoman Davis:
... Asked for prayers for the family of Mrs. Viola Foster, former Alderwoman

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and Mayor of the Town of Plantersville, Mississippi. Mrs. Foster had passed away this week with her funeral being held this date.

... Reminded and encouraged all citizens to come out to the City-wide Thanksgiving Service being held at the Link Center on Thursday night, November 19, 2015. The event is being sponsored this year by the Mayor's Outreach Task Force.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT FROM "QUALITY OF LIFE" COMMITTEE

Mr. Robin Haire, Chairman of the "Quality of Life" Committee, next appeared to give a brief update on the actions of that committee. Mrs. Ivus Sisk, another member of the committee, was present as well. Mr. Haire passed out copies of the Committee's Code of Ordinances and reviewed several points, including the creation and establishment as well as the membership of this organization. He, also, reported on those activities and projects the Committee had been involved with. Mr. Haire recommended that this report on the "Quality of Life" Committee be made on an annual basis to keep the administration and City Council up-to-date on its progress and projects.

IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR'S REPORT

Following are highlights of Mayor Shelton's report:

... Flags are being flown at half-mast throughout the city in conjunction with Federal and State declarations on behalf of the victims and their families following the recent tragedy and violence in Paris, France.

... The City of Tupelo is hosting the National Conference of Mennonites this week with approximately 10,000 people in attendance. The economic effect will be positive not only for Tupelo but for the entire northeast section of the state since many are having to drive several miles to obtain lodging. Mayor Shelton stated this was perhaps the largest conference the City of Tupelo had ever held.

... The Community Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Link Center.

... Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department received the James Farrell Award of excellence for the City of Tupelo at the ASA/USA awards luncheon in Louisville, Kentucky, recently. The award was earned as the program scored a 99% rating for hosting the ASA Men's Class D Southern National Championship in August. The Department was also awarded the 2017 ASA/USA Girls 16U Southern Gold Qualifier. This is the only award made to one city in four territories. Estimated number of teams

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is 40 – 45 coming from all over the Southeast. Mayor Shelton presented Alex Wilcox, Parks and Recreation Department Senior Athletic/Recreation Director, a certificate in helping land this prestigious tournament, together with assistance from the Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

... Mayor Shelton ended his report with a “Happy Birthday” greeting to Councilman Mike Bryan who had celebrated his birthday on November 12.

5. **PUBLIC AGENDA**

(No items on the Public Agenda.)

6. **ACTION AGENDA**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ADOPT TUPELO COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to adopt the Tupelo Comprehensive Transportation Plan which had been presented to the City Council by the Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Committee through the Development Services Department. The Major Thoroughfare Program Committee had unanimously voted to accept this document at their October 12, 2015, meeting.

The purpose of this Plan is to “identify existing and future transportation needs, provide a framework for recommendations to address these needs and to determine the best utilization of available resources to successfully facilitate and implement the proposed recommendations.” According to the final report, the Comprehensive Plan is structured around six “Planning Themes”:

1. Orderly, Efficient Land Use Patterns
2. Economic Vitality
3. Neighborhood Protection/Revitalization and Housing Opportunities
4. High Quality Design and Development
5. Efficient and Accessible Transportation
6. Regional Coordination

A complete copy of the Comprehensive Plan as adopted is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX A.**

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7. ROUTINE AGENDA

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

Upon a motion by Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/PAY BILLS

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan and a second by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously to approve payment of the following checks, bills having been reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Beard, Davis, L. Bryan and Palmer:

Check Nos. 320639 through 320989 (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 PROCLAMATION DECLARING ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

By proclamation, Governor Phil Bryant has authorized the closing of all offices of the State of Mississippi on Thursday, November 26, 2015, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday; on Friday, December 25, 2015, in observance of Christmas Day; and on Friday, January 1, 2016, in observance of New Year's Day.

The proclamation, also, authorized all state agencies at their discretion to close all offices of the State of Mississippi, on Friday, November 27, 2015, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday; on Thursday, December 24, 2015, in further observance of Christmas; and on Thursday, December 31, 2015, in further observance of New Year's Day.

Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan, seconded by Councilman L. Bryan, the council voted unanimously to grant the additional holidays to City of Tupelo employees as outlined in the Governor's proclamation.

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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE REQUEST TO SURPLUS ITEMS FOR TUPELO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Thomas Walker had submitted a request to Mayor Shelton and the City Council to declare several items as surplus and remove them from the list. Following is a description of these items:

Property Tag #10600	1999 Ford Explorer	Repair exceeds value
Property Tag #11935	Computer	Inoperable technology
Property Tag #11936	Computer	Inoperable technology

Upon a motion by Councilman Jennings and seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to grant this request and declare the above items as surplus and remove them from the fixed asset list.

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

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of November 2, 2015, a copy being attached hereto as **APPENDIX B.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR TUPELO SRF FY13 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS- AREA 3 – AUBURN

Johnny Timmons, Manager, Tupelo Water and Light Department, had submitted the following change order for approval by the City Council:

Tupelo SRF FY 13 Water System Improvements – Area 3 – Auburn – Change Order No. 2. This change order will add 60 days to the contract completion date of this project with a revised completion date of December 30, 2015. This change order is requested in order to complete the connection of individual water services and allow time for Dexter Fortson (telemetry subcontractor) to finish the installation of the telemetry system for the pressure reducing valve arrangement.

Mr. Timmons states he has reviewed this change order and finds it to be correct. Therefore, upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman M. Bryan, the council voted unanimously to approve Change Order No. 2 for this project. A copy is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX C.**

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

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program meeting of October 12, 2015. A copy is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX D.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE TUPELO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mayor Shelton had submitted the name of Mr. Wesley Wells to be appointed to the Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Committee, effective immediately. Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Wells to this committee, effective immediately. A copy of his bio is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX E.**

8. STUDY AGENDA – NO ITEMS

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the council voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED:

MAYOR