

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on August 17, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular recessed meeting time. Mayor Graves called the meeting to order and the following Aldermen were present: Dear, Hale, Moore, Simpson and Tanksley. Also present were: Katie Harbin, City Clerk (via phone); Ginger Miller, City Attorney; Ethan Foresman, Fire Chief; Richard Chandler, Police Chief; Jeff Rich, Public Works Director.

Alderman Hale gave the invocation.

Public Works Director, Jeff Rich, updated the Mayor and Board of a sewer main problem that came up, on the west side of Scott. Mr. Rich stated that the whole top gave way on the pipe and sewage was coming up through the man hole. We need to have this fixed immediately.

Mayor Graves advised Mr. Rich to get a second quote and we'll have to work on getting the easement.

Mark Boyd spoke to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about Jimmy Clanton. Mr. Boyd requested that the City honor Mr. Jimmy Clanton by naming a softball field after him.

Mayor Graves stated please get together what you would like or recommend and I will get back with you about it.

Public Health and Safety Hearing regarding a home in disrepair and a danger to the community, located at 413 Dean Street Senatobia, MS 38668. Parcel number 099F11 0001200 Section 30 Township 05 Range 07 Lot 16

Mayor Graves opened up the Public Hearing and asked if the owner was present.

Edna Cathey stated that she has been trying to work and find a way to bring the house up to code. By the time I get the taxes paid, I don't have any money to fix it. Mrs. Cathey asked if there are any programs to help me fix it. The house has sat there about 70 years. I've tried to get in touch with HGTV to see if they would be able to help. I'm trying to find financial help, that takes time. I live in the house time to time. I need more time. I've reached out to a contractor for a price, but they are behind.

Mayor Graves stated that the State or Federal may have programs, the City does not.

Alderman Tanksley asked how much time do you think you need?

Edna Cathey answered 18 months.

Mayor Graves stated looking at the pictures of the home, I'm not sure you will get an economical answer. There is a hole in the roof.

Cathy stated the hole is on the roof to the porch.

Alderman Moore asked what do you plan on doing with it.

Cathy answered I have to get a contractor, get a price, then find financing.

Alderman Tanksley asked can we give her a little time to get a price.

Mayor Graves asked Jim Huestis what he thought the damage was.

Jim Huestis answered, from the exterior, there is a lot of trash laying around, broken down cars, sagging roof, a hole in the roof. I haven't been inside.

Alderman Dear stated it looks about like \$100,000 from the pictures.

Mayor Graves stated we need to see something definite within 30 days. Will that work Alderman Tanksley? If it doesn't get fixed, we would have to tear it down and attached the price to the taxes.

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Hale, to give the owner 30 days to get a plan and information together on how she will fix the home and bring back to the Board Meeting on September 21, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

Public Health and Safety Hearing regarding a home in disrepair and a danger to the community, located at 420 Dean Street Senatobia, MS 38668. Parcel number 099F12 0003300 Section 30 Township 05 Range 07 Lot 16

Mayor Graves opened up the Public Hearing and asked if the owner was present.

Jim Huestis spoke up and stated that the owner reached out once but nothing since then.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to declare 420 Dean Street a Public Health and Safety issue, condemning the home, authorizing the City to tear it down at the cost of the owner. All voting yea, motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance Amendments relating to Minimum Design Standards and clarifying languages to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance

Mayor Graves announced that this was the Second Reading of Ordinance Amendments relating to Minimum Design Standards and clarifying languages to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. Mayor Graves asked if anyone wanted it read aloud.

Charlie Sanders stated that he didn't want it read, but he did want he did have a statement. Mr. Sanders stated that the ability to submit a plan and get it back in a timely manner is gone in Senatobia. Please don't add any more restrictions or rules. Mr. Sanders stated there are too many for a preliminary, it can't be done. You don't know what everything will be or where everything will be for a preliminary. Until Senatobia or Tate County adopts a GIS program, it will be very hard. I want growth for Senatobia. Mr. Sanders stated since the City stopped putting gas in, I can't get anyone to come put it in for just 14 lots. They will only do large jobs. The City has always put it in, for no fee. I'd even pay for it. You need to reconsider putting the gas in.

Alderman Moore stated I don't see any changes that you're speaking of in these amendments before us tonight.

Charlie Sanders stated I don't think there are any more in there, but I just wanted to say you don't need to add any more. It doesn't need to be any more difficult than it is. Mr. Sanders stated that Northwest has a GIS program, what do they charge.

Alderman Hale stated he is not privy to that information. But I believe we might could speak with Scott Trapolino to see what he would charge. I believe he is working with Tate County now.

Alderman Moore stated so there is no new changes to the preliminary plat in these amendments.

Jim Huestis answered no.

Mayor Graves stated that this City has been eaten up with sub standard housing. I've asked them to tighten it up.

Alderman Moore stated we've had some subdivisions not held to the standards. I see this as a good thing. To have a check off system to make sure we don't miss anything.

Mayor Graves stated that this will be to help us make sure we don't have major issues that could have been prevented.

Public Hearing for the Ordinance Amendments relating to Minimum Design Standards and clarifying languages to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance

Mayor Graves opened up the Public Hearing and asked if there were any further questions.

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to waive the reading and adopt the Ordinance Amendments relating to Minimum Design Standards and clarifying languages to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivisions Ordinance. All voting yea, motion carried.

Public Hearing for an Application to Rezone Baltz Minor Subdivision, 3.90 acres, located at Lot 1, Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 5 South, Range 8 West and Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 8 West, from AGRIC to R-1, submitted by Shane Baltz

Mayor Graves opened up the Public Hearing and asked if anyone had any questions.

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to approve the application to rezone Baltz Minor Subdivision, 3.90 acres, located at Lot 1, Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 5 South, Range 8 West and Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 8 West, from AGRIC to R-1, submitted by Shane Baltz. All voting yea, motion carried.

Monthly Economic Update – Brett Herrin

Brett Herrin was not present.

Discussion of Purchasing Body Cam's

Police Chief Chandler went over two quotes that he received for the purchase of Body Cam's. Chief Chandler stated that the current body cams we have are worn out and out dated. We are starting to see more instances where they are failing, and they are now giving off poor quality. The way the current ones are stored is an issue also. We need to get them replaced asap. Chief Chandler stated he's gotten two quotes on replacing the body cams. One will run about \$17,970 to \$20,000 for the amount we need, with an additional \$1290 a month for cloud storage. These will last 4 years. The other quote I received from Axon is a 5-year plan for a total of \$140,000. That includes the camera's, the cloud storage and replacing the camera's after 2 ½ years.

Police Chief Chandler stated however we've been keeping the cameras for 4 years. That is their expected lifespan.

Mayor Graves stated they are perfectly functional and you're happy with it?

Police Chief Chandler answered yes.

Mayor Graves asked if Chief Chandler had the money in his budget.

Police Chief Chandler answered yes, we have IT revenue coming in to help pay and I have money left in a capital improvement line item that I can use for this purchase.

Alderman Moore stated that he wasn't sure that was the best option. It may be better to go with the one that replaces them every 2 ½ years.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Moore, to table this item for more research until the September 7, 2021 Board Meeting. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorizer to Order a New Fire Truck

Fire Chief Foresman stated that we are at the point where we need to have authorization to purchase the truck. Then we will be able to start the process of meeting and going over specs. I don't see us getting the truck in less than a year.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to purchase a new Fire Truck. All voting yea, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda, items 10 – 19, asked if anyone had any questions.

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on August 3, 2021, August 5, 2021 Recessed meeting and August 10, 2021 Recessed meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on August 3, 2021, August 5, 2021, and August 10, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 20952 – 21041 with a total of \$212,287.99

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the Docket of Claims Numbers 20952 – 21041 with a total of \$212,287.99. All voting yea, motion carried.

Appoint Carole Givens to the Historic Planning Commission

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Carole Givens to the Historic Planning Commission. All voting yea, motion carried.

Appoint Melvin McClure to the Historic Planning Commission

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Melvin McClure to the Historic Planning Commission. All voting yea, motion carried.

Appoint Lori Woodruff to the Planning Commission

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Lori Woodruff to the Planning Commission. All voting yea, motion carried.

Appoint Carl Davis to the Planning Commission

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Carl Davis to the Planning Commission. All voting yea, motion carried.

Appoint Jennifer Bouchillon to the Planning Commission

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Jennifer Bouchillon to the Planning Commission. All voting yea, motion carried.

Appoint Les Young to the Planning Commission

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Les Young to the Planning Commission. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Final Plat Application – Baltz Minor Subdivision

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the Final Plat Application from Baltz Minor Subdivision. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to terminate employment with Public Works Employee Timothy Busby

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to terminate employment with Public Works Employee Timothy Busby, effective immediately. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayor's CornerRedistricting-

Mayor Graves went over information regarding the Redistricting and Zoning Maps that we need to have done. We plan to budget half of the expenses in this coming budget year. I've spoke with Cole, with Tate County and Vanessa, with Desoto County, and they are both very pleased with using CMPDD. I will contact them to see if we can get a presentation from them with more information regarding the process.

Possible Rotten tree -

Mayor Graves spoke about the tree across the street. It is on private property correct.

Jamie Sowell answered yes. The Fire truck hits it every time it goes by and debris falls off. I have been told that half of it is rotten.

Mayor Graves stated if we find that it is a danger, maybe we can have it removed.

Alderman Moore stated what about others that request for the City to remove a tree.

Ginger Miller stated I think that if we find it is rotting, that would be the issue. It would make it different than others just requesting to have a tree removed.

Mayor Graves asked would insurance help them with that.

Ginger Miller stated I would have to check on that.

Covid Policy -

Mayor Graves asked what the COVID policy has been.

Ginger Miller stated that the Federal mandated leave gave guidelines. Tate County has extended theirs. You can extend the leave pay, but I would add restrictions.

Mayor Graves stated we need to think on that and we will bring it back to the September 7th meeting.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to adjourn. All voting yea, motion carried.

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin –City Clerk