

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on August 3, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular meeting time. Mayor Graves called the meeting to order and the following Aldermen were present: Dear, Hale, Simpson and Tanksley. Also present were Ginger Miller, City Attorney; Katie Harbin, City Clerk; Fran Johnson, Bookkeeper; Richard Chandler, Police Chief; Matt Defore, Assistant Police Chief; Ethan Foresman, Fire Chief; Jim Huestis, Building Inspector; Jeff Rich, Public Works Director; Michelle Huestis, Administrative Assistant for Public Works.

Alderman Moore arrived after the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Graves gave the invocation.

#### Discussion of purchasing new fire truck

Fire Chief Foresman went over information regarding purchasing a fire truck and the process. Fire Chief Foresman stated it would be approximately 480 days until we could take delivery, if we started the process soon. We wouldn't make payments until we took delivery. We would first need to get a purchase order, then go to a prebuild meeting to ensure everything we need will be on the truck. If we order within the next couple of weeks, it would be four or so weeks before it would be time for the prebuild meeting. Fire Chief Foresman stated also, there will be an additional cost of \$38,000 for the pump if we wait until after October.

Mayor Graves stated he wanted to know if the Board would like to have this on the August 17<sup>th</sup> agenda. Mayor Graves stated we have a CD we could possibly use if needed, but we are actively looking for funding from private organizations. We have also thought about the possibility of adding 1 mill to fund the purchase.

Alderman Simpson stated we can discuss this further at our meeting on Thursday and then possibly decide at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Department Reports

Mayor Graves went over the Department Reports and asked if anyone had any questions.

#### Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda, items 4 – 17, asked if anyone had any questions.

#### Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on July 20, 2021

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on July 20, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Approve Docket of Claims #'s 20625 – 20951 in the amount of \$1,416,120.57

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the Docket of Claims #'s 20625 – 20951 in the amount of \$1,416,120.57. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Authorize to pay an Invoice from Ross Builders in the amount of \$24,500.00 for the Kitchen Renovation project at Fire Station 2

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to pay an invoice from Ross Builders in the amount of \$24,500 for the kitchen renovation project at Fire Station 2. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Chantay Rhone in the Fire Department to attend the Safety Summit in Meridian, MS on August 20, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize Chantay Rhone in the Fire Department to attend the Safety Summit in Meridian, MS on August 20, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Sergeant Blake Warren to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual K9 Olympics in Peru, IN on August 8 – 13, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize Sergeant Blake Warren to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual K9 Olympics in Peru, IN on August 8 – 13, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Dispatcher Audrey Sowell and Dispatcher Brandi Cook-Cooley to attend the Dispatcher Certification training on August 18 – 22, 2021 in Grenada, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (registration will be reimbursed)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear to authorize Dispatcher Audrey Sowell and Dispatcher Brandi Cook-Cooley to attend the Dispatcher Certification training on August 18 – 22, 2021, in Grenada, MS, also authorizing to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Deputy City Clerk Fran Johnson and Office Clerk Jan Hulette to attend the Municipal Clerks Certification Training on September 29 – October 1, 2021 in Oxford, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize Deputy City Clerk Fran Johnson and Office Clerk Jan Hulette to attend the Municipal Clerks Certification Training on September 29 – October 1, 2021 in Oxford, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Kevin Crick as a full time Meter Reader, pending drug and background screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Kevin Crick as a full time Meter Reader, pending drug and background screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Johnny Smith as a part time Meter Reader, pending drug and background screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Johnny Smith as a part time Meter Reader, pending drug and background screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to terminate employment with Public Works employee Trenton Grace

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to terminate employment with Public Works employee Trenton Grace, effective immediately. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Police Department to purchase 22 Glock 9mm hand guns for \$5,758.00 from Southern Connection with trade in of our current handguns, on State Contract price

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize the Police Department to purchase 22 Glock 9mm hand guns for \$5,758.00 from Southern Connection with trade in of our current handguns, on State Contract. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Police Department to purchase a dual-purpose canine from Blue Streak K9 for \$7,000 (funds will come from assessments on court fines specifically for Police K9's)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize the Police Department to purchase a dual-purpose canine from Blue Streak K9 for \$7,000 (funds will come from assessments on court fines specifically for Police K9's). All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a consent agreement with T Mobile for modification of Antenna Facilities

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign a consent agreement with T Mobile for modification of Antenna Facilities. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Mayor's Corner

##### Board Room upgrade

Mayor Graves went over information regarding a Board room upgrade. We've gotten one quote so far and to redo the Board room it will be roughly around \$15,500 and to redo the floors in the lobby will be about \$4,200. We still need to get another quote, but we are looking to change out the floors, remove the wallpaper and paneling from the walls and paint, and get new blinds. We would like to clean it up some and have a nice Board meeting room for our citizens and elected officials.

Alderman Dear stated that he would like to revisit the minutes from our June 15, 2021 meeting. Alderman Dear would like to add the information from the petition formed and information submitted by Mrs. Dianne Davis regarding the public hearing at 105 College Street.

#### Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to recess until August 5, 2021 at 4:30pm. All voting yea, motion carried.

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin –City Clerk