

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on December 7, 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; Ginger Miller, City Attorney; Richard Chandler, Police Chief; Matt DeFore, Assistant Police Chief; Ethan Foresman, Fire Chief; Chantay Rhone, Francis Johnson, Deputy City Clerk; Brevin Holden, Code Compliance Officer/Fire Inspector; Jim Huestis, Building Official; Courtney Scott, Animal Shelter Director; Britt Herrin, Jamie Sowell, Michelle Huestis, Michael Cathey, Joe Cooper, Margaret Presley, and Thurman Caldwell.

Mayor Graves gave the invocation.

Margaret Pressley

Mrs. Presley stated how it is a privilege to live in a City, County, where we and pray and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mrs. Presley stated she has been a resident in Tate County for 55 years, 15 of them being in Senatobia. Mrs. Pressley wanted to thank the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for allowing her to serve on the Board of Trustees for the First Regional Library. Mrs. Pressley stated how she loves and supports the Library. The workers there have went above and beyond with getting it ready to open back up after covid.

Mayor Graves stated he personally has really enjoyed the library also and Thanked Mrs. Pressley for serving.

Authorize to set the Public Hearing for an Application to rezone the property located at the southeast corner of Highway 740 and US Hwy 51, from AR to B2, submitted by Jim Crowles, for January 4, 2022

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to set a Public Hearing on January 4, 2022 for the Application to rezone the property located at the corner of Highway 740 and US Hwy 51, from AR to B2, submitted by Jim Crowles. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve Final Plat for Northwest Business Park Phase I, submitted by Tate County Board of Supervisors (formally known as the Chromcraft Business Park)

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the Final Plat for Northwest Business Park Phase I, submitted by Tate County Board of Supervisors. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Tate County for utility work at the new Northwest Business Park

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Tate County for utility work at the new Northwest Business Park. All voting yea, motion carried

Discussion of Comprehensive Plan/Rezoning/Redistricting services

Mayor Graves went over the prices and details for doing a comprehensive plan, rezoning and redistricting. CMPDD stated that they will do a Comprehensive Plan for \$68,000 and the rezoning for \$19,500.00. Their work will include GIS links on our website. Mr. Slaughter will

doing a Comprehensive Plan for \$35,000 to \$45,000, the rezoning for \$8,000 to \$10,000. His plan doesn't include anything with GIS links. Mr. Slaughter can do the redistricting for \$8,000 to \$12,000.00. CMPDD referred us to GTPDD for redistricting. GTPDD can do redistricting for around \$7,500 plus up to \$1,200 for travel.

Katie Harbin stated that she spoke to Mr. Slaughter regarding getting a better break down with an exact price however Mr. Slaughter advised that the breakdown in the agreements previously given would be what we need to go by. Mr. Slaughter stated that he would put PDF copies of our information on the website, not GIS links. Mrs. Harbin also advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that CMPDD referred us to GTPDD for redistricting and they stated their price would be \$7,500 plus up to \$1,200 for travel.

Mayor Graves stated that if we don't do this for another 10 years, we will be way behind.

Alderman Moore stated it will be better to have GIS. It might cost more on the front end, but it is worth end.

Alderman Simpson stated when we talk to Slaughter, he's going to do the same thing as he's done before, not doing GIS.

Alderman Hale stated we are behind now. I'd hate to see how behind we'd be in 10 years if we didn't do anything now

Alderman Tanksley asked do y'all think CMPDD for the comprehensive plan and rezoning and Slaughter for redistricting.

Mayor Graves stated we can do the redistricting later if you want.

Alderman Hale stated I think it would be a benefit to have a different company to do this one than from the last one.

Alderman Moore stated and a benefit that CMPDD is doing the work for Tate County right now.

Alderman Dear asked if the GIS system is changing now?

Jim Huestis stated that Tate County has TSC now, it's a base or form of GIS.

Alderman Hale stated we are way behind now, we need to catch up.

Alderman Simpson asked if Mr. Slaughter was doing the GIS.

Mayor Graves stated not from his conversation with Katie.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to accept the proposal from Central Mississippi Planning and Development District for Comprehensive Plan and Rezoning professional services. All voting yea, motion carried

Adopt Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2022, of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, In the Principal Amount of \$750,000 to provide funds for the purpose of erecting Municipal Buildings, and for repairing , improving, adorning, and equipping the same; Prescribing the form and incidents of the bonds; Providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of the bonds; Providing for the sale of the bonds; Making provision for maintaining the tax-exempt status of the bonds; Acknowledging and authorizing the execution of post Issuance Compliance Procedures; and for related purposes

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Moore, to Adopt Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2022, of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, In the Principal Amount of \$750,000 to provide funds for the purpose of erecting Municipal Buildings, and for repairing , improving, adorning, and equipping the same; Prescribing the form and incidents of the bonds; Providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of the bonds; Providing for the sale of the bonds; Making provision for maintaining the tax-exempt status of the bonds; Acknowledging and authorizing the execution of post Issuance Compliance Procedures; and for related purposes. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Liability Insurance

Mayor Graves advised the Board of Aldermen that we had received a quote from MS Municipal Service Company for Liability Insurance, which was in their packet. Mayor Graves advised the Board that he believes Mr. Caldwell now has his ready.

Mr. Caldwell passed out quotes for liability, property and cyber insurance coverage that he was able to get. Mr. Caldwell went over information regarding the quotes he received and prepared. Mr. Caldwell stated that he wanted to make sure the Board was aware that when they go with MS Municipal Service Company, they sign a joint and severability agreement. They put everyone into a “pool” when you go with their insurance.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Liability Insurance from MSMSC in the amount of \$89,647.13. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Alderman Moore stated he just doesn’t know enough about it. I want to ask someone else, not involved, some questions to get a better understanding. The coverage limits are different, we are not comparing the same.

Alderman Simpson stated we have the quote from MS Municipal Service Company, and it looks lower. Thurman, you are here making a sales pitch, and MS Municipal Service Company isn’t here to have a turn.

Alderman Dear asked Mr. Caldwell why Travelers Insurance didn’t pay when we had the car drive into the house.

Mr. Caldwell answered he did not know why they didn’t pay.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Liability Insurance from MSMSC in the amount of \$89,647.13. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Alderman Hale and Alderman Moore would like to get more information, to better understand the quotes before making a decision.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to table this item to the December 21, 2021 Board meeting in order to gather more information. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize to sign the Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Real Estate with HBC Properties, for the sale of the Bus Shop

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to sign the Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Real Estate with HBC Properties, for the sale of the Bus Shop located on College Street. All voting yea, motion carried

Department Reports

Mayor Graves went over the department reports.

Fire Chief Foresman stated that he met with AERC regarding plans for a renovation for Station 1, we should be getting a price soon.

Mayor Graves asked if this was something we are asking others to help with also.

Fire Chief Foresman answered hopefully something either from State or Federal.

Police Chief Chandler stated that it is looking like \$35,000 for the new impound lot.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over each consent agenda item, numbers 12 - 24, asked if anyone had any questions.

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on November 16, 2021

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on November 16, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 22149 – 22397 in the amount of \$1,079,063.31

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the Docket of Claims Numbers 22149 – 22397 with a total of \$1,079,063.31. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Assistant Police Chief Defore to attend the 2022 New Police Chief's Orientation on January 10 – 14, 2022 in Jackson, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Assistant Chief Defore to attend the 2022 New Police Chief's Orientation on January 10 – 14, 2022 in Jackson, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson to attend the Spring Certified Municipal Clerk Certification classes on March 9 – 11, 2022, in Oxford, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson to attend the Spring Certified Municipal Clerk Certification classes on March 9 – 11, 2021, in Oxford, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Public Works Director Jeff Rich and David Cooke to attend the MS Natural Gas Association's Annual Tradeshow in Tupelo, MS on February 22 – 24, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Public Works Director Jeff Rich and David Cooke to attend the MS Natural Gas Association's Annual Tradeshow in Tupelo, MS on February 22 – 24, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Nathan Wallace to attend the Water Operator Training in Magee, MS on December 14 – 15, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Nathan Wallace to attend the Water Operator Training in Magee, MS on December 14 – 15, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Mayor Graves to attend the Retail Strategy Academy in Meridian, MS on December 13 – 14, 2021, also authorize to pay travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Mayor Graves to attend the Retail Strategy Academy in Meridian, MS on December 13 – 14, 2021, also authorize to pay travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Public Works employee David Cooke to use his accrued personal time that will be in excess of his annual accrual rate

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Public Works employee David Cooke to use his accrued personal time that will be in excess of his accrual rate. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize a pay increase for Dispatcher Brandi Cook-Cooley to \$14.00 per hour for completing the Dispatch Certification

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize a pay increase for Dispatcher Brandi Cook-Cooley to \$14.00 per hour for completing the Dispatch Certification. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Jane Moore as a part time Office Clerk in the Court Department at a rate of \$11.50 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to hire Jane Moore as a part time Office Clerk in the Court Department at a rate of \$11.50 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the resignation from Fireman James Eli Magness as full time, and to continue his employment with the Fire Department as a part time

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to accept the resignation from Fireman James Eli Magness as full time, and to continue his employment with the Fire Department as part time. All voting yea, motion carried

Accept the resignation from Annette Freeman, Police Department, effective November 30, 2021

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to accept the resignation from Annette Freeman, Police Department, effective November 30, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize Detective Donald McCarrens to attend the Interview and Interrogation class in Oxford, MS on January 18 - 21, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Detective Donald McCarrens to attend the Interview and Interrogation class in Oxford, MS on January 18 – 21, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayor's Corner

Paving

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he is wanting to have plan of streets to pave by spring. Mayor Graves advised that he will be meeting with someone soon to get information regarding a bond for his project.

Letter to County Club

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he has drafted a letter to send to the residents of the Country Club, giving them information regarding the utility bills in hopes that would help explain the charges.

Highway 740 / Highway 51 Lighting Project

Mayor Graves advised the Board of Aldermen that he met with William from PATH. The price came in a little high to do the area we planned.

Alderman Hale stated that it has been increasing over the years.

Mayor Graves stated that William with PATH will be here for the January 4th meeting to go over it all with you.

Changing Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Graves advised the Board of Aldermen that we have been looking into amending the ordinance regarding rentals. We are looking for restrictions on rentals to have them owner occupied.

Alderman Moore asked so the person who plats it, has to own it or sell it.

Alderman Hale stated it is just a different zoning classification.

Authorize to go into closed session to discuss going into Executive Session for Economic Updates

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to go into closed session to discuss going into Executive Session for Economic Updates. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize to go into Executive Session for Economic Updates

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to go into Executive Session for Economic Updates. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a letter

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a letter to Mr. Patel, Jalaram Hotel Group, showing our commitment to provide a tax incentive in the form of property tax exemption in conjunction with Tate County. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize to come out of Executive Session for Economic Updates

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Moore, to come out of Executive Session for Economic Updates. All voting yea, motion carried

Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Moore, to recess until Tuesday December 21, 2021 at 5pm. All voting yea, motion carried.

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin –City Clerk