

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on January 4, 2022, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular recessed meeting time. Mayor Greg 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; Michelle Huestis, William Franklin, Michael Cathey, Thurman Caldwell, Joe Cooper, and Stacy Dodd.

Alderman Hale gave the invocation.

Public Hearing for Application for Rezoning of the property located at the southeast corner of Highway 740 and US Highway 51, from AR to B2, submitted by Jim Crowle

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

Jim Huestis stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the application for Rezoning of the property located at the southeast corner of Highway 740 and US Highway 51, from AR to B2, submitted by Jim Crowles. All voting yea, motion carried

Presentation on the Vertava Program by Stacy Dodd

Stacy Dodd presented information to the Board about an addiction program. Mr. Dodd stated that they work with VA's, and any others with any addictions. Mr. Dodd would like to work with our Public Safety departments to give them the information to hand out if they respond to a call with someone who may have an addiction. First Responders can give Narcan to someone who may need it, but there's nothing after that. That's where we can come in to help. Regardless of if the person has money, insurance, etc. I have cards with my information on it that can be handed out. I would like to meet with the Police and Fire Departments to provide them my cards and information to be able to get to the citizens in need.

Authorize to adopt Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Acknowledging and Approving the Award and Sale of the General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2022, of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in the Principal Amount of \$750,000; and for Related Purposes

Mayor Graves advised the Board that the lowest quote we received was from First Security at 1.5% interest.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to adopt Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Acknowledging and Approving the Award and Sale of the General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2022, of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in the Principal Amount of \$750,000; and for Related Purposes. All voting yea, motion carried

Presentation from P.A.T.H, William Franklin, Lighting Project

William Franklin presented information to the Board. Mr. Franklin stated they took a comprehensive look at the issues with the lighting at Highway 740 and Highway 51. The information I passed out has a map that shows the fixtures, some working and some not working. The cost is very expensive even though it's a small project. A lot of that is due to the trucks coming in. My recommendation is to hold off on that project. Mr. Franklin went over a city wide street light project that they recommended doing. We would first do a city wide investment grade audit. The cost of the audit is \$45,000. If the savings is what we projected or better, we

would charge the \$45,000, but it would be worked in the plan. If the savings isn't what we projected or better, you won't owe us anything.

Alderman Moore asked how do you come up with a new bill total amount.

William Franklin answered we take the current bill going to Entergy, ours is 10% – 20% cost savings.

Alderman Moore asked so we'd tell Entergy to take the street lights out and we tell you to put new ones in and we'd then just be paying you.

William Franklin answered simply stated, yes.

Alderman Moore stated there will then be time when we are paying Entergy and you, the in between time.

Alderman Tanskley asked what the estimated construction time is.

William Moore answered possibility, for a very short time. The estimated construction time is about 1 month. It will take 6 months, max, to complete the city wide audit.

Alderman Moore stated so you are pulling power from Entergy, and we pay you directly for it.

William Franklin answered you would pay Entergy for the electricity and us for the poles.

Alderman Moore stated so about \$75,000 to Entergy and the difference from \$174,661 would go to you?

Alderman Dear asked if they would add street lights if needed.

William Franklin answered yes. We would first get with the Public Safety departments, they know best where the lights are needed or not.

Alderman Moore stated back to the original project, what was your recommendation.

William Franklin answered my recommendation was to wait on that one, it could be done cheaper with a total city project.

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize P.A.T.H to do a city wide investment grade audit for our street lights. All voting yea, motion carried

Department Head Reports

Mayor Graves asked if anyone had any questions on the department reports they received. No one had questions.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over each consent agenda item, numbers 8-27, asked if anyone had any questions.

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 21, 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 December 21, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve Docket of Claims numbers:

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve Docket of Claim numbers 22509 – 22640 for a total of \$369,420.85. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize Katie Harbin and Francis Johnson to attend the Annual IIMC Conference in Little Rock, AR on May 21 – May 27, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Katie Harbin and Francis Johnson to attend the Annual IIMC Conference in Little Rock, AR on May 21 – May 27, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Katie Harbin to attend Certified Municipal Clerks program in Oxford, MS on March 9-11, 2021, also authorize to pay travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Katie Harbin to attend Certified Municipal Clerks program in Oxford, MS on March 9-11, 2021, also authorize to pay travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Angela Garrett to attend the MS Municipal Workshops for Workers Compensation Insurance on February 17, 2022, also authorize to pay travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Angela Garrett to attend the MS Municipal Workshops for Workers Compensation Insurance on February 17, 2022, also authorize to pay travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Police Department to purchase a 2022 Dodge Durango on State Contract from Mac Haick

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the Police Department to purchase a 2022 Dodge Durango on State Contract from Mac Haick. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Police Department to purchase a 2022 Ford F150 on State Contract from Mac Haick

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the Police Department to purchase a 2022 Ford F150 on State Contract from Mac Haick. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Police Department to purchase a 2021 Dodge Durango on State Contract from Kirk Auto

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the Police Department to purchase a 2021 Dodge Durango on State Contract from Kirk Auto. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to advertise for financing of 3 Dodge Durango's and a Ford F150

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize advertise for financing of 3 Dodge Durango's and a Ford F150. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the resignation from part time Office Court Clerk Jane Moore

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to accept the resignation from part time Court Office Clerk Jane Moore. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Karah Knight 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 Karah Knight as a part time Office Clerk in the Court Department at a rate of \$11.50 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize step increase for Police Officer Joseph McCown from P1 to P2

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize a step increase for Police Officer Joseph McCown from a P1 to a P2. All voting yea, motion carried.

Accept Resignation from Police Officer Tavoran Robinson effective January 6, 2022

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to accept the resignation from Police Officer Tavoran Robinson effective January 6, 2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

Adopt Police Department Step Pay Increase Policy

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt the Police Department Step Pay Increase Policy. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to purchase board room chairs from Advantage Church Chairs in the amount of \$2,355.38

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the purchase of board room chairs from Advantage Church Chairs in the amount of \$2,355.58. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to give Meter Reader Ivan C Sandridge a 90- day performance raise of \$0.50 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to give Meter Reader Ivan C Sandridge a 90-day performance raise of \$0.50 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Detective Cole to attend the Certified Investigator Course in Tupelo, MS on the following dates: January 23 - 28, 2022, February 27 - March 4, 2022, March 27 - April 1, 2022, April 19 - 22, 2022, April 24 - 26, 2022, May 15 - 20, 2022, June 5 - 9, 2022, June 19 - 24, 2022, also authorize to pay travel expenses (previously approved, rescheduled due to Covid)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Detective Cole to attend the Certified Investigator Course in Tupelo, MS on the following dates: January 23 - 28, 2022, February 27 - March 4, 2022, March 27 - April 1, 2022, April 19 - 22, 2022, April 24 - 26, 2022, May 15 - 20, 2022, June 5 - 9, 2022, June 19 - 24, 2022, also authorize to pay travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Fire Department to apply for the SAFER Grant

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the Fire Department to apply for the SAFER Grant. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire William Joseph Reeves as a full time Firefighter, pending background and drug screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to hire William Joseph Reeves as a full time Firefighter, pending background and drug screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Christopher Lee Bishop as a part time Firefighter, pending background and drug screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to hire Christopher Lee Bishop as a part time Firefighter, pending background and drug screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayor's Corner

First Responder Hazard Pay

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we are researching and looking for clarification on if we can do Hazard Pay for our First Responders and how to properly do it. Tate Reeves recently announced he gave the State First Responders Hazard pay with some of their covid funds.

Securix Tag Reader

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he has recently gotten information about the Securix Tag Reader program. The company does all of the work, they put up the cameras and run the tags at no cost to us. We would receive half of any revenue received from tickets paid. Chief Chandler and myself are looking about going to get more information on this program.

Kaye's Grocery

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we recently received another letter from Kaye's Grocery regarding the grease trap issue. They stated they are still working on finding a solution to fix the problem. They have been working on this for months now, and we have had to go back out there to unclog the line again. I've advised them they need to have this issue corrected before we open up the lines to our new treatment plant, so we don't have the grease going in our lines.

Alderman Moore asked if we could bill him for us having to repair the line?

Mayor Graves stated he keeps saying and acting like he will do better and we won't have this issue again.

Country Club Water – Tuesday January 18th

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we have gotten approval from the Health Department to open the valves for our water to go to into the country club area. Public Works Director Jeff Rich and I have discussed and decided on opening them up Tuesday January 18th. I will send out a letter to the residents advising them of this.

Radio Read Meters

City Hoopers

Mayor Graves advised the Board that Carl Davis, whom is over the basketball program, asked if the City would be able to help with funding. Previously the City has helped by making repairs to the basketball court.

City Attorney Ginger Miller went over the AG's Opinions with the Board. Mrs. Miller stated it can be done as a sponsorship, as advertisement.

Alderman Hale stated they could do a banner with the City's name or put our name on tshirts.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to sponsor the City Hoopers with an amount of \$1,194.66, finding that this is a means of advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities, and resources of the municipality. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Personnel Matters

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to go into closed session to discuss going into executive session for Personnel Matters. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to go into executive session for personnel matters. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to come out of Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to come out of executive session. All voting yea, motion carried.

Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Moore, to recess until Tuesday January 18, 2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin –City Clerk