

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on July 6, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular meeting time. Mayor Graves called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Dear, Hale, Moore, Simpson and Tanksley. Also present were Ginger Miller, City Attorney; Katie Harbin, Interim City Clerk; Fran Johnson, Bookkeeper; Jan Hulette, Clerk; Richard Chandler, Police Chief; Matt Defore, Assistant Police Chief; Jim Huestis, Building Inspector; Earnestine Cowan, Court Clerk; Michelle Huestis, Administrative Assistant for Public Works; Jamie Sowell, Community Development Director - Senatobia Main Street Chamber; Joe Cooper, Dianne Davis, Jerry Davis, Jon Moore, Roderick Webb, and Betsy Scott.

Alderman at Large Moore gave the invocation.

Mayor Graves asked if anyone from the audience had any comments on College Street. Jerry Davis asked when the noise ordinance will go into effect and also about the special conditions section, administrative procedures. Mayor Graves answered he believes it was July 1<sup>st</sup>, but will find out for sure. Alderman at Large Moore stated the purpose was for when we have special events. To hold the special events, it would have to come through the Board of Aldermen for approval. If it is a one-time event, it is monitored by the Police Department.

Mayor Graves welcomed and congratulated the elected officials. Mayor Graves went over a few duties that the Aldermen and himself has as elected officials. The Mayor is over the day to day operations and the Board is Legislative. Mayor Graves stated that Alderman Simpson came up with a good idea. When an Alderman has a concern, it would be helpful to include myself along with the Department Head when communicating requests, that way I can be in the loop with what they have been asked to do and make sure it is completed. If the Board is open to that, I think it would be a good thing to do.

Mayor Graves went over the Department Reports.

Alderman Hale stated he appreciated the code enforcement.

#### Elect Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Hale, to elect Alderman at Large Moore as the Mayor Pro Tempore. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Appointments

Motion was made by Alderman Hale and seconded by Alderman Dear, to appoint Charles Nicholas Smith as Municipal Judge for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried

Motion was made by Alderman Hale and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to appoint Tameka Herron as Municipal Court Clerk for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Dear, to appoint Ginger Miller as Municipal Attorney for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale and seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Kenneth Stockton as Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to appoint Katie Harbin as Interim City Clerk for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Hale, to appoint Richard Chandler as Police Chief for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale and seconded by Alderman Simpson, to appoint Ethan Foresman as Fire Chief for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley and seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Earnestine Cowan as Utility Supervisor for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Swearing In

Mayor Graves administered the Oaths of Office for City Attorney Ginger Miller, Police Chief Richard Chandler and Interim City Clerk Katie Harbin.

#### Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda, items 8 – 23, asked if anyone had any questions.

Alderman Hale asked Police Chief Chandler about one of the promotions being removed. Police Chief Chandler answered that they have some things to review before moving forward with that promotion.

#### Approve continued employment of City Employees

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve continued employment of City employees. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Approve minutes of June 1, 2021, June 15, 2021 and June 25, 2021

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve the Minutes from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen meetings on June 1, 2021, June 15, 2021 and June 25, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Allow claims for June: Docket #'s 20206 – 20624 in the amount of \$1,383,625.75

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve claims for June 2021, Docker numbers 20206 – 20624 in the amount of \$ 1,383,625.75. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Appoint Election Commissioners

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to appoint Jack McMillen, Mary Claire McClure, and Charles Wright as Election Commissioners for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Authorize Senatobia Fire Department to use JMCM Consulting as Grant Writers

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize the Senatobia Fire Department to use JMCM Consulting as Grant Writers. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Accept low quote from Cascade Engineering for garbage cans at a total cost of \$14,850.00

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to accept the lowest and best quote from Cascade Engineering for 250 garbage cans for a total cost of \$14,850.00. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Authorize Interim City Clerk Katie Harbin and Bookkeeper Fran Johnson to attend the MML Conference in Biloxi, MS on July 25 – 29, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize the Interim City Clerk Katie Harbin, and Bookkeeper Fran Johnson to attend the MML Conference in Biloxi, MS on July 25 – 29, 2021, also authorizing to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Katie Harbin as an authorized signer for all bank accounts with Sycamore Bank

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize Interim City Clerk as an authorized signer for all bank accounts with Sycamore Bank. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approval of School Contract with the addition of an immediate lease purchase of a 2021 Dodge Durango (on state contract)

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Senatobia Municipal School District for SRO's, also authorizing the immediate lease purchase of a 2021 Dodge Durango, on State Contract, authorizing the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to amend the budget moving \$55,000 from Police Overtime line item to Police Vehicle line item to purchase 2 used 2019 Dodge Chargers from the Missouri Highway Patrol (\$19,000 each plus upfit of equipment) and also to allow funds to purchase 20 Glock 45 model 9mm hand guns

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to amend the budget moving \$55,000 from the Police Overtime line item to Police Vehicle line item, to purchase two (2) 2019 Dodge Chargers from the Missouri Highway Patrol at \$19,000.00 each, and also to allow funds to purchase 20 Glock 45 model 9mm hand guns for the Police Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to increase the rate of pay for Part time Police Officer Jerry Owensby

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to increase the rate of pay for part time Police Officer Jerry Owensby to the P1 pay rate. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to promote Officer Kevin McKenzie to the rank of Sergeant

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to promote Officer Kevin McKenzie to the rank of Sergeant. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to promote Officer Jonathon Trentham to the rank of Sergeant

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to promote Officer Jonathon Trentham to the rank of Sergeant. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to suspend Trenton Grace, Street Department employee, for 3 days without pay due to excessive tardiness

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to suspend Street Department employee Trenton Grace, for 3 days without pay due to excessive tardiness. All voting yea, motion carried.

Accept a letter of resignation from Dispatcher Jonathon Byard

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to accept the letter of resignation from Dispatcher Jonathon Byard. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Elloitt and Britt Engineering to apply for Emergency Road and Bridge funds on behalf of the City of Senatobia for Crossover Rd and Shands Bottom Rd

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize Elloitt and Britt Engineering to apply for Emergency Road and Bridge funds on behalf of the City of Senatobia for Crossover Rd and Shands Bottom Rd. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayor's Corner

Mayor Graves went over the items from "Mayor's Corner" updating the Board of things going on and coming up in the City.

Downtown Garbage –

Jamie Sowell, Community Development Director with Senatobia Main Street Chamber, went over information about an opportunity to lease space to place dumpsters for some downtown businesses and residents. There currently isn't enough space for garbage cans or dumpsters for each place. Some business owners and residents are hauling it off themselves. Brandon Westmoreland is leasing parking spaces and would allow the City to lease some to put dumpsters. This would help with having a place to put garbage, keep it away from front doors of businesses and residents in the downtown area.

A brief discussion was held regarding the space needed, price, and a fence to enclose the dumpster. Mayor Graves suggested we place this item on the next Board of Aldermen Agenda.

Mrs. Sowell thanked the Parks, Police and Fire Departments for their help with all of the recent events in the City.

Future Paving -

Mayor Graves stated that we need to discuss paving projects very soon. I am wanting to look to see if we could use the "use tax" revenue to make a bond payment, if we went that route for the paving. Alderman Simpson asked "where do we get the money to pay the \$1,600,000 bond note from?"

Labor Issues –

Mayor Graves informed the Board that we are currently having a labor shortage issue, especially in the Water Department. We can't seem to get and keep Meter Readers, even though we recently raised their pay to \$12 per hour.

Chromcraft –

Mayor Graves informed the Board that the County is about to develop the project and the developer is asking if we would be able to help with the utilities, possibly waiving the tap fees, etc. We will have to look into where utilities are ran, the sewage is on Norfleet to the sewage plant and there is water and gas on Norfleet.

New Image –

Mayor Graves informed the Board that this will happen September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will need to start advertising for a new Water Department employee.

American Rescue Plan –

Mayor Graves informed the Board that we will get \$1,700,000 from the ARP money. We can use it mostly for water and sewer, the Police Department has some needs we can meet with this money also.

Mayor Graves stated that we will have to redo our Comprehensive Plan soon.

Alderman Hale stated we will have to do a redistricting also.

Mayor Graves informed the Board that we will be meeting with Northwest Community College next week regarding the City getting a new fire truck.

Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to recess until July 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. All voting yea, motion carried.

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin – Interim City Clerk