

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on March 22, 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; Matt Defore, Assistant Police Chief; Ethan Foresman, Fire Chief; Chantay Rhone, FLSE/PIO; Brevin Holden, Fire Inspector; Jim Huestis, Building Official; Jeff Rich, Public Works Director; Francis Johnson, Deputy City Clerk, Elizabeth Clark with Butler Snow, Michael Cathey, Suzan Erber, Bud Donahou, Matthew Raff, Greg Smith with Mendrop Engineering, Lindsey Harvill with JATP, Caroline Lanier with JATP, Brett Brown, and Britt Herrin with EDF.

Alderman Hale gave the invocation.

Request from Tree City Board for funding (Bud Donahou and Suzan Erber)

Bud Donahou presented the request on behalf of the Tree City Board and handed out information to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mr. Donahou went over what the Tree City Board does, how they have gotten the City to be recognized as a Tree City over the years and also as a Sycamore Arboretum. Mr. Donahou explained that the last time they applied and received the distinction of being a Tree City and a Sycamore Arboretum, they used about \$40,000 worth of grants. The Tree City Board is out of funds and have unfortunately let the duties of keeping our certifications current fall behind. Mr. Donahou stated that the Tree City Board would like to request about \$3,000 now and also would like to be considered during budget time each year to receive \$1,000 each year for funding. We have to recertify as a Tree City and for the Arboretum.

Suzan Erber spoke about the need and benefits of these two certifications. Mrs. Erber spoke about the Sycamore Arboretum of Senatobia, MS book that they had published and need to update. We put this book out in several places including rest areas around the state and some of the students at Northwest Community College use this book for class assignments. People from all over come to look at the trees in our community.

Mayor Graves asked what are some of the benefits the City would see from this?

Bud Donahou answered education is the biggest benefit. Trees, there are about 14 benefits from the trees themselves. It will bring people into the community, tourism will benefit.

Mayor Graves asked if they will have an active Board now.

Bud Donahou answered yes, Suzan Erber, Matthew Raff and myself.

Matthew Raff stated that the signs they are looking to get will not fade as bad as the ones we have now.

Mayor Graves asked if there will be any state or national recognition? Are there any grants?

Bud Donahou answered it will bring in people from all over to look at the trees and to use the book to find them all. We will look for grants, but don't have any as of right now. We have to recertify for the Tree City every year and every three years for the Arboretum.

Suzan Erber stated that Tree City and Arboretum are separate things. The Tree City is the big one and we use the Arboretum for the qualifications when applying for Tree City.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the request from the Tree City Board for funding in the amount of \$2937.92, to update the Sycamore Arboretum information and the Tree City certification, both which will benefit the City of Senatobia by means of advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mendrop Engineering, Road Paving Discussion

Greg Smith with Mendrop Engineering presented information to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding a Road Maintenance Program done by Civil Link. This program is a great option to have your roads evaluated and a plan put in place to be able to make the best repairs and save the most money over a period of time.

Steve Bigelow with Civil Link gave a presentation about the Road Maintenance Program. Mr. Bigelow spoke on the steps of the program, how it works, and the different materials used. Mr. Bigelow that the roads will be ranked in order of condition. Some roads may not need anything done, some may just need a micro seal, slurry seal, or crack seal, and some may need to be dug up and totally redone. Without having any information on the roads, but going by your size of a city, I would guess that you will end up needing to budget \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 a year for road maintenance.

Mayor Graves asked if one needs one thing and another needs something different, do you do that or will it cost more?

Steve Bigelow answered yes, we will go in and rank the roads, do a cost analysis, and put together a 7-to-10-year plan for you. The cost for this plan is about \$38,000. It's a lot of money, but it will save you money in the long run. If road's crack, you need to seal them up, so the water doesn't get in there. Once water starts getting into the cracks and down to the foundation, you will have more costly repairs.

Alderman Simpson stated the traffic count plays into it also, correct, on a major road versus a subdivision road, we'd take care of the more trafficked roads first.

Steve Bigelow answered yes.

Alderman Dear stated we have a lot caving in.

Steve Bigelow stated I've had machines fall in the road, from caving. If it gets too bad, you start over.

Alderman Dear stated we had some done four years ago, and they are now caving in.

Steve Bigelow stated if you don't have a good foundation, it can do that.

Alderman Moore stated on what you're going to prepare, say we have a 10x10 spot on a mile long road, will you just show repairing the spot on your report?

Steve Bigelow answered yes. Just show that to fix only that area.

Alderman Hale stated we can use the infrastructure modernization tax money.

Steve Bigelow stated it takes about 4 months for us to evaluate your roads and have a plan back to you.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to engage Mendrop Engineering to have a Road Maintenance Plan prepared for the City, at a cost of \$37,202.00. All voting yea, motion carried.

Adopt Resolution Declaring the Intention of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, to Issue General Obligation Bonds of the City and/or a General Obligation Bond of the City for Sale to the Mississippi Development Bank, all in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to raise money for the purpose of (a) constructing, improving, or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways, or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor; (b) constructing bridges and culverts; (c) purchasing machinery and equipment which have an expected useful life in excess of ten (10) years; and (d) for other authorized purposes under sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, As Amended and/or supplemented from time to time and sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time, including paying the costs of borrowing; directing the publication of a notice of such intention; and for related purposes

Elizabeth Clark with Butler Snow presented the resolution to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mrs. Clark stated that this is the intent resolution stating that we will not exceed \$4,000,000.00. We can decide to do an amount lower, but not more than the \$4,000,000.00. Mrs. Clark stated that the no protest date is set for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If there are no protest, from that date you have 2 years to issue the bond.

Alderman Moore asked if it was 2 years to spend.

Elizabeth Clark answered you have 3 years to spend after closing.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Hale, to adopt the Resolution Declaring the Intention of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, to Issue General Obligation Bonds of the City and/or a General Obligation Bond of the City for Sale to the Mississippi Development Bank, all in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to raise money for the purpose of (a) constructing, improving, or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways, or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor; (b) constructing bridges and culverts; (c) purchasing machinery and equipment which have an expected useful life in excess of ten (10) years; and (d) for other authorized purposes under sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, As Amended and/or supplemented from time to time and sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time, including paying the costs of borrowing; directing the publication of a notice of such intention; and for related purposes. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to set a Public Hearing on April 19, 2022 for an Application for Rezoning of the property located at the corner of Brownsferry and Terry Ln, from PUD to A-R, submitted by Fred Mehler

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to set a Public Hearing on April 19, 2022, for an Application for Rezoning of the property located at the corner of Brownsferry and Terry Ln, from PUD to A-R, submitted by Fred Mehler. All voting yea, motion carried.

Discussion of Martha Cove, erosion problems

Mayor Graves stated that Ginger has found some information for us on this issue. We did fix the ditch on Hunter Drive, now the citizen wants us to fix the fence. We can't do that. It was in need of repair before the ditch issue. We wouldn't have money to repair all of the ditches in the City.

Jeff Rich, Public Works Director, passed out some pictures of the ditch to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen along with a quote he received to repair it from the culvert to where the rip rap stops now.

Mayor Graves stated we can look at the regulations for the ARPA money, to see if we can use that for this issue.

Approve Board Order for a lien on 420 Dean Street in the amount of \$5,000

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to a Board Order putting a lien in the amount of \$5,000.00 on the property located at 420 Dean Street, for the cost of cleanup, due to it being deemed a public health, safety, and welfare issue. All voting yea, motion carried.

Police Department Presentation, Assistant Police Chief Defore

Assistant Police Chief Defore presented information on the Police Department where they have analyzed 90 days of data from their department. Assistant Police Chief Defore stated no one around us does this. Its about professional standards. We want to know, and we want the public to know, how we are doing. This will show us if we are doing good, or if there is somewhere we need improvement. We analyzed several topics. For tonight we will look at the arrests and traffic citations. It used demographics and population for tools. It is broken down into proactive and reactive calls. After you get your results, you then take them and do it several different ways to make sure your results are accurate. After reviewing all of our information, it showed us that we are where we need to be. We share this information with our officers to encourage good trends and/or correct where needed.

Alderman Hale stated I'm glad you're looking at it. A lot of places are afraid to even look at it.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen thanked Assistant Police Chief for presenting this information and advised him that they would like to see updates like this more often.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over each consent agenda item, numbers 10 – 37, asked if anyone had any questions.

Lindsey Harville, Junior Auxiliary of Tate-Panola, stated that they are wanting to have this Touch A Truck event to raise money to help with starting a Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on March 1, 2022

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the minutes from the regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on March 1, 2022. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 23094 – 23385 for a total of \$3,255,741.81

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve Docket of Claim numbers 23094 - 23385 for a total of \$3,255,741.81. All voting yea, motion carried.

Request from the Junior Auxiliary of Tate-Panola, from Lindsey Harville, to temporarily close the parking lot at Gabbert Park on April 30, 2022, from 10am to 7pm, for a Touch A Truck event

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the request from the Junior Auxiliary of Tate-Panola, from Lindsey Harville, to temporarily close the parking lot at Gabbert Park on April 30, 2022, from 10am to 7pm, for a Touch A Truck event. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Public Works Director Jeff Rich and Gas Supervisor David Cooke to attend the Mississippi Natural Gas Association Annual Conference in Orange Beach, AL on July 5-8, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize Public Works Director Jeff Rich and Gas Supervisor David Cooke to attend the Mississippi Natural Gas Association Annual Conference in Orange Beach, AL on July 5-8, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the resignation from Animal Shelter employee Kristal Jennings effective March 2, 2022

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to accept the resignation of Kristal Jennings effective March 2, 2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to terminate Dispatcher Candice Rutherford for violation of City Policy

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to terminate Dispatcher Candice Rutherford for violation of City Policy. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to terminate Police Officer Torance Mottley for violation of City Policy

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to terminate Police Officer Torance Mottley for violation of City Policy. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Samuel D Hoskin as a full-time certified Police Officer at the rate of \$17.25 per hour, pending drug and background screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Samuel D Hoskin as a full-time certified Police Officer at the rate of \$17.25 per hour, pending drug and background screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Teresa White as a full-time uncertified Dispatcher at the rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending drug and background screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Teresa White as a full-time uncertified Dispatcher at the rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending drug and background screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to move Lucia Booker to Assistant Manager for Concessions for the Parks Department (replacing Emma Jackson)

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to move Lucia Booker to Assistant Manager for Concessions for the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize to hire Eason Caldwell as a part time Concession worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Eason Caldwell as a part time Concession worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Marissa Gonzalez as a part time Concession worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Marissa Gonzalez as a part time Concession worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Peyton Harpole as a part time Concession worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Peyton Harpole as a part time Concession worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Hannah Reeder as a part time Concession worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Hannah Reeder as a part time Concession worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Brandon C Dowl in the Streets Department, Public Works, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, pending background and drug screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Brandon C Dowl in the Streets Department, Public Works, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, pending background and drug screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Bodie Locke in the Water Department, Public Works, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending background and drug screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Bodie Locke in the Water Department, Public Works, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending background and drug screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Jayden Ruiz as a temporary part time Animal Shelter employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Jayden Ruiz as a temporary part time Animal Shelter employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Dalinda Wade as a temporary part time Animal Shelter employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Dalinda Wade as a temporary part time Animal Shelter employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to declare a 2006 Kenworth Pierce Contender VIN 2NKMHZ7X16M118473 surplus and dispose of

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to declare a 2006 Kenworth Pierce Contender with VIN2NKMHZ7X16M118473 surplus and dispose of. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a Listing and Marketing Commission Agreement with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC to sell a 2006 Kenworth Pierce Contender with VIN2NKMHZ7X16M118473

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign a Listing and Marketing Commission Agreement with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC to sell a 2006 Kenworth Pierce Contender with VIN2NKMHZ7X16M118473. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Lawn Maintenance Professional Services for the Interstate 55 and Highway 4 Interchange from All Star Lawns

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Lawn Maintenance Professional Services for the Interstate 55 and Highway 4 Interchange from All Star Lawns. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Lawn Maintenance Professional Services for Bethesda and Senatobia Memorial Cemeteries from All Star Lawns

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Lawn Maintenance Professional Services for Bethesda and Senatobia Memorial Cemeteries from All Star Lawns. All voting yea, motion carried.

Adopt an Incident Report Fee of \$25.00 per copy and a construction permit fee of \$50.00 for “Gates and Barricades Across Fire Apparatus Access Roads” for the Fire Department

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to adopt an Incident Report Fee of \$25.00 per copy and a construction permit fee of \$50.00 for “Gates and Barricades Across Fire Apparatus Access Roads” for the Fire Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to advertise for utility relocations for the Highway 51 Roundabout project

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to advertise for utility relocations for the Highway 51 Roundabout project. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Gavin Holdener as a temporary part time Animal Shelter employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Gavin Holdener as a temporary part time Animal Shelter employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to promote David Traywick, in the Public Works Department, to Lead CDL with additional preventive maintenance responsibilities, and give a pay increase of \$1.00 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to promote David Traywick, in the Public Works Department, to Lead CDL, with additional preventive maintenance responsibilities, and give a pay increase of \$1.00 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Ricco Orange in the Street Department, Public Works, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, pending background and drug screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Ricco Orange in the Street Department, Public Works, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, pending background and drug screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to pay Cerberus Investment Co., Inc, pay application # 2 in the amount of \$69,467.52 for renovation for the new Police Department building

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to pay Cerberus Investment Co., Inc, pay application # 2 in the amount of \$69,467.52 for renovation for the new Police Department building. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayor’s Corner

Sportsplex

Mayor Graves advised the Board that Rob is doing great with the Sportsplex, there has been a lot more tournaments lately.

Animal Shelter

Mayor Graves advised the Board that the Animal Shelter seems to be doing much better right now. We’ve had more volunteers and good publicity on social media.

Police Letter

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we received a very nice letter from a citizen regarding a situation she was in and needed the help of our police department. She was very thankful.

Approve Agenda

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he learned in his last class about Robert's Rules of Order, that it is a good idea to have "Approve Agenda" as an agenda item. So I will start putting that on there if no one objects.

Bethesda, Mark Still

Mayor Graves advised the Board that Mark Still who owns property just behind Bethesda Cemetery, called regarding the property and selling it to us. He has no use for it.

Go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Economic Updates

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

Go into Executive Session for Economic Updates

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

Come out of Executive Session for Economic Updates

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

Adjourn

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

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin –City Clerk