

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on May 17, 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, Moore, Simpson and Tanksley. Also present were: Katie Harbin, City Clerk; Ginger Miller, City Attorney; Police Chief Richard Chandler; Ethan Foresman, Fire Chief; Brevin Holden, Fire Inspector; Jeff Rich, Public Works Director; Francis Johnson, Deputy City Clerk; Britt Herron, EDF, Jamie Sowell, Senatobia Main Street, Michael Cathey, Stephanie Cunningham, Joe Cooper, Robert Holmes, Lindsey Criswell, and Mike Baker. Alderman Hale was absent.

Alderman Tanksley gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

**City of Senatobia
Mayor and Board of Aldermen Agenda**

May 17, 2022

City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance Amendments
5. Economic Update – Britt Herrin

Consent Agenda

6. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on May 3, 2022
7. Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 23973 – 24133 for a total of \$1,601,830.69
8. Authorize City Judge Nick to attend the 2022 Mississippi Municipal Court Judges Hybrid Seminar in Biloxi, MS on June 1 – 3, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
9. Authorize Dispatcher Teresa White to attend the Basic Certification Class at the Tunica Training Center in Tunica, MS on June 6-10, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (BETST will reimburse for the registration)
10. Authorize the following Officers to attend the MLEOA Summer Conference June 12-17, 2022 in Biloxi, MS: K-9 Officer Cristian Subia for the K-9 Certification / Seminar; Officer Holden Greene for the Drone Pilot Class; Sgt. Warren for the Drone Pilot class; Sgt. Hickey for the Drone Pilot Class; Chief Chandler, Assistant Chief Defore, and Officer Cunningham to attend as instructors for classes, also authorize to pay travel expenses (no registration or lodging expenses)
11. Authorize Lieutenant Rushing to attend FBI LEEDA Media and Public Relations Class on July 18-22, 2022 in Columbus, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (no lodging expenses)
12. Authorize to accept the resignation from Police Lieutenant Justin Conn, effective immediately
13. Authorize to accept the resignation from Police Officer Michael Logan effective May 25, 2022

14. Authorize to hire Tyonia Roberts as a part time concession stand worker in the Parks Department
15. Authorize to hire Breyonna Willie as a part time concession stand worker in the Parks Department
16. Authorize to accept the resignation from Utility Meter Reader Ivan Chase Sandridge
17. Adopt Resolution Appointing Mississippi Municipal League 2022 Voting Delegates for the City of Senatobia
18. Authorize to reject the bid(s) received for the Utility Relocations for the MDOT Hwy 51 and Main St Roundabout project, MDOT did not accept due to it coming in over budget and also authorize to readvertise this project with a bid opening date of June 17, 2022
19. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City to apply for a DRA grant, also authorizing Mayor Graves to sign all necessary documents (water/sewer projects)
20. Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a Right of Entry and Access Agreement with Powell Ridge, LLC, to remove the tower off the Wheat & Willow Building
21. Authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Certified Local Government Coordination Agreement (Historical Preservation)
22. Authorize to solicit for RFPs for Professional Lift Station Operations and Maintenance Services
23. Authorize to solicit for RFPs for Professional Wastewater Treatment Plant Management Services
24. Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a contract with Certified Payments for the processing of payments from the Securix Program
25. Approve the lowest and best quote from Richardson Athletics in the amount of \$7,341.28 for windscreen fencing at the Public Works building
26. Executive Session for Economic Updates

Mayor's Corner

ARPA funds
Five Star Festival
Tate Co Fair

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to approve the agenda as presented. All voting yea, motion carried.

Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Mayor Graves opened up the Public Hearing, asking if anyone had any questions or comments.

Zack Wilson, Byhalia, MS, stated that he is a part of the "We are the 74" group that worked to get medical cannabis legalized in MS. Mr. Wilson stated that he sees that he isn't on the agenda for a special variance, but he would like to get one. Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Mike Baker has found a commercial building that we could use for a dispensary facility, but we would like to request a variance to be able to have the cultivation and dispensary in the same building in the commercial zoning district. I understand that since it's not on the agenda, y'all won't be able to vote on that tonight.

Mayor Greg Graves said you are correct, tonight is just to amend the zoning ordinance. Mayor Graves also stated that he has polled the Board and doesn't think they will approve a variance to allow cultivation in the commercial zone.

Mayor Graves went over the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance with the Board. We have in there at the top a phrase that states "All medical cannabis facilities must remain in full compliance with all State of Mississippi regulations." It's a good catch all, our attorney likes it also.

City Attorney Ginger Miller stated yes, it states that they have to follow all of the State regulations, that will include the permits, advertising, signs, zoning, etc.
Alderman Moore stated the B2 Commercial is for the dispensaries correct.

Mayor Graves answered yes, B2 is the General Commercial like businesses like Taco Bell, McDonalds, Walmart, Walgreens, and etc. are located.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments:

"All medical cannabis facilities must remain in full compliance with all State of Mississippi regulations."

Article IV District Regulations

Section 1 Agricultural Residential (A-R) Zoning District regulations

(c) Uses Prohibited –

Amend to add "medical cannabis cultivation facilities and processing facilities"

Section 8 Business (B-1) Zoning District regulations (Local Shopping)

(c) Uses Prohibited –

Amend to add "medical cannabis dispensaries, research facilities and testing facilities"

Section 9 Business (B-2) (General Commercial) Zoning District regulations

(a) Uses Permitted:

Amend to add "medical cannabis dispensaries, research facilities and testing facilities" as allowed by the State of Mississippi

Section 10 (B-3) Zoning District regulations (Central Business District)

(c) Uses Prohibited –

Amend to add "medical cannabis dispensaries, research facilities and testing facilities"

Section 11 Manufacturing (M-1) Zoning District regulations (Light Industry)

(a) Uses Permitted:

Amend to add "medical cannabis cultivation facilities and processing facilities" as allowed by the State of Mississippi

Section 12 Manufacturing (M-2) Zoning District regulations (Heavy Industrial)

(d) Uses Prohibited –

Amend to add "medical cannabis cultivation facilities and processing facilities"

"All medical cannabis facilities must remain in full compliance with all State of Mississippi regulations."

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments as presented. All voting yea, motion carried

Economic Update – Britt Herrin

Britt Herrin stated that his information will need to be in executive session.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over each consent agenda item numbers 6 - 25, asked if anyone had any questions.

Mayor Graves asked who would like to be the voting delegate for the MML, Item # 17. Alderman Moore stated he would do it. Mayor Graves will be the alternative.

Alderman Dear asked about item # 18.

Mayor Graves stated that MDOT rejected the bid. We only received one bid and it was double the estimated cost.

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on May 3, 2022

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to approve the minutes from the regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on May 3, 2022. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 23973 – 24133 for a total of \$1,601,830.69

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to approve Docket of Claim numbers 23973 - 24133 for a total of \$1,601,830.69. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize City Judge Nick Smith to attend the Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 1-3, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to City Judge Nick Smith to attend the Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 1-3, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

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Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize Dispatcher Teresa White to attend the Basic Certification Class at the Tunica Training Center in Tunica, MS on June 6-10, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the following Officers to attend the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 12-17, 2022, in Biloxi, MS: K-9 Officer Cristian Subia for the K09 Certification / Seminar; Officer Holden Greene for the Drone Pilot Class; Sgt. Warren for the Drone Pilot class; Sgt. Hickey for the Drone Pilot Class; Chief Chandler, Assistant Chief Defore and Officer Cunningham to attend as instructors for classes; also authorize to pay travel expenses (no registration or lodging expenses)

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Authorize Lieutenant Rushing to attend FBI LEEDA Media and Public Relations Class on July 18-22, 2022 in Columbus, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (no lodging expense)

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize Lieutenant Rushing to attend FBI LEEDA Media and Public Relations Class on July 18-22, 2022 in Columbus, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the resignation from Police Lieutenant Justin Conn, effective immediately

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to accept the resignation from Police Lieutenant Justin Conn effective immediately. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the resignation from Police Officer Michael Logan effective May 25, 2022

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to accept the resignation from Police Office Michael Logan effective May 25, 2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Tyonia Roberts as a part time concession stand worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to hire Tyonia Roberts as a part time concession stand worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Brevonna Willie as a part time concession stand worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to hire Brevonna Willie as a part time concession stand worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the resignation from Utility Meter Reader, Ivan Chase Sandridge

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to accept the resignation from Utility Meter Reader Ivan Chase Sandridge. All voting yea, motion carried.

Adopt Resolution Appointing Mississippi Municipal League 2022 Voting Delegates for the City of Senatobia

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2022 VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE CITY OF SENATOBIA

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Municipal League amended the bylaws of the association to provide for a ballot election, to be conducted by the officers of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association, to be held each year at the summer convention, to elect a Second Vice President from the Southern District; and

WHEREAS, the amended bylaws require the governing authority Board of Aldermen to designate in its minutes the voting delegate and one alternate to cast the vote for each member municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SENATOBIA

In accordance with the bylaws of the Mississippi Municipal League, the voting delegate(s) for the 2022 Mississippi Municipal League election to be held at the annual convention on June 28th are as follows:

Voting Delegate: Alderman at Large Adam Moore
First Alternate: Mayor Greg Graves

That public interest and necessity requiring same, this Resolution shall become effective upon passage. The above and forgoing Resolution, after having been reduced to writing, was introduced by Alderman Moore seconded by Alderman Simpson, and was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

YEAS: Alderman Simpson, Alderman Dear, Alderman Moore, and Alderman Tanksley.
NAYS: None.

The above and foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 17th day of May, 2022.

ATTEST:


City Clerk
(SEAL) 

APPROVED:



Mayor

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to adopt the Resolution Appointing Mississippi Municipal League 2022 Voting Delegates for the City of Senatobia. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to reject the bid(s) received for the Utility Relocations for the MDOT Hwy 51 and Main St Roundabout project, MDOT did not accept due to it coming in over budget and also authorize to readvertise this project with a bid opening date of June 17, 2022

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to reject the bid(s) received for the Utility Relocations for the MDOT Hwy 51 and Main St Roundabout project, MDOT did not accept due to it coming in over budget and also authorize to readvertise this project with a bid opening date of June 17, 2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City to apply for a DRA grant, also authorizing Mayor Graves to sign all necessary documents (water/sewer projects)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority (hereinafter "DRA") was created by Congress by the *Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000*, as amended, as a federal/state partnership now comprised of 252 counties and parishes within the eight states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee in order to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and fostering partnerships that will have a positive impact on the Delta Region's economy;

WHEREAS, the City of Senatobia, acting by and through its Board of Aldermen proposes to apply for an award with DRA for the Fiscal Year 2022 federal award program cycle;

WHEREAS, DRA requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award for and on behalf of the Awardee;

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen met in a regular session on May 17, 2022 whereby a quorum was present;

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Alderman Moore, was seconded by Alderman Simpson, to designate and appoint Greg Graves to perform all duties and administration of said award, which carried unanimously by voice vote and was recorded on the minutes;

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Alderman Moore, was seconded by Alderman Simpson, that in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, *BE IT RESOLVED THAT*, by the Board of Aldermen, as follows:

THAT, Greg Graves, be and is hereby designated and appointed to perform on behalf of the City of Senatobia and has the authority to make those acts and assume any and all duties in dealing with the award with DRA for the Fiscal Year - 2022 federal award program cycle;

THAT, Greg Graves is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents including, but not limited to, applications, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to DRA for the Fiscal Year - 2022 federal award program cycle;

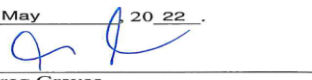
THAT, in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

READ AND ADOPTED, this the 17th day of May, 2022.

Attest:


Katie Harbin
City Clerk




Greg Graves
Mayor

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the City to apply for a DRA grant, also authorizing Mayor Graves to sign all necessary documents. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a Right of Entry and Access Agreement with Powell Ridge, LLC, to remove the tower off of the Wheat & Willow Building located at 132 N Front Street Senatobia, MS

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign a Right of Entry and Access Agreement with Powell Ridge, LLC, to remove the tower off of the Wheat & Willow Building located at 132 N Front Street Senatobia, MS. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to solicit for RFP's for Professional Lift Station Operations and Maintenance Services

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to solicit for RFP's for Professional Lift Station Operation and Maintenance Services. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to solicit for RFP's for Professional Wastewater Treatment Plant Management Services

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to solicit for RFP's for Professional Wastewater Treatment Plant management. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a contract with Certified Payments for the processing of payments from the Securix Program

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign a contract with Certified Payments for the processing of payments from the Securix Program. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayor's CornerARPA Funds

Mayor advised the Board that he met with Trey and Kevin regarding projects needing to be done, our list of priorities. It seems to be that the biggest need right now is a new tank. We will be able to use the ARPA grant matching money for this project, and if granted we would end up with about \$3.7 million. If everyone else agrees, we will do that project and put the radio read meters project on hold. I think it is the best plan for the money.

Alderman Moore asked if this tank included connecting it to the other towers.

Mayor Graves answered that is the goal. I will have to find out the exacts on it. Most of it would depend on the cost.

Five Star Festival

Mayor Graves stated that he wanted to brag on Jamie. The festival went great, it was a great turn out. I hope y'all got to enjoy and see it.

Tate County Fair

Mayor Graves advised the Board that they received tickets in your mail. I hope you get to go out and enjoy it.

Alderman Moore asked about parking.

Mayor Graves answered they are working it out with Police Chief Chandler.

Police Chief Chandler answered they are working with them. Some parking will be west of the tracks and some across the street at Captain D's.

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

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

Alderman Simpson left the meeting.

Come out of Executive Session

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

Adjourn

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

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin –City Clerk