BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on November 1, 2022, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular meeting time. Mayor Greg Graves called the meeting to order, and the following Aldermen were present: Simpson, Dear, Hale, Moore, and Tanksley. Also present were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, City Attorney Ginger Miller, Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson, Police Chief Richard Chandler, Assistant Police Chief Matthew Defore, Fire Chief Ethan Foresman, Fire Inspector Brevin Holden, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Building Official Jim Huestis, Brett Brown, Tate Record, Joe Cooper, Jay Stapleton, and Earle Moore.

Alderman Hale gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

City of Senatobia Mayor and Board of Aldermen Agenda

November 1, 2022 City Hall 5pm

- 1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
- 2. Welcome
- 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Appoint Jacqueline Simpson to the Senatobia Historical Preservation Committee
- 5. Appeal of Historic Preservation Commission Denial for railing replacement at 209 Tate Street, Lisa Pittman and Raven Ramirez
- 6. Approve payment for Dog Runs
- 7. Department Reports

Consent Agenda

- 8. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on October 18, 2022
- 9. Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 26370 26527 for a total of \$561,849.55
- 10. Authorize Firefighters Butch Sowell, Demetrius Garrett, Ellis Brown, Evan Gilder, and Bo Payne to attend the TN River Training on November 4-6, 2022 in Savannah, TN, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
- 11. Authorize Fire Chief Foresman and FLSE/PIO Rhone to attend the Fire Chief's Mid-Winter Conference on December 6-8, 2022 in Hattiesburg, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
- 12. Authorize Police Chief Chandler to attend the 2022 MACP Winter Conference in Natchez, MS on December 13-16, 2022, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
- 13. Authorize to promote Police Officer Steven Mahan to Sergeant with a pay of \$22.00 per hour
- 14. Authorize to hire Justin Ash as a full-time Certified Police Officer at a rate of P4 \$20.00 per hour, pending background and physical results
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- 16. Authorize to hire Michael Mandujano as a full-time Uncertified Police Officer at a rate of P1 \$16.50 per hour, pending background and physical results
- 17. Approve Municipal Compliance Questionnaire FYE 2022
- 18. Authorize the Fire Department to purchase a 2023 Nissan Frontier for the State Contract price of \$32,079 from Cannon Chevrolet Nissan
- 19. Authorize the Fire Department to purchase a 2023 Nissan Versa for the State Contract price of \$16,859.00 from Cannon Chevrolet Nissan
- 20. Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a service Agreement with iWorQ for a Work Order system
- 21. Authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel with Watkins and Eager (Sports Park)
- 22. Approve the Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Authorizing the Engagement of Certain Professionals to assist with Investigating and Pursuing the Possibility and Advisability of the Authorization, Issuance, Sale, Validation, and Delivery of Parks and Recreation Improvements Revenue Bonds or General Obligation Parks and Recreation Improvements Bonds of the Municipality, in the estimated aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000, in one or more federally taxable or tax-exempt series; and for related matters (Sports Park)
- 23. Authorize to declare Friday November 25, 2022 in further observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday and Friday December 23, 2022 in further observance of the Christmas Holiday, in accordance with the Governor's Proclamation dated October 10, 2022
- 24. Authorize to pay ESI Pay application # 12 for the WWTP project in the amount of \$33,600.00
- 25. Authorize to pay Hemphill Construction pay application # 12 for the WWTP project in the amount of \$392,557.47
- 26. Authorize to pay Hemphill Construction pay application # 13 for the WWTP project in the amount of \$875,761.41
- 27. Executive Session for Economic Development Holiday Inn Express

Mayor's Corner

Roundabout

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

Appoint Jacqueline Simpson to the Senatobia Historical Preservation Commission

Alderman Simpson stated that he was recusing himself from this item's discussion and vote.

Mayor Graves advised the Board that the Historical Preservation Commission recommended appointing Jacqueline Simpson to their Commission, filling the open position.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Moore, to appoint Jacqueline Simpson to the Senatobia Historical Preservation Committee for a 4 year term. All voting yea, motion carried.

Appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission Denial for 209 Tate Street

Mayor Graves asked if Mrs. Pittman was present for her appeal.

Mrs. Pittman, nor any representative, were present.

The Board took no action.

Dog Run Fences Payment

Mayor Graves advised the Board that Cole sent information regarding an overage with the Dog Run Fences. We've previously approved to pay half of the cost, but they had to move the fence out a little from the impound lot fencing, requiring more material.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve to pay half of the total cost of \$37,200 for the dog run fencing at the Animal Shelter to Tate County. All voting yea, motion carried.

Department Reports

Mayor Graves asked if any department heads had any updates not on their report.

Public Works Director Jeff Rich stated they've had some small leaks at the old chromcraft location, but he hopes to be done by tomorrow.

Parks and Recreation Director Rob Boyd stated they have been working on specs for the artificial turf with the Dalhoff Group, deciding on how we should bid it.

Fire Chief Foresman stated that the advertisement for the Station 1 renovation goes back out tomorrow, with a bid opening date of December 6th.

Building Official Jim Huestis stated that the new section of West Point Subdivision has about a dozen houses built now.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over each consent agenda item, numbers 8 - 26, asked if anyone had any questions.

No questions were asked.

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

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on October 18, 2022

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Alderman Meeting on October 18, 2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 26370 – 26527 for a total of \$561,849.55

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Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to hire Michael Manduiano as a full-time uncertified Police Officer at a rate of P1, \$16.50 per hour, pending background and physical results. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve Municipal Compliance Questionnaire FYE 2022

Municipal Compliance Questionnaire

As part of the municipality's audit, the governing authorities of the municipality must make certain assertions with regard to legal compliance. The municipal compliance questionnaire was developed for this purpose.

The following questionnaire and related certification must be completed at the end of the municipality's fiscal year and entered into the official minutes of the governing authorities at their next regular meeting.

The governing authorities should take care to answer these questions accurately. Incorrect answers could reduce the auditor's reliance on the questionnaire responses, resulting in the need to perform additional audit procedures at added cost.

Note: Due to the size of some municipalities, some of the questions may not be applicable. If so,

Information

	mark N/A in answer blanks. Answers to other "no," and, as a result, more information on thi separate work papers may be needed.	
1.	Name and address of municipality: City of Senatobia	
2.	List the date and population of the latest official U 2020 - 8,354	.S. Census or most recent official census:
3.	Names, addresses and telephone numbers of offici administrative officer, and attorney). See attached, Page IV-B6	als (include elected officials, chief
4.	Period of time covered by this questionnaire:	
	From: 10/1/2021	To: 9/30/2022
5.	Expiration date of current elected officials' term:	6/30/2025

$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE} \\ \textbf{Year Ended September 30, 20} \underline{\textbf{22}} \end{array}$

Answer All Questions: Y - YES, N - NO, N/A - NOT APPLICABLE

PART I - General

Have all ordinances been entered into the ordinance book and included in the minutes? (Section 21-13-13)					
 Do all municipal vehicles have public license plates and proper markings? (Sections 25-1-87 and 27-19-27) 	Y				
3. Are municipal records open to the public? (Section 25-61-5)	Y				
4. Are meetings of the board open to the public? (Section 25-41-5)	Y				
5. Are notices of special or recess meetings posted? (Section 25-41-13)	Y				
5. Are all required personnel covered by appropriate surety					
bonds? Board or council members (Sec. 21-17-5)	Y				
 Appointed officers and those handling money, see statutes governing the form of government (i.e., Section 21-3-5 for Code Charter) 	Y				
· Municipal clerk (Section 21-15-38)	<u>Y</u> Y				
 Deputy clerk (Section 21-15-23) Chief of police (Section 21-21-1) 	<u>Y</u>				
• Deputy police (Section 45-5-9) (if hired under this law)	Y				
7. Are minutes of board meetings prepared to properly reflect the actions of the board? (Sections 21-15-17 and 21-15-19)	Y				
8. Are minutes of board meetings signed by the mayor or					
majority of the board within 30 days of the meeting? (Section 21-15-33)					
 Has the municipality complied with the nepotism law in its employment practices? (Section 25-1-53) 	Y				
10. Did all officers, employees of the municipality, or their relatives avoid any personal interest in any contracts with the municipality during their term or within one year after their terms of office or employment? (Section 25-4-105)					
11. Does the municipality contract with a Certified Public Accountant or an auditor approved by the State Auditor for its annual audit within twelve months of the end of each fiscal year? (Section 21-35-31)	Y				
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12. Has the municipality published a synopsis or notice of the annual audit within 30 days of acceptance? (Section 21-35-31 or 21-17-19)	Y
PART II - Cash and Related Records	
1. Where required, is a claims docket maintained? (Section 21-39-7)	Y
2. Are all claims paid in the order of their entry in the claims docket? (Section 21-39-9)	Y
 Does the claims docket identify the claimant, claim number, amount and fund from which each warrant will be issued? (Section 21-39-7) 	Y
 Are all warrants approved by the board, signed by the mayor or majority of the board, attested to by the clerk, and bearing the municipal seal? (Section 21-39-13) 	Y
 Are warrants for approved claims held until sufficient cash is available in the fund from which it is drawn? (Section 21-39-13) 	Y
6. Has the municipality adopted and entered on its minutes a budget in the format prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor? (Sections 21-35-5, 21-35-7 and 21-35-9)	Y
7. Does the municipality operate on a cash basis budget, except for expenditures paid within 30 days of fiscal year end or for construction in progress? (Section 21-35-23)	Y
8. Has the municipality held a public hearing and published its adopted budget? (Sections 21-35-5, 27-39-203, & 27-39-205)	Y
 Has the municipality complied with legal publication requirements when budgetary changes of 10% or more are made to a department's budget? (Section 21-35-25) 	Y
10. If revenues are less than estimated and a deficit is anticipated, did the board revise the budget by its regular July meeting? (Section 21-35-25)	Y

11. H	ave financial records been maintained in accordance with the chart of accounts prescribed by the State Auditor? (Section 21-35-11)	Y
12. De	report of expenditures against each budget item for the preceding month and fiscal year to date and the unexpended balances of each budget item? (Section 21-35-13)	Y
13. Do	pes the board avoid approving claims and the city clerk not issue any warrants which would be in excess of budgeted amounts, except for court-ordered or emergency expenditures? (Section 21-35-17)	Y
14. H	as the municipality commissioned municipal depositories? (Sections 27-105-353 and 27-105-363)	Y
15. H	ave investments of funds been restricted to those instruments authorized by law? (Section 21-33-323)	Y
16. A	re donations restricted to those specifically authorized by law? [Section 21-17-5 (Section 66, Miss. Constitution) Sections 21-19-45 through 21-19-59, etc.]	Y
17. A	re fixed assets properly tagged and accounted for? (Section II - Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide)	Y
18. Is	all travel authorized in advance and reimbursements made in accordance with Section 25-3-41?	Y
19. A	re all travel advances made in accordance with the State Auditor's regulations? (Section 25-3-41)	Y
PAR	T III - Purchasing and Receiving	
1.	Are bids solicited for purchases, when required by law (written bids and advertising)? [Section 31-7-13(b) and (c)]	Y
2.	Are all lowest and best bid decisions properly documented? [Section 31-7-13(d)]	Y
3.	Are all one-source item and emergency purchases documented on the board's minutes? [Section 31-7-13(m) and (k)]	Y
4.	Do all officers and employees understand and refrain from accepting gifts or kickbacks from suppliers? (Section 31-7-23)	Y

PART IV - Bonds and Other Debt

1.	Has the municipality complied with the percentage of taxable property limitation on bonds and other debt issued during the year? (Section 21-33-303)	Y
2.	Has the municipality levied and collected taxes, in a sufficient amount for the retirement of general obligation debt principal and interest? (Section 21-33-87)	Y
3.	Have the required trust funds been established for utility revenue bonds? (Section 21-27-65)	Y
4.	Have expenditures of bond proceeds been strictly limited to the purposes for which the bonds were issued? (Section 21-33-317)	Y
5.	Has the municipality refrained from borrowing, except where it had specific authority? (Section 21-17-5)	Y
PART	V - Taxes and Other Receipts	
1.	Has the municipality adopted the county ad valorem tax rolls? (Section 27-35-167)	Y
2.	Are interest and penalties being collected on delinquent ad valorem taxes? (Section 21-33-53)	Y
3.	Has the municipality conducted an annual land sale for delinquent ad valorem taxes? (Section 21-33-63)	Y
4.	Have the various ad valorem tax collections been deposited into the appropriate funds? (Separate Funds for Each Tax Levy) (Section 21-33-53)	Y
5.	Has the increase in ad valorem taxes, if any, been limited to amounts allowed by law? (Sections 27-39-320 and 27-39-321)	Y
6.	Are local privilege taxes collected from all businesses located within the municipality, except those exempted? (Section 27-17-5)	Y
7.	Are transient vendor taxes collected from all transient vendors within the municipality, except those exempted? (Section 75-85-1)	Y
8.	Is money received from the state's "Municipal Fire Protection Fund" spent only to improve municipal fire departments?	Y

mil pro	s the municipality levied or appropriated not less than 1/4 Il for fire protection and certified to the county it ovides its own fire protection or allowed the county to	v
lev	y such tax? (Sections 83-1-37 and 83-1-39)	<u>Y</u>
	ate-imposed court assessments collected and settled onthly? (Section 99-19-73, 83-39-31, etc.)	Y
	fines and forfeitures collected when due and settled mediately to the municipal treasury? (Section 21-15-21)	Y
circ	ds solicited by advertisement or, under special cumstances, three appraisals obtained when real property is d? (Section 21-17-1)	Y
	e municipality determined the full and complete cost for solid ste for the previous fiscal year? (Section 17-17-347)	Y
cos	e municipality published an itemized report of all revenues, sts and expenses incurred by the municipality during the mediately preceding fiscal year in operating the garbage rubbish collection or disposal system? (Section 17-17-348)	Y
acc	e municipality conducted an annual inventory of its assets in cordance with guidelines established by the Office of the ate Auditor? (MMAAG)	Y

Mayor Greg Graves, 109 Carolina Pointe Senatobia, MS 38668 662-292-6002

Alderman At Large Adam Moore, 104 Rosewood Dr Senatobia, MS 38668 662-560-8303

Alderman Larry Simpson, 111 Brookside Dr Senatobia, MS 38668 662-292-0965

Alderman Kevin Dear, 12047 Hwy 4 Senatobia, MS 38668 662-288-1382

Alderman Allen Tanksley, 122 Cox St Senatobia, MS 38668 662-560-7938

Alderman Brian Hale, 591 Two Mile Branch Rd Senatobia, MS 38668 662-292-1505

City Attorney Ginger Miller, 201 W Main St Senatobia, MS 38668 662-562-0022

City of Senatobia Certification to Municipal Compliance Questionnaire Year Ended September 30, 2022

We have reviewed all questions and	d responses a	s contained in this Municipal Compliance
Questionnaire for the Municipality of	Senatobia	, and, to the best of our
knowledge and belief, all responses are	accurate.	
(City Clerk's Signature)	_	(Mayor's Signature)
10/21/2022	_	10/21/2022
(Date)		(Date)
Minute Book References:		
Book NumberEE		
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(Clerk is to enter minute book refer	ences when	auestionnaire is accepted by board)

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Authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel with Watkins and Eager (Sports Park)

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September 20, 2022

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\$2,000,000 Parks and Recreation Improvements Bonds

City of Senatobia, Mississippi

Dear Ginger:

This letter will confirm the selection by the City of Senatobia, Mississippi (the "Municipality"), of Watkins & Eager PLLC to act as Bond Counsel with respect to the above-referenced bond issue (the "Bonds") proposed by the Municipality. This letter will also set forth the role and responsibilities we propose to undertake as Bond Counsel to the Municipality and the terms upon which we understand we will undertake those responsibilities as Bond Counsel to the Municipality and be compensated by you for performing in such role.

The proceeds of the Bonds are expected to be used for the purpose of (i) providing funds to acquire real property and constructing, equipping, owning, operating, leasing, furnishing, maintaining, and marketing new and existing sports tournament and recreational facilities of the Municipality; (ii) providing funds for the purpose of erecting municipal buildings, auditoriums, community centers, gymnasiums, and athletic stadiums, preparing and equipping athletic fields, and purchasing buildings or land therefor, and for repairing, improving, adorning, and equipping the same; erecting or purchasing waterworks, gas, electric, and other public utility plants or distribution systems or franchises, and repairing, improving, and extending the same; establishing sanitary, storm, drainage, or sewerage systems, and repairing, improving, and extending the same; protecting the Municipality, its streets, and sidewalks from overflow, caving banks, and other like dangers; constructing, improving, or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways, or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor; purchasing land for parks and public playgrounds, and improving, equipping, and adorning the same, including the constructing, repairing, and equipping of swimming pools and other recreational facilities; constructing bridges and culverts; altering or changing the channels of streams and water courses to control, deflect, or guide the current thereof; purchasing fire-fighting equipment and apparatus, and providing housing for same, and purchasing land therefor; purchasing machinery and equipment which have an expected useful life in excess of 10 years; (iii) funding a capitalized interest account, if necessary; and, (iv) paying the costs of the authorization, issuance, sale, validation, and delivery of the Bonds (together, the "Project").

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Scope of Engagement and Duties to Be Performed

As Bond Counsel, our chief function is to render an objective legal opinion with respect to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, the validity and binding effect of the Bonds, the source of payment and security for the Bonds, and the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal and State of Mississippi income tax purposes. Assuming that no legal impediments to the issuance of the Bonds become apparent, we would contemplate furnishing to the Municipality and the financial institution purchasing the Bonds (the "Purchaser") our approving opinion as to the validity of the Bonds, which opinion will be executed and delivered by us in written form on the date the Bonds are exchanged for their purchase price (the "Closing"), and will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. Upon delivery of the opinion with respect to the original issuance of the Bonds, our responsibilities as Bond Counsel will be concluded with respect to this financing.

In addition to rendering our approving opinion upon authorizing issuance of the Bonds, we will draft or review the basic legal documents required for authorization, securing, issuing and sale of the Bonds, including the Bond Resolution of the Municipality, the Notice of Bond Sale, and all related proceedings of the Municipality, including resolutions which might be required. We will coordinate with the counsel to the Municipality to undertake validation proceedings under the laws of the State of Mississippi. We will also prepare or furnish the incidental closing documents (excepting those customarily prepared or furnished by the Municipality or Purchaser or their respective counsel), including various certificates to be signed by the Municipality, and the form of opinion which will be required from the Municipality's counsel.

In addition, in connection with the delivery of our opinion, we may require that the proceedings for the issuance of such Bonds include other items, including the following:

- (a) an opinion of the Municipality's counsel addressing the authorization of the issuance of the Bonds and the execution of the related documents, and other matters normally covered by an opinion of counsel to the Municipality in similar financings;
- (b) certificates from the Municipality's officials dealing with financial condition, litigation, regulatory approval, due authorization, and various factual matters;
- (c) certificates from appropriate officials of the Municipality dealing with incumbency, due authorization, and litigation; and
- (d) certificates from other parties to the transaction and/or opinions of counsel to such parties, as applicable.

Although we ordinarily draft suggested forms for these and other customary closing papers, we do not assume responsibility for verifying the truth of facts certified as true by others, nor, except as necessary to our opinion, do we assume responsibility for examining legal questions on which other participating lawyers are asked to opine.

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We assume that we will have the full cooperation of the Municipality, the Purchaser, appropriate officials of the Municipality, and any others necessary to successfully complete this financing, including counsel to the parties. We cannot, of course, guarantee the timing or outcome of legislative or judicial processes or other actions necessary to complete the financing.

Compensation and Reimbursement

We propose that our fee be determined in consultation and negotiation with Municipality, to include the standard State Bond Attorney fee, with such fee to be based upon (i) the terms, structure, size, and schedule of the financing which may be represented by the Bonds, (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this engagement letter, (iii) the time we devoted to the financing, and (iv) the responsibilities we will assume in connection therewith. If unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time or responsibility, we will consult with you regarding further handling and any possible adjustment to any fee amount. In addition to our fees for services, our bills will include expenses and costs normally associated with representations of this kind.

You have the right to discharge us, and we have the right to withdraw, for any reason at any time upon reasonable notice. If we elect to withdraw, you will take all steps necessary to free us of any obligation to perform further, including the execution of any documents necessary to complete our withdrawal. In the event of our withdrawal or discharge, we will be entitled to retain any fees for services provided before the date of our withdrawal or discharge, as well as to compensation for the reasonable value of our services actually rendered. We also will be entitled to reimbursement of any costs and expenses paid or incurred on your behalf up to the effective date of withdrawal or discharge.

Documents and Files

Subsequent to the Closing, we will provide you with a copy of the Closing transcript relating to the issuance of the Bonds. In addition, any documents or related materials which you have provided to us in connection with our participation in the transaction will be returned to you at your request. All other documents, materials, and work product of any kind shall constitute our own files and property and will be retained or discarded at any time at our sole discretion.

Waiver of Conflict

From time to time this firm represents client, including in connection with a variety of unrelated matters in which the Municipality is involved. These matters may include, but are not limited to, proceedings before the various federal, state and local governing bodies and boards, agencies, and commissions in which the interest of our client is adverse to the Municipality.

We have reviewed the relationship between our responsibilities as Bond Counsel (which will primarily consist of drafting documents, consulting as to debt options and responsibilities, and rendering on or more opinions with respect to the Bonds) and our representation of other clients, in unrelated matters as described above, and we have concluded that the performance of our responsibilities as Bond Counsel will not be affected by our representation of other clients.

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It is our understanding that the Municipality consents to or waives any conflict of interest which may arise as a result of any current representations in unrelated matters and future representations similar to those described above. Your acceptance of this engagement letter will evidence that consent.

Miscellaneous

Once the Bonds are issued, our engagement as Bond Counsel will be completed. Except the completion and distribution of the transcripts, we will have no further obligations as Bond Counsel with regard to the Bonds.

Our willingness to undertake the functions described herein is based upon the facts available to us at this time. Nothing has come to our attention which would lead us to conclude that there are any legal obstacles to delivery of the Bonds. We will proceed with the understanding that should anything come to our attention prior to the issuance of the Bonds which would, in our opinion, cast doubt upon the legality of transaction, we will not be obligated to render our approving legal opinion.

If the foregoing terms are satisfactory to you, please indicate by returning the enclosed copy of this letter signed by an authorized person, retaining the original for your files.

Very truly yours,
Bal (. Day)

Watkins & Eager PLLC

Accepted and Agreed to this 1st day of, November, 2022. .

Ву:

City of Senatobia, Mississippi

Name: Greg Graves

Title: Mayor

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel with Watkins and Eager for the Sports Park. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve the Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Authorizing the Engagement of Certain Professionals to assist with Investigating and Pursuing the Possibility and Advisability of the Authorization, Issuance, Sale, Validation, and Delivery of Parks and Recreation Improvements Revenue Bonds or General Obligation Parks and Recreation Improvements Bonds of the Municipality, in the estimated aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000, in one or more federally taxable or tax-exempt series; and for related matters (Sports Park)

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI, AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS TO ASSIST WITH INVESTIGATING AND PURSUING THE POSSIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE, SALE, VALIDATION, AND DELIVERY OF PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS REVENUE BONDS OR GENERAL OBLIGATION PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS BONDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, IN THE ESTIMATED AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000, IN ONE OR MORE FEDERALLY TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT SERIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi (the "Governing Body" of the "Municipality"), acting for and on behalf of the Municipality, hereby finds, determines, adjudicates, and declares as follows:

In addition to any words and terms elsewhere defined herein, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless some other meaning is plainly intended:

- 1. "Act" refers to House Bill 1504, as approved by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi (the "Legislature" of the "State") in its Regular Session 2014 and signed by the Governor (the "Governor") of the State on March 21, 2014, House Bill No. 1473, as approved by the Legislature in its Regular Session 2017 and signed by the Governor on March 29, 2017, House Bill No. 1483, as approved by the Legislature in its Regular Session 2021 and signed by the Governor on April 14, 2021 (together, the "Authority Act"), Sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the Municipal Improvements Act"), and other applicable laws of the State (together, the "Act").
- 2. "City Clerk" refers to the City Clerk of the Municipality.
- 3. "General Municipal Improvements Authorized Purpose" refers to erecting municipal buildings, auditoriums, community centers, gymnasiums, and athletic stadiums, preparing and equipping athletic fields, and purchasing buildings or land therefor, and for repairing, improving, adorning, and equipping the same; erecting or purchasing waterworks, gas, electric, and other public utility plants or distribution systems or franchises, and repairing, improving, and extending the same; establishing sanitary, storm, drainage, or sewerage systems, and repairing, improving, and extending the same; protecting the Municipality, its streets, and sidewalks from overflow, caving banks, and other like dangers; constructing, improving, or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways, or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor; purchasing land for parks and public playgrounds, and improving, equipping, and adorning the same, including the constructing, repairing, and equipping of swimming pools and other recreational facilities; constructing bridges and culverts; altering or changing the channels of streams and water courses to control, deflect, or guide the current thereof; purchasing fire-fighting equipment and apparatus, and providing housing for same, and purchasing land therefor; purchasing machinery and equipment which have an expected useful life in excess of 10 years.

- 4. "Mayor" refers to the Mayor of the Municipality.
- 5. "Special Sales Tax" refers to a 2% tax upon the gross proceeds of room rentals for hotels and motels within the Municipality and a 2% tax upon the gross proceeds of restaurant sales within the Municipality, as authorized by the Authority Act.
- "Special Tax Authorized Purpose" shall mean providing funds for the development of parks and recreation and tourism in the Municipality, and for related purposes as authorized by the Authority Act.
- 7. Pursuant to the Act, the Municipality is authorized to undertake activities for the General Municipal Improvements Authorized Purpose and the Special Tax Authorized Purpose (together, the "Authorized Purposes"), and to provide for the payment of the costs thereof, or any portion of such costs, by issuing parks and recreation improvements revenue bonds or general obligation parks and recreation improvements bonds of the Municipality, all in the estimated aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000, issued in one or more federally taxable or tax-exempt series (together, the "Bonds").
- 8. The Municipality desires to go forward with investigating and pursuing the possibility and advisability of the authorization, issuance, sale, validation, and delivery of the Bonds for the Authorized Purposes prescribed by the Act, and desires to approve the engagement of certain professionals to assist with investigating and pursuing the possibility and advisability of the authorization, issuance, sale, validation, and delivery of the Bonds for the Authorized Purposes prescribed by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The officials of the Municipality and the professionals herein engaged are hereby authorized to proceed with investigating and pursuing the possibility and advisability of the authorization, issuance, sale, validation, and delivery of the Bonds in accordance with this resolution and such other resolutions as may be subsequently adopted concerning this matter.

SECTION 2. The Governing Body hereby authorizes and approves the engagement of the law firm of Watkins & Eager PLLC, Jackson, Mississippi, to serve as bond counsel for the Municipality (the "Bond Counsel") in connection with investigating and pursuing the possibility and advisability of the authorization, issuance, sale, validation, and delivery of the Bonds, and authorizes the Mayor to execute the letter of engagement attached hereto as **Attachment A**.

SECTION 3. The Governing Body hereby authorizes and approves the engagement of Government Consultants, Inc., Madison, Mississippi, to serve as Independent Registered Municipal Advisor to the Municipality (the "Municipal Advisor") in connection with investigating and pursuing the possibility and advisability of the authorization, issuance, sale, validation, and delivery of the Bonds, and authorizes the Mayor to execute the letters of engagement and disclosure attached hereto as Attachment B.

SECTION 4. The Governing Body hereby affirms the engagement of Ginger M. Miller, Esq., Senatobia, Mississippi, to serve as counsel for the Municipality (the "Counsel for the Municipality") in connection with investigating and pursuing the possibility and advisability of the authorization, issuance, sale, validation, and delivery of the Bonds.

SECTION 5. The Municipality by subsequent resolutions of the Governing Body shall take such actions as may be necessary to specify the terms and conditions of the authorization, issuance, sale, validation, and delivery of the Bonds, if issued.

SECTION 6. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein.

Following the reading of the foregoing resolution and discussion thereof, Alderman Moore made the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution and Alderman Hale seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Kevin Dear voted: "Aye"
Alderman Brian Hale voted: "Aye"
Alderman Adam Moore voted: "Aye"
Alderman Larry Simpson voted: "Aye"
Alderman Allen Tanksley voted: "Aye"

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion and the resolution adopted this day, carried November 1, 2022.

City of Senatobia, Mississippi

Attachment A

Letter of Engagement for Bond Counsel

Attachment B

Letters of Engagement and Disclosure for the Municipal Advisor

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to Approve the Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Authorizing the Engagement of Certain Professionals to assist with Investigating and Pursuing the Possibility and Advisability of the Authorization, Issuance, Sale, Validation, and Delivery of Parks and Recreation Improvements Revenue Bonds or General Obligation Parks and Recreation Improvements Bonds of the Municipality, in the estimated aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000, in one or more federally taxable or tax-exempt series; and for related matters for the Sports Park. All voting yea, motion carried

Authorize to pay ESI Pay application # 12 for the WWTP project in the amount of \$33,600.00

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to Authorize to pay ESI Pay application # 12 for the WWTP project in the amount of \$33,600.00. All voting yea, motion carried.

<u>Authorize to pay Hemphill Construction pay application # 12 for the WWTP project in the</u> amount of \$392,557.47

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to Authorize to pay Hemphill Construction pay application # 12 for the WWTP project in the amount of \$392,557.47. All voting yea, motion carried.

<u>Authorize to pay Hemphill Construction pay application # 13 for the WWTP project in the</u> amount of \$875,761.41

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to Authorize to pay Hemphill Construction pay application # 13 for the WWTP project in the amount of \$875,761.41. All voting yea, motion carried.

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

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

Go into Executive Session for Economic Development

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to go into executive session for economic development. All voting yea, motion carried.

Come out of Executive Session

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

Mayor's Corner

Roundabout

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he has seen some equipment and signs delivered for the roundabout on Hwy 51, MDOT should be starting that one any day now.

Mayor Graves stated that we have an agreement to close on the Days Inn. We are still working on a portion of the parking lot for the old Hardee's building and truck stop, and a couple of spots along Scott St.

<u>Adjourn</u>

	Motion was	made by Alderman	Simpson,	and seconded	by Alderma	an Tanksley,	to
adjouri	n. All voting	yea, motion carried					

	Greg Graves, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Katie Harbin –City Clerk		