

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on September 21, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular recessed meeting time. Mayor 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; Fran Johnson, Deputy City Clerk; Ethan Foresman, Fire Chief; Richard Chandler, Police Chief; Matt Defore, Assistant Police Chief; Jeff Rich, Public Works Director; Brevin Holden, Code Compliance Officer/Fire Inspector; Courtney Scott, Animal Shelter Director; Michael Cathey, Stephanie Cunningham, Nancy Anderson, Jennifer Stephenson, Lori Barnes, and Lauren Jones.

Mayor Graves gave the invocation.

Discussion of applying for the Transportation Alternatives Program 2021 Funding for possible sidewalk projects with MDOT

Mayor Graves went over the information regarding the funding, what it could be used for. Kevin McLeod drove around town and gathered some information for some potential projects we could use the funding for. It is an 80 / 20, so the City would be responsible for 20 percent of construction cost, plus the engineering and etc.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Program 2021 funding, for potential sidewalk projects. All voting yea, motion carried.

Public Health and Safety issue at 413 Dean Street (continued from the Public Hearing on August 17, 2021)

Mayor Graves asked if the property owner was present at the meeting.

No one answered.

Mayor Graves stated that no one with the City has heard from the property owner since the last meeting giving her 30 days to come back to us with a plan on cleaning the property up. Mayor Graves advised the Board the City could add the cost of the cleanup to the tax bill for the property or put a lien on the property through the Circuit Clerks office. I recommend sending a notice to the property owner that the City will demo the property, giving them 30 days from when she receives the notice to get her belongs out and off of the property.

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve the demolition of the property located at 413 Dean Street Senatobia, MS, finding that the property is a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community, after a notice is sent to the property owner giving her 30 days from the date she receives the notice to remover her belongings. All voting yea, motion carried.

Presentation of Medical Insurance Renewal Rates

Mayor Graves advised that we have met with our Blue Cross Blue Shield representative and Donna Vecellio, our Insurance Broker, regarding our renewal rates.

Donna Vecellio, Insurance Consulting Group, presented the renewal rates to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mrs. Vecellio stated there is an increase of 10% over this current year's rate. Mrs. Vecellio also presented different plans with BCBS, that would change the rate by changing the deductible and out of pocket expense.

Alderman Simpson stated that he would stay with the plan we have now with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Alderman Dear also stated that he would stay with the plan we have now with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the Employee Health Insurance plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield, staying at the current plan with the \$1,000 deductible, for the year 2021-2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

Discussion of Calbee Easement

Mayor Graves went over the situation with the Calbee easement and rerouting the sewer. Mayor stated that Kevin would like us to build around the building area, but said it is ok to run as is and they could build on top of it, if they chose to expand one day.

City Attorney Ginger stated their concern with the easement was not being able to build/expand in the future. We can put in the language that would help with that situation.

Mayor Graves asked the Board if they want to move with the plan as it was or reroute the sewer around the section of land that is in question.

Alderman Hale answered I think so.

Public Works Director Jeff Rich stated we'll mark it so they will know where it is. The City was supposed to do away with the line and man hole in the building years ago.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve as originally discussed and planned with the Public Works Director Jeff Rich at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the quote from Holden Integrated Services in the amount of \$46,750.00, to reroute the sewer at Calbee. All voting yea, motion carried

Discussion of Senatobia School Board Member

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he was asked for us to look at some candidates to fill the opening on the Municipal School Board. I will speak to 3 candidates this week. If you have anyone to recommend, let me know.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over each consent agenda item, numbers 8 - 19, asked if anyone had any questions.

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 7, 2021, the Special Meeting on September 9, 2021, and the Special Meeting on September 14, 2021

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 7, 2021, the Special Meeting on September 9, 2021, and the Special Meeting on September 14, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 21305 – 21566 for a total of \$553,554.79

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the Docket of Claims Numbers 21305 - 21566 with a total of \$553,554.79. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Taylor Elardo to attend the Crime Scene Investigation Evidence Collection/Technician Training on October 10 – 15, 2021 in Columbus, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize Taylor Elardo to attend the Crime Scene Investigation Evidence Collection/Technician Training on October 10 – 15, 2021, in Columbus, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize City Clerk Katie Harbin and Deputy Clerk Fran Johnson to attend the Annual Mississippi Municipal Clerks & Collectors Association Winter Conference in Flowood, MS on December 15 – 17, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize City Clerk Katie Harbin and Deputy City Clerk Fran Johnson to attend the Annual Mississippi Municipal Clerks & Collectors Association Winter Conference in Flowood, MS, on December 15-17, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Johnathon Youngblood as a full time CDL Driver in the Public Works Department, pending drug and background screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to hire Johnathon Youngblood as a full time CDL Driver in the Public Works Department with a pay of \$15.00 per hour, pending drug and background screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Accept the lowest and best quote from Holden Integrated Services in the amount of \$49,470 to connect our water to New Imagine Water System (New Image Funds)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote from Holden Integrated Services in the amount of \$49,470.00 to connect our water to New Image Water System. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to promote Officer Don McCarrens to Detective, with a change of pay to \$18.50 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to promote Officer Don McCarrens to Detective with a pay of \$18.50 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to do a personnel status change splitting the duties of full-time employee Jada Mayer between the Animal Shelter and the Court Department, at the same compensation

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to do a personnel status change splitting the duties of full-time employee Jada Mayer between the Animal Shelter and the Court Department, at the same compensation. All voting yea, motion carried.

Accept the Resignation from Audrey Fleet Sowell, in the Dispatch Department, effective September 25, 2021

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to accept the Resignation from Audrey Fleet Sowell, in the Dispatch Department, effective September 25, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Chase Sandridge as a full time Meter Reader in the Utility Department, with a pay of \$12.00 per hour, pending drug and background screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to hire Chase Sandridge as a full time Meter Reader in the Utility Department, with a pay of \$12.00 per hour, pending drug and background screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to pay registration and travel expenses for Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, to attend the Governor's Conference on Tourism in Jackson, MS on October 20 – 22, 2021, using Tourism funds

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to pay registration and travel expenses for Tourism Director Jamie Sowell to attend the Governor's Conference on Tourism in Jackson, MS on October 20 – 22, 2021, using Tourism funds. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote from TNT Hardwood for redoing floors in the Board Room and Lobby at City Hall

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Dear, to accept the lowest and best quote from TNT Hardwood for redoing floors in the Board Room and Lobby at City Hall. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mrs. Brown, citizen in the audience, stated that she just wanted to let the Mayor and Board know that she lived in Senatobia and would like to get involved as much as she can, in her City. She wants to help in anyway she can, not sit back and complain, or be a part of the problem.

Go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Police Personnel and Economic Development Update

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Police Personnel and Economic Development Update. All voting yea, motion carried.

Go into Executive Session for Police Personnel and Economic Development Update

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to go into Executive Session for Police Personnel and Economic Development Update. All voting yea, motion carried.

Police Personnel

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to suspend Police Officer Rick DeLeon for insubordination, for a time period equal to one shift day, to be served at the discretion of the Police Chief. All voting yea, motion carried.

Come out of Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Hale, to come out of Executive Session. 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