

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on September 7, 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.

Request / Presentation from the First Regional Library

Lori Barnes, First Regional Library, presented the information about the Library and all that they do for the Community. Mrs. Barnes stated she 30 years of experience working for a Library. Mrs. Barnes stated that the Library is there for the community to use the computers, and wi-fi, citizens can check out “hot spots”, electronic materials, and books. We give out free books, have summer programs for children and adults, etc. Mrs. Barnes stated that the First Regional Library System is respectfully asking the City for \$102,850 of funding for the fiscal year ending 2022.

Mayor Graves stated that he believes this is in the budget for the coming fiscal year. Mayor Graves stated that we appreciate all that the Library does for us and the community.

Request from the Heritage Museum Foundation of Tate County for funding of \$1,000.00

Mayor Graves stated that we received a request for funding for the fiscal year ending in 2022 from the Heritage Museum Foundation of Tate County. This is the same amount requested for the past several years now, that we have approved.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the funding request of \$1,000.00 from the Heritage Museum Foundation of Tate County, for the fiscal year ending in 2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

Public Hearing on the Ad Valorem Tax Levy and Budget FYE 2022

Mayor Graves opened up the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments.

No one spoke.

Mayor Graves asked if anyone from the Board had any questions or comments.

Adopt Resolution Setting the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the 2022 Fiscal year

Mayor Graves stated that this is the millage rate proposed in the budget, raising the millage 1 mill for the purchase of a new fire truck.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF SENATOBIA, TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,  
FIXING THE RATE OF TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 ON ALL  
TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS  
OF THE CITY OF SENATOBIA AND THE SENATOBIA MUNICIPAL SEPARATE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT, TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Tate County, Mississippi, that the tax rate authorized to be collected on all taxable property in the City of Senatobia and the Senatobia Separate School District, Tate County, Mississippi, is as follows:

FOR General purposes and general improvements there is hereby levied, fixed and authorized to be collected, twenty five and twenty six hundredths (25.26) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all the taxable property in the corporate limits of the City of Senatobia (Section 27-39-307 Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated).

For the retirement of G. O. Bonds for Debt Service there is hereby levied, fixed and authorized to be collected, four and forty four hundredths (4.44) mills on all taxable property in the corporation limits of the City of Senatobia (Section 21-33-87).

For the funding of a new Fire Truck there is hereby levied, fixed and authorized to be collected, One (1.00) mills on all taxable property in the corporation limits of the City of Senatobia.

For the support of the District Maintenance Fund there is hereby levied, fixed and authorized to be collected, fifty three and eighty two hundredths (53.82 mills) on the dollar of the assessed valuation on all taxable property in the Senatobia Separate School District (Section 37-57-104, Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated).

For the retirement of G. O. School Bonds for the 2015 Bond Issue there is hereby levied, fixed and authorized to be collected six and eighty four hundredths (6.84) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation on all taxable property in the Senatobia Separate School District (Section 37-59-1, Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated).

For the retirement of G. O. School Bonds for the 2015 3,000,000 Bond Issue there is hereby levied, fixed and authorized to be collected one and sixty four hundredths (1.64) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation on all taxable property in the Senatobia Separate School District (Section 37-59-1, Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated).

For the support of the Regional Vocational Education Center, there is hereby levied, fixed and authorized to be collected one and nineteen hundredths (1.19) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation on all the taxable property in the Senatobia Separate School District (Section 37-7-409, Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated).

For the purpose of defraying costs of collection of school taxes, there is hereby levied, fixed and authorized to be collected one and eighty five hundredths (1.85) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation on all the taxable property in the Senatobia Separate School District (Section 37-57-1, Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated).

All levies thus made are in compliance with Section 27-39-3231, Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated.

ORDERED AND DONE on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

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Greg Graves, Mayor  
City of Senatobia

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Katie Harbin, City Clerk  
City of Senatobia

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to adopt the Resolution setting the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the 2022 Fiscal Year. All voting yea, motion carried

Approve to Amend Ordinance 400 of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Amending Ordinance No. 278, 284, 329, 385, 394, and 398, and Establishing the User Charge Rate for Customers of the City's Water System and Sanitary Sewer System

Mayor Graves stated this amendment is raising the water rates, as we have previous discussed.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 400 AMENDMENT

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 278, 284, 329, 385, 394 AND 398, AND ESTABLISHING THE USER CHARGE RATE FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Senatobia, Mississippi owns and operates a municipal water and sewer system in the said City of Senatobia, serving said City and certain limited areas outside of said City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, do now find and determine that it is advisable to revise the heretofore existing monthly rates charged for water and sewerage services,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, as follows:

Section 1. That the following monthly user charges for customers of the water system and the sanitary sewer system of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, shall be and the same are hereby fixed and authorized as follows:

A. Water Rates Inside Corporate Limits

First 2,000 gallons consumed (minimum bill)	
Residential	\$ 9.95
Commercial	\$ 11.61
For each 1,000 gallons over 2,000	
Residential	\$ 2.51
Commercial	\$ 2.90
For each 1,000 gallons over 1,000,000	\$ 1.06

B. Water Rates Outside Corporate Limits

First 2,000 gallons consumed (minimum bill)	
Residential	\$ 12.43
Commercial	\$ 17.40
For each 1,000 gallons over 2,000	
Residential	\$ 4.97
Commercial	5.81

C. Sewer Rates Inside Corporate Limits

For first 2,000 gallons water used, or minimum bill	\$ 13.45
For each 1,000 gallons water used over 2,000	
Residential	6.00
Commercial	7.00
For each 1,000 gallons water used over 1,000,000	\$ .70

D. Sewer Rates Outside Corporate Limits

For first 2,000 gallons water used, or minimum bill	\$17.00
For each 1,000 gallons water used over 2,000	\$ 6.00

E. Special Sewer Rate

For a business wherein at least 95% of the water consumed is used in the production of a product or does not enter the sanitary sewer, the rate shall be	\$12.57
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F. Sewer Rate For Customers Not on City Water System

For a customer not on the City water system, the rate per month shall be the average billing of similar class customers, as determined by Public Works Department.	\$15.33
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Section 2. As provided by Ordinance No. 231 adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a regular meeting on September 6, 1988, said Ordinance being titled "An Ordinance of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, establishing the sewer service surcharge for excessive waste water strength" a surcharge as set out in said Ordinance shall be assessed to customers who discharge waste water having excessive strengths, as defined by said Ordinance, into the City's sanitary sewer system.

Section 3. The charges to customers of the City's water works system and the sanitary sewer system shall continue to be reflected and combined in one monthly bill to customers and the failure of such customer to pay said bill in full shall result in the immediate termination of water service to such customer.

Section 4. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall review at least once annually the sewage contributions of users, the total costs of operation and maintenance (including replacement) of the sewage works, and the user charge system. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall revise the user charge, if necessary, by amendment of this ordinance to accomplish the following:

- A. Maintain the proportionate distribution of operation and maintenance costs among users as provided herein.
- B. Generate sufficient revenue to pay the total operation and maintenance costs necessary for the proper operation and maintenance (including replacement) of the sewage works.
- C. Distribute all flow to the sewage not directly attributable to users of (i.e., infiltration/inflow) among all users of the sewage works based upon the volume of flow of the users.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect with the billing for water and sewer on the October 15, 2021, billing.

Alderman Simpson offered and moved the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance and the motion was seconded by Alderman Dear and upon the vote being taken, the Aldermen voted as follows:

Simpson	“AYE”
Dear	“AYE”
Hale	“AYE”
Moore	“AYE”
Tanksley	“AYE”

The Mayor declared the motion passed and the Ordinance adopted on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin, City Clerk

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to adopt the Ordinance Amending Ordinance 400 of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Amending Ordinance No. 278, 284, 329, 385, 394, and 398, and Establishing the User Charge Rate for Customers of the City’s Water System and Sanitary Sewer System. All voting yea, motion carried.

Department Reports

Animal Shelter Director Courtney Scott went over her Departments report for August of 2021.

Mayor Graves stated that he has read that nationally more people adopted animals during the Covid pandemic and now they aren't wanting them. Mrs. Scott, does that seem to apply to us also?

Courtney Scott answered yes. People are dumping them all over. They are dumping them in Holly Springs, Byhalia, on bridges, etc., boxes and bags of puppies and kittens.

Public Works Director Jeff Rich went over his Departments report for August 2021. Mr. Rich stated they are way behind on grass cutting, but we are doing the best we can.

Mayor Graves stated we are still waiting on the easement to be signed, to do the sewer at Calbee?

Jeff Rich stated he would call them and check on that.

Alderman Hale stated that MML spoke about MDOT taking back over cutting the State ROW in Cities, have you heard or seen that?

Jeff Rich stated he saw some being done south of Batesville.

Alderman Hale stated it was for cities under 10,000 population.

Jeff Rich stated he would call to find out in the morning.

Fire Chief Ethan Foresman went over his Departments report for August 2021. Fire Chief Foresman stated that they have a tentative date of October 11<sup>th</sup> to go look at the new fire truck.

Mayor Graves stated let's get back together about Northwest, we haven't heard anything back from them.

Fire Chief Foresman stated we are doing some things with them now, so that might be helpful.

Police Chief Richard Chandler went over his Departments report for August 2021. Fire Chief Chandler stated the body cam's and tasers have been ordered. We've had some employees out with Covid, but hopefully that is the end of that.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda, items 9 - 25, asked if anyone had any questions.

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on August 17, 2021, and the Special Meeting on August 26, 2021

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on August 17, 2021, and the Special Meeting on August 26, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 21042 - 21304 with a total of 1,229,339.53

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the Docket of Claims Numbers 21042 - 21304 with a total of \$1,229,339.53. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend the CMO Elective Evening Class “Public Meetings – Complying with the Law” in Oxford, MS on September 29, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend the CMO Elective Evening Class “Public Meetings – Complying with the Law” in Oxford, MS on September 29, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend the 2021 Small Town Conference on October 26 – 27, 2021, in Hattiesburg, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend the 2021 Small Town Conference in Hattiesburg, MS, on October 26 - 27, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the City Clerk to attend the 2021 Fall Master Municipal Clerk and Committee Academy and the 2021 Small Town Conference on October 25 – 27, 2021, in Hattiesburg, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the City Clerk to attend the 2021 Fall Master Municipal Clerk and Committee Academy and the 2021 Small Town Conference in Hattiesburg, MS, on October 25 - 27, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend the Advanced Board Training with the MS Rural Water Association, also authorize to pay registration (online class)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend the Advanced Board Training with the MS Rural Water Association, also authorize to pay registration. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Dispatchers Brandi Cook-Cooley and Audrey Sowell to attend the Dispatch Certification training in Ridgeland, MS on September 20 – 21, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (hotel and travel are reimbursed by the State)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Dispatchers Brandi Cook-Cooley and Audrey Sowell to attend the Dispatch Certification Training in Ridgeland, MS on September 20-21, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Dispatchers Kristin Brooks and Kim McNatt to attend the MS 911 Coordinators Conference in Robinsonville, MS on October 4-8, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (all expenses are reimbursed by the State)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Dispatchers Kristin Brooks and Kim McNatt to attend the MS 911 Coordinators Conference in Robinsonville, MS on September 4-8, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire David Deyling as a full-time employee in the Water Department, pending drug and background testing

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to hire David Deyling as a full-time employee in the Water Department, pending drug and background testing. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Energy Efficiency Services

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Energy Efficiency Services. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Board Order Renewing the Interlocals with Tate County for Tax Collection, Animal Shelter, Rescue, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Rescue, Prisoners, and Rubbish Pit

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the Board Order Renewing the Interlocals with Tate County for Tax Collection, Animal Shelter, Rescue, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Rescue, Prisoners, and Rubbish Pit. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Lease with ABB

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Lease with ABB. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to correct the Mayor and Board of Aldermen minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 15, 2021, adding the information and petition regarding the Friends and Supporters of Senatobia School opposing the sale of the Bus Shop on College Street (per Alderman Dear's request)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to correct the Mayor and Board of Aldermen minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 15, 2021, adding the information and petition regarding the Friends and Supporters of Senatobia School opposing the sale of the Bus Shop on College Street. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Addendum to the Video Services Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Mississippi

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Addendum to the Video Services Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Mississippi. All voting yea, motion carried.

Accept the resignation letter from Reemount Lee in the Public Works Department, with a last day of September 17, 2021

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to accept the resignation letter from Reemount Lee in the Public Works Department, with a last day of employment being September 17, 2021. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to promote Kristal Jennings to Assistant Animal Shelter Director

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to promote Kristal Jennings to Assistant Animal Shelter Director. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to set Animal Shelter fees

<u>Dog Adoption fee</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Cat Adoption fee</u>	<u>\$80</u>
<u>Surrender fee</u>	<u>\$30</u>
<u>Quarantine fee</u>	<u>\$35, plus \$5 a day for 10 days</u>
<u>Reclaim fee</u>	<u>\$20, plus \$5 a day for the first offense, \$50 plus \$5 a day for the second offense, \$75 plus a \$5 a day for the third offense</u>

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to authorize to set the proposed fees for the Animal Shelter. All voting yea, motion carried.

**Mayor's Corner****Redistricting, Comprehensive Plan, Rezoning-**

Mayor Graves mentioned the redistricting, comprehensive plan and rezoning information and asked the Board if they would be available to meet on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for a presentation from Slaughter and Associates on the redistricting, comprehensive plan, and rezoning. Mayor Graves stated that we are reaching out to two other companies for presentations from them as well.

**Budget FYE 2022 -**

Mayor Graves asked the Board if they would be available to meet on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to adopt the Budget FYE 2022.

**Waste Water Treatment Plant -**

Mayor Graves stated that they have already started and have a lot going on over there for the project.

**Highway 51 Roundabout -**

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we met with MDOT, Brad White and Mitch Turner, and also Trey Lamar last week regarding this project. They advised that they can either shut down part of the road and do the construction in phases or shut down the entire area, reroute traffic, and get it done quicker.

**Norfleet, Scott and Main Street Roundabout -**

Mayor Graves advised the Board that Trey is working on that project, it is getting closer to being ready on the South Side

**Entergy Building -**

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we are in the process of rebidding this project now, bids are due September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Proposal to purchase -**

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he was approached by a homeowner of property north of our Public Works building, regarding selling the City the property. I'm not sure we are in a position or need of it at this time, but it is something to think about.

**Radio Read Meters -**

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we met with a company today regarding their radio read meters. To get one for all of the water and gas meters we have, it would be approximately \$900,000. Materials only.

Public Works Director Jeff Rich stated that the gentleman advised me that if we didn't want to get them all right now, we could get just the water meters and after the system is installed, we can later add gas meters. Our department can install the gas meters.

**Recess**

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson and seconded by Alderman Hale, to recess until Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 5pm to adopt the Budget FYE 2022. All voting yea, motion carried.

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin –City Clerk