

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on August 16, 2023, at 5:00 P.M., this being a special 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 Attorney Ginger Miller, City Clerk Katie Harbin, Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson, Police Chief Chandler, Assistant Police Chief Defore, Building Official Stephen Hodges, and Fire Chief Foresman.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Date: August 16, 2023

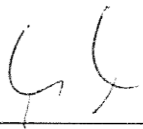
From: Mayor Greg Graves

Subject: Special Meeting

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia shall be held on Wednesday August 16, 2023, at 5:00p.m. at the City Hall Building Board Room, in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

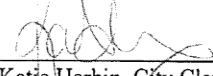
The purpose of the meeting is to:

- 1. Budget Workshops



Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Harbin, City Clerk

All Aldermen were notified at the Board Meeting on August 15, 2023, in person

Approve Agenda

City of Senatobia
Mayor and Board of Aldermen Agenda

August 16, 2023
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Budget Workshops
5. Recess to August 21, 2023, at 5:30pm

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

Budget Workshops

Mayor Graves advised the Board that they have in front of them the budget proposals, different columns with different options. Mayor Graves asked if they had any questions or wanted to start with a certain item.

Alderman Moore asked about the street light line item, about when we will see the savings on the bill.

Mayor Graves answered he will check with PATH to get an estimate of when.

Alderman Moore stated he doesn't feel good about budgeting any revenue from Securix. I don't think we should count on it yet. We budgeted \$800,000 in this current year's budget and haven't received it.

Alderman Simpson stated he only knows one way to do a budget, that's how we did it at Northwest. We first start with the salaries; we know we have to have those.

Alderman Simpson stated the first thing I noticed was the Animal Shelter budget. The wish list is at \$295,000, and unless something changes with the agreement, that number will go down to \$190,000.00; \$95,000 each.

Alderman Moore asked if we could get the numbers if we took all the wish list items out, and only did a 5% increase for salaries and also the numbers for a 3% increase to salaries.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson answered it would have us in the hole about \$370,000 with a 5% and about \$270,000 with a 3%.

Alderman Moore stated that's with \$500,000 budgeted for Securix revenue. Alderman Moore asked Ginger about the information on the transfer from the utility fund to the general fund.

City Attorney Ginger Miller answered that she spoke with Mr. Chain at the State Auditors Office and got some helpful information. There are three different ways to move money from the utility fund to the general fund. If there is a surplus in the utility fund, you must first allocate to all categories listed in 21-27-61. If there is a surplus from year to year, you need to look at the rates and make sure they aren't too high. You may borrow from the utility fund. Or you have the reimbursement option. The utility fund can reimburse the general fund for utility expenses paid out of the general fund. This is the option that the city currently uses.

Alderman Moore asked was the previous \$500,000 based on percentages.

Francis Johnson answered, I believe that number was just thrown out at me. However, Katie and I figured up the percentages of the utility expenses in the general fund, and it comes up to \$800,000 to \$900,00.

Alderman Moore stated he thinks the Police budget would be at least 10% and the Fire budget also.

Alderman Simpson asked if the lawsuit down south with Securix will still hinder us.

Ginger Miller answered I don't believe so.

Police Chief Chandler answered no. That is a class action lawsuit.

Alderman Simpson stated before we scratched the whole Securix revenue budget, I'd like to know where we currently stand with them, in the process. Alderman Simpson stated we could look at the current report of revenue and expenses and do the projected with no wish list items but with only a 3% and 5% raise options.

Alderman Hale left the meeting.

Alderman Moore asked if we could do the proposed budget with no revenue from Securix, increase the transfer amount from the utility fund to the general fund, take out all of the wish list items, and have different columns with a 3% raise for everyone option, and a 5% raise for everyone option.

Alderman Simpson stated if we only give a 3% pay increase across the board, we won't have any police left, not many in other departments either. We have to find some money somewhere.

Alderman Simpson asked if we could also figure the proposed budget with a 10% raise for the police department and a 5% raise for everyone else.

Mayor Graves stated I really think we will bring in some revenue from Securix.

Alderman Moore stated we could see what the 5% increase in salaries for each budget would be, and then let the department heads take that increase amount and spread it how they see fit within their department.

Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to recess until August 21, 2023, at 5:30pm. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin –City Clerk