

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on August 21, 2023, at 5:30 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. Alderman Hale and Alderman Moore arrived late.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN**

**Date:** August 21, 2023

**From:** Mayor Greg Graves

**Subject:** Special Meeting

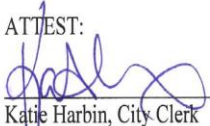
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia shall be held on Monday August 21, 2023, at 5:30p.m. at the City Hall Building Board Room, in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Authorize to hire William Dickson as a full-time Certified Police Officer at the P4 pay rate, pending physical, drug, and background screening results
2. Accept the resignation from Police Officer Z. Jenkins effective August 21, 2023
3. Authorize suspension for Police Officer H. Green
4. Authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Agreement for Cash Contribution in Aid of Construction with Entergy for the Downtown Revitalization Project
5. Budget Workshops

  
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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Katie Harbin, City Clerk

All Aldermen were notified at the Board Meeting on August 15, 2023, in person and again on August 21, 2023, by phone.

Approve Agenda

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

August 21, 2023

City Hall 5:30pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda

Consent Agenda

4. Authorize to hire William Dickson as a full-time Certified Police Officer at the P4 pay rate, pending physical, drug, and background screening results
5. Accept the resignation from Police Officer Z. Jenkins effective August 21, 2023
6. Authorize to suspend Police Officer H. Green for a 12-hour shift for violating city policy
7. Authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Agreement for Cash Contribution in Aid of Construction with Entergy for the Downtown Revitalization Project

Regular Agenda

8. Budget Workshop
9. Recess

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda items and asked if anyone had any questions.

No questions were asked.

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

Authorize to hire William Dickson as a full-time Certified Police Officer at the P4 pay rate, pending physical, drug, and background screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Dear and seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to hire William Dickson as a full-time Certified Police Officer at the P4 pay rate, pending physical, drug, and background screening results, per the Police Chief's recommendation. All voting yea, motion carried.

Accept the resignation from Police Officer Z. Jenkins effective August 21, 2023

Motion was made by Alderman Dear and seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to accept the resignation from Police Officer Z. Jenkins, effective August 21, 2023. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to suspend Police Officer H. Green for a 12-hour shift for violating city policy

Motion was made by Alderman Dear and seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to suspend Police Officer H. Green for a 12-hour shift for violating city policy, to be served at the discretion of the Police Chief, per the Police Chief's recommendation. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Agreement for Cash Contribution in Aid of Construction with Entergy for the Downtown Revitalization Project

Motion was made by Alderman Dear and seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Agreement for Cash Contribution in Aid of Construction with Entergy for the ROWs for the Downtown Revitalization Project. All voting yea, motion carried.

Budget Workshops

Mayor Graves advised the Board that they have in front of them the budget proposals with the requested options. Mayor Graves asked Francis to go over the different columns.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson went over the columns on the proposed budget, showing the different percentages of raises.

Mayor Graves advised the Board that if they wanted, we could look at increasing the garbage fees \$0.50 per can. Mayor asked Francis if she knew offhand what that change would bring in. Francis Johnson answered no sir, I'm not sure how many cans we have out. We currently bring in around \$50K a month.

Alderman Simpson mentioned the Securix revenue, stated that no one counted on MS DPS changing things up and putting a hold on the process. Now that is done, the Judge has signed and DPS is in agreement. We are moving forward. Alderman Simpson stated it's hard for me to agree with what the others said the other night regarding not having any revenue from Securix in the budget for this year. The utility fund can't take the largest raise option. Alderman Simpson stated that Alderman Moore had an idea the other night that I think is a good one. We give the Chief's an amount, and they decide what to do with it within their department. Alderman Simpson stated he hasn't had any complaints with the Fire Department, just a couple of hiccups a while back, but it's now been going well. I'd just ask that you own it.

Alderman Tanksley stated, so there is no way Securix or DPS can deny us the money now.

Mayor Graves stated, I wouldn't say no way.

Alderman Tanksley stated what's the time frame from when we'd receive it.

**Alderman Moore arrived at the meeting.**

Mayor Graves asked Police Chief Chandler, if it opened this week, do you know a time frame?

Police Chief Chandler stated the process is very quick. As it uploads, we process it. After speaking with them, they don't see a problem with doing 500 or even 700 citations a week. We get paid as soon as Securix is paid.

**Alderman Hale arrived at the meeting.**

Alderman Simpson stated if Securix started coming in really well, we could then look at the wish list items. If we budget \$500,000 in Securix revenue and the 5% and 9% raises, that will work.

Alderman Moore asked about the lawsuit with Securix. If it wins, would we be liable to pay the money we have received back?

City Attorney Ginger Miller answered I really don't think it will, it's a different type.

Alderman Hale asked what about if it's just a stop to the use of the system.

Ginger Miller stated I'm not familiar with the lawsuit.

Alderman Hale stated it makes him nervous.

Police Chief Chandler stated I think the lawsuit is pertaining to language in the State Statute.

Alderman Moore stated what if it just stops.

Alderman Moore stated I think we have to use some Securix revenue for the budget, but we don't need to do a lot in case the lawsuit does win.

Mayor Graves stated we need to do something for raises.

Alderman Moore stated see what it looks like transferring \$900,000 from utility, \$200,000 for Securix revenue and 3% raises.

Alderman Moore stated a 1% raise would be about \$25,000.

Alderman Moore asked Chief Chandler if he just cut some positions.

Chief Chandler answered yes, an evidence technician, maintenance man, and 2 part time positions, plus about \$70,000 elsewhere.

Chief Chandler stated what he proposed was a 7% and an 11% increase to the budget overall. Some raises are higher than others.

Alderman Moore asked about the line item for senior center.

Francis Johnson stated we get a lot of complaints about not having something for the seniors to do.

Mayor Graves stated I'd rather you not cut that if we can help it.

Alderman Moore stated with just a 3% raise, we'd be \$210,000 in the hole. We'd have to put that amount, \$210,000, for Securix revenue. I'd say budget \$210,000 for Securix revenue and give a 3% raise across the board.

Alderman Simpson asked Alderman Moore, if we do that, what are you doing with the utility transfer.

Alderman Moore answered \$900,000.

Alderman Simpson stated anything with a budget is a crap shoot. I like my plan of 5% and 11% raises better, or we'll have a lot of folks walk off.

Alderman Simpson asked Francis to make sure everything, but salaries cut.

Alderman Moore asked if we want to cut the new full-time building position out.

Building Official Stephen Hodges answered maybe cut that and put at part-time.

Chief Chandler stated I can remove an additional officer and lower the Lt. pay, if it will get us the requested raises.

Alderman Moore stated I'd wait and see what the 3% option comes to first. Maybe see what that does and what you can do with it.

Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to recess until August 22, 2023, at 5:30pm. All present voting yea, motion carried.

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin –City Clerk