

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on November 7, 2023, 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: Dear, Hale, Moore, and Tanksley. Also present were: City Attorney Ginger Miller, City Clerk Katie Harbin, Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson, Assistant Police Chief Defore, Fire Chief Ethan Foresman, Building & Planning Director Stephen Hodges, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Public Works Director David Cooke, Community Development/Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Fire Inspector Brevin Holden, Parks Director Rob Boyd, Jim and Michelle Huestis, Jennifer and Neil Copeland, and Claudine Standard. Alderman Simpson was absent.

Alderman Moore gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

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

November 7, 2023
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Public Hearing regarding the Health and Safety Issue at the property located at 313 W Main St
5. Authorize to accept the FYE 23 COPS Hiring Program Grant Award of \$750,000
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Consent Agenda

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20. Authorize to pay half of the lowest and best quote from 3T Tree Service to remove a tree near 203 West Gilmore
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22. Authorize to declare a Brush Chipper, Model BC 1400, VIRU1614931000810 from the Public Works Department surplus and dispose of
23. Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote from Morgan & Thornburg Service Solutions to replace two lift stations in Back Acres (New Image Funds) for a total of \$214,868.00

Mayor's Corner

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

Public Hearing regarding the Health and Safety Issue at the property located at 313 W Main St

Mayor Graves opened the Public Hearing. Mayor Graves stated that we previously met regarding this property being a public safety hazard to the community. Mayor Graves stated that it has been deemed unsafe and blocked off. Since we last met, the condition of the building has gotten worse. Since we did not receive an engineer's letter regarding the condition of the building, we went ahead and secured one.

Mayor Graves asked if anyone from the public would like to speak regarding this matter.

Community Development/Tourism Director Jamie Sowell advised the Mayor and Board that Mrs. Standard and family has graciously decided to donate their property at 313 W Main St to Senatobia Main Street. Mrs. Sowell stated that once the building is safely removed, it will be turned into a nice alleyway to lead to other city parks and property. Mrs. Sowell stated that Main Street is very thankful for this donation from Mrs. Standard and family.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. and Mrs. Copeland if they were good with this agreement, solution.

Mrs. Copeland, 315 W Main St property owner, answered yes, we are.

To: debbidmabry@gmail.com
Subject: Vacant Building Inspection Letter 09/08/2023 09/08/2023

Attached, please find a copy of the report from today's inspection. If any violations were noted in the report on an annual inspection, the occupant has 30 days to comply with the violations before the re-inspection. A re-inspection will be performed on or about 30 days from initial inspection. A re-inspection fee of \$50.00 will added at the end of the re-inspection if violations were not corrected. Fees will be assessed every 7 days after re-inspection if violation is still in non-compliance. Variances can be issued if proof is received of delay of parts, materials, etc. to correct the violation. Fees are to be paid at Senatobia Code Enforcement building, located at 131 N. Front St. Senatobia, MS 38668. Mailing address is P. O. Box 1020 Senatobia, MS 38668. Please note what payment is for. If you have any questions about the attached letter or inspection completed today please feel free to contact the City of Senatobia Fire Inspector, Brevin Holden at bholden@cityofsenatobiams.gov or 662-366-1619 or 662-562-4474, press 3 for Building Department.

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Brevin Holden

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Violation Documents

File Name: IMG_1310
Violation Code: 311.3
Specific Location: Throughout building
Inspected Date: 2023-09-08 12:44:21



File Name: IMG_1321
Violation Code: 311.3
Specific Location: Throughout building
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File Name: IMG_1327
Violation Code: 311.3
Specific Location: Throughout building
Inspected Date: 2023-09-08 12:44:21



File Name: IMG_1333
Violation Code: 311.3
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File Name: IMG_1334
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Specific Location: Throughout building
Inspected Date: 2023-09-08 12:44:21



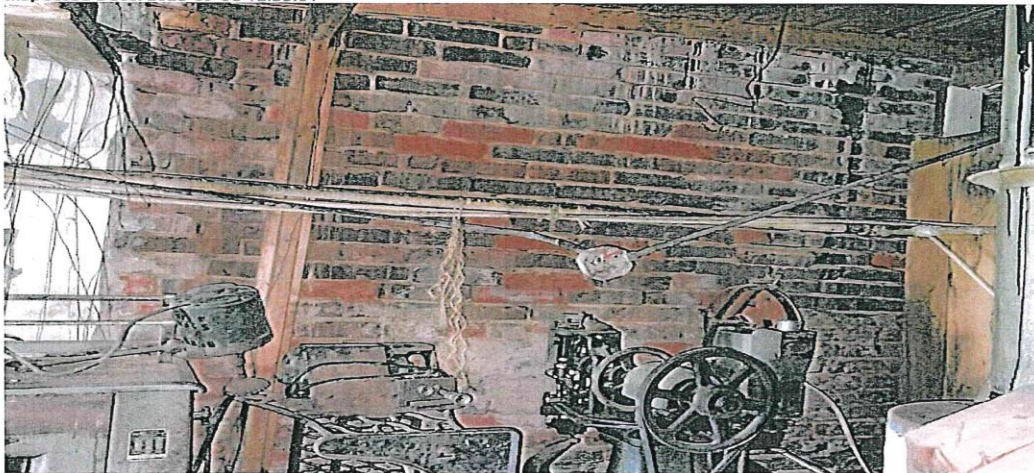
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Specific Location: Throughout building
Inspected Date: 2023-09-08 12:44:21



File Name: IMG_1336
Violation Code: 311.3
Specific Location: Throughout building
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File Name: IMG_1330
Violation Code: 704.1
Specific Location: Ceiling tiles and rear brick and mortar wall located on east side of building
Inspected Date: 2023-09-08 12:55:01



File Name: IMG_1333
 Violation Code: 704.1
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Violations

Violation Code	Description	Violation Document Count	Violation Location	Violation Status
311.1.1	Buildings, structures and premises for which an owner cannot be identified or located by dispatch of a certificate of mailing to the last known or registered address, which persistently or repeatedly become unprotected or unsecured, which have been occupied by unauthorized persons or for illegal purposes, or which present a danger of structural collapse or fire spread to adjacent properties shall be considered to be abandoned, declared unsafe and abated by demolition or rehabilitation in accordance with the International Property Maintenance Code and the International Building Code.	0	Throughout	Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
311.3	Persons owning, or in charge or control of, a vacant building or portion thereof, shall remove therefrom all accumulations of combustible materials, flammable or combustible waste or rubbish and shall securely lock or otherwise secure doors, windows and other openings to prevent entry by unauthorized persons. The premises shall be maintained clear of waste or hazardous materials. Exceptions: 1. Buildings or portions of buildings undergoing additions, alterations, repairs or change of occupancy in accordance with the International Building Code, where waste is controlled and removed as required by Section 304. 2. Seasonally occupied buildings.	7	Throughout building	Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
311.5	Any vacant or abandoned buildings or structures determined to be unsafe pursuant to Section 110 of this code relating to structural or interior hazards shall be marked as required by Sections 311.5.1 through 311.5.5.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
311.5.1	Placards shall be applied on the front of the structure and be visible from the street. Additional placards shall be applied to the side of each entrance to the structure and on penthouses.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
311.5.2	Placards shall be 24 inches by 24 inches (610 mm by 610 mm) minimum in size with a red background, white reflective stripes and a white reflective border. The stripes and border shall have a 2-inch (51 mm) minimum stroke.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
311.5.3	Placards shall bear the date of their application to the building and the date of the most recent inspection.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
311.5.4	The design of the placards shall use the following symbols: 1. This symbol shall mean that the structure had normal structural conditions at the time of marking. 2. This symbol shall mean that structural or interior hazards exist and interior fire-fighting or rescue operations should be conducted with extreme caution. 3. This symbol shall mean that structural or interior hazards exist to a degree that consideration should be given to limit fire fighting to exterior operations only, with entry only occurring for known life hazards. 4. Vacant marker hazard identification symbols: The following symbols shall be used to designate known hazards on the vacant building marker. They shall be placed directly above the symbol. 4.1. R/O—Roof open. 4.2. S/M—Stairs, steps and landing missing. 4.3. F/E—Avoid fire escapes. 4.4. H/F—Holes in floor.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck

110.2	Correction and abatement of violations of this code shall be the responsibility of the owner or the owner's authorized agent. Where an occupant creates, or allows to be created, hazardous conditions in violation of this code, the occupant shall be held responsible for the abatement of such hazardous conditions.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
111.1.1	Structures or existing equipment that are or hereafter become unsafe or deficient because of inadequate means of egress, that constitute a fire hazard, are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed an unsafe condition. A vacant structure that is not secured against unauthorized entry as required by Section 311 shall be deemed unsafe.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
111.1	If during the inspection of a premises, a building or structure, or any building system, in whole or in part, constitutes a clear and inimical threat to human life, safety or health, the fire code official shall issue such notice or orders to remove or remedy the conditions as shall be deemed necessary in accordance with this section, and shall refer the building to the building department for any repairs, alterations, remodeling, removing or demolition required.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
505.1	New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm). Where required by the fire code official, address identification shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Address identification shall be maintained.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
304.1.2	Weeds, grass, vines or other growth that is capable of being ignited and endangering property, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the premises. Vegetation clearance requirements in urban-wildland interface areas shall be in accordance with the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.	0		Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck

704.1	Where required when the building was originally constructed, materials and systems used to protect joints and voids in the following locations shall be maintained. The materials and systems shall be securely attached to or bonded to the adjacent construction, without openings visible through the construction. 1.Joints in or between fire-resistance-rated walls, floors or floor/ceiling assemblies and roof or roof/ceiling assemblies. 2.Joints in smoke barriers. 3.Voids at the intersection of a horizontal floor assembly and an exterior curtain wall. 4.Voids at the intersection of a horizontal smoke barrier and an exterior curtain wall. 5.Voids at the intersection of a nonfire-resistance-rated floor assembly and an exterior curtain wall. 6.Voids at the intersection of a vertical fire barrier and an exterior curtain wall. 7.Voids at the intersection of a vertical fire barrier and a nonfire-resistance-rated roof assembly. Unprotected joints and voids do not need to be protected where such joints and voids were not required to be protected when the building was originally constructed.	2	Ceiling tiles and rear brick and mortar wall located on east side of building	Violation Noted - Schedule Recheck
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133 N. Front St. Senatobia, MS 38668
P.O. Box 1020 Phone: 662-562-4474 Fax: 662-562-4476

Building Inspection Report
City of Senatobia Building and Planning Office
September 7, 2023

To City of Senatobia Board of Aldermen,

Re: Building Inspection Report
313 W. Main Street, Senatobia, MS

I am writing to provide a detailed building inspection report for the above-mentioned property, following a comprehensive examination carried out on September 7, 2023. The purpose of this inspection was to assess the current condition of the building and identify any unsafe conditions, as per the request of the concerned parties and the City of Senatobia Building and Planning Office.

****Ceiling and Roof Systems:****

Upon inspection, it was evident that the ceiling and roof systems of the building are severely compromised. There were multiple signs of water damage, rot, and structural deterioration. This compromise poses a significant safety hazard to the occupants and neighboring buildings, as water ingress could lead to further structural damage and the potential for mold growth. The age of the building and lack of routine maintenance have exacerbated these issues, resulting in a clear and immediate threat to health and safety.

****Floor System:****

The floor system within the building was found to be uneven, with several areas presenting multiple hazards. Uneven flooring not only creates trip and fall risks but also indicates potential structural issues beneath the surface. The combination of compromised ceilings, roofs, and uneven floors necessitates urgent attention to prevent further deterioration and mitigate potential accidents.

****Neighboring Buildings:****

The unsafe conditions of this building now extend to neighboring properties, as the compromised roof system poses a risk of falling debris and water damage to adjacent structures. This building has become a nuisance to the community, and it is imperative to address these issues promptly to safeguard the safety and well-being of the surrounding area.

****Electrical System:****

Furthermore, it was discovered that the building's wiring and electrical system are outdated and pose a significant safety hazard. Attempting to restore power to this system without a complete replacement and inspection would be unsafe and could result in electrical fires or other electrical hazards. Therefore, the electrical system must be entirely replaced and thoroughly inspected by a qualified electrician before any power service is restored.

In summary, it is the opinion of the City of Senatobia Building and Planning Office that the overall condition of this structure is unsafe and poses a risk to the occupants and neighboring buildings. To address these issues and ensure the safety of the community, it is imperative that the property owner engage a licensed structural engineer to assess the building's structural integrity and provide a report attesting to its safety.

The necessary steps to salvage the building, including repairs or possible demolition, must be determined based on the engineer's assessment. It is our recommendation that the property owner takes immediate action to rectify these unsafe conditions to prevent further deterioration and potential harm to the community.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hodges
Building Inspector
City of Senatobia Building and Planning Office



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133 N. Front St. Senatobia, MS 38668
P.O. Box 1020 Phone: 662-562-4474 Fax: 662-562-4476

Ms. Claudine Standard
313 West Main Street
Senatobia, MS 38668

Dear Ms. Standard,

RE: Immediate Attention Required for Dangerous Building Facade

Recently, our department received a formal complaint from a concerned citizen, highlighting a potential hazard to the pedestrian public in the vicinity of 313 W. Main St. a business owned by you. The complaint specifically pointed out that the brick facade of your building was leaning outward in an unnatural manner. In response to this complaint, our building inspectors promptly conducted a thorough assessment of the property.

Regrettably, our inspection confirmed the citizen's apprehension. We discovered that the top facade of the building has become detached and is perilously leaning forward. What greatly magnifies the gravity of the situation is that there is a pedestrian sidewalk directly below this unstable facade.

In light of this imminent threat to public safety, we have taken the initial necessary steps to protect the welfare of our community. As a result, it has been decided to close the area to pedestrians. We do this with the utmost regard for their safety and the potential consequences of a facade collapse.

I want to make it abundantly clear that, due to the clear and immediate danger of collapse, the City of Senatobia now insists upon your immediate action as the owner of the property. We implore you to address this situation urgently to avoid any harm to pedestrians or damage to adjacent structures.

Failure to take immediate action will compel the city to step in and officially declare the building unsafe. In such an event, we will undertake measures to prevent injury to any person and safeguard against any damage to surrounding properties.

This letter serves as an official notice of the situation, and we emphasize the mandatory nature of the required action. We anticipate your full cooperation and immediate attention to this matter.

If you have any questions or require assistance in addressing this situation, please do not hesitate to contact our department.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hodges
Building & Planning Director
City of Senatobia, MS 38668
662-562-4474 ext. 3

Poe Engineering, Inc.

PO Box 316, Walnut, MS 38683

(662) 223-9732

October 23rd, 2023



City of Senatobia, MS C/O
Stephen Hodges
shodges@cityofsenatobiams.gov

Re. 313 W. Main St., Senatobia, MS 38668 To

whom it may concern:

It was requested that our firm inspect the referenced property on October 20th, 2023, to determine if the referenced building poses a threat to public safety or surrounding properties, and if it does, provide a solution to either repair or remove the building.

Preliminary Information

The one-story commercial building that we inspected has brick masonry structural walls and is supported by a slab-on-grade foundation.

All directions referenced in this report are oriented as facing the building from W. Main St. Our firm provided a report, dated October 23, 2023, to the owners of the neighboring building, 315 W. Main St., detailing structural repairs that will be needed due to damages that were caused by the failure of 313 W. Main St.

Inspection Observations

Due to the presence of a dropped ceiling and finishes covering the majority of each wall, our inspection of the building's roof and masonry wall structures was limited.

1. A gap that is approximately 2-1/2" in width was observed at the ceiling level of the building's front left corner (see photos 1 and 2). Per the neighboring building's (315 W. Main St.) owner, this gap has formed within approximately the last month.
2. The above noted gap has exposed wooden members that potentially support the building's front side brick parapet (see photo 2).
3. The building's front side brick parapet is significantly leaning outward (see photos 3 and 4), due to the failure of its supporting beam. It is our opinion that significant deflection within this beam has caused the gap that was noted in observations 1 and 2 above to form.
4. The roof structure has collapsed near the rear side of the building (see photo 5, typical).
5. The building's right side masonry wall has experienced significant mortar loss (see photo 6, typical).

1 313 W. Main St.

Recommendations

Due to the extensive structural damages that were noted above, it is our opinion that the building will need to be removed soon to avoid a threat to public safety and to avoid further structural damages from occurring to neighboring buildings. Listed below are our recommendations for the safe removal of the building.

1. The front side brick parapet should be removed first by saw cutting its bricks, as necessary. It is our opinion that the gap at 315 W. Main St.'s front right corner could worsen significantly if this parapet is not removed soon.
2. The building's wooden roof structure and dropped ceiling should be removed second, without damaging the left side and right side masonry walls.
3. The building's left side and right side masonry walls should remain in place to ensure that each neighboring building maintains its structural integrity.
4. Lastly, the building's front and rear side walls, and any interior partitions, should be removed.

Summary/Conclusions

It is our opinion that if the building is safely removed, as described above, it will no longer pose a threat to public safety or to the structural integrity of the surrounding buildings.

This report is based on our diligent visual inspection of the accessible areas of the building. No geotechnical testing or destructive testing were requested or required for this report.

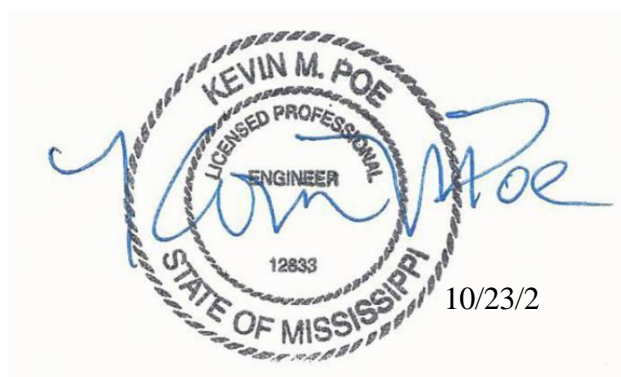
The Engineer shall have no liability to the Building owners or to others for the acts or omissions of the Contractor or any other Persons performing work on the project, or failure of the Contractor to carry out the work in accordance with this letter, except where specifically inspected and approved by the Engineer and discovery of defect is possible within the normal ability or standard of care for the industry.

If there are questions regarding this letter, please contact our firm.

Sincerely,

Rhett Hensley, E.I. Poe
Engineering, Inc.

Kevin M. Poe, MS P.E. #12833
President
Poe Engineering, Inc.



2 313 W. Main St.



Photo 1: Gap that is approximately 2-1/2" wide has formed at the ceiling level of the building's front right corner (as seen from the neighboring building, 315 W. Main St.)



Photo 2: Gap that is approximately 2-1/2" wide has formed at the ceiling level of the building's front left corner, exposing a potential wooden beam that supports the front side brick parapet

3 313 W. Main St.



Photo 3: Building's front side brick parapet is significantly leaning outward



Photo 4: Outward leaning brick parapet has caused a gap to form between the noted parapet and the roof structure along the building's front side wall

4 313 W. Main St.



Photo 5: Collapsed roof structure near the building's rear side wall



Photo 6: Significantly deteriorated mortar along the building's right side masonry wall, typical

5 313 W. Main St.

NOTICE

A Public Health and Safety Hearing will be held on November 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., and will be heard by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in the City of Senatobia Board Room located at 133 North Front Street, Senatobia, MS 38668.

The Public Health and Safety Hearing is in regarding a building in disrepair and a danger to the community, located at 313 W Main Street Senatobia, MS 38668. Parcel number 099G03 0000900 Section 29 Township 05 Range 07.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to condemn the property located at 313 W Main St, Senatobia, MS, determining it to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare to the community, finding that the property owner was properly notified and aware of the condition and hazards of the property, also authorize to revisit this item if any other issues arise. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the FYE 23 COPS Hiring Program Grant Award of \$750,000

Mayor Graves advised the Board that Jerry Owensby has applied for, and we have been awarded the FYE 23 COPS grant. We were just notified of this, so the information is still new.

City Clerk Katie Harbin advised the Mayor and Board that this is a matching grant, with the grant reimbursing 66.52% and the city's portion just being 33.48%. The grant is for a 5-year period. The grant is to advance the practice of community policing with our law enforcement officers.

Mayor Graves asked if we have to accept this tonight.

Katie Harbin answered no sir, we have 45 days to accept the award.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Moore, to table this item to the November 21, 2023, meeting, for more information. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Department Reports

Mayor Graves advised the Board that they have received the department reports and asked if they have any questions.

Parks Director Rob Boyd advised that they are toward the end of the artificial turf project, and they should be scheduling the walk through soon.

Public Works Director David Cooke stated everything has been going good. Although they have been getting complaints about the gravel spots on the roads.

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he was informed by the engineer that the spots they are currently working on will be paved before the asphalt factory shuts down for the season.

Alderman Moore asked Fire Chief Foresman how the renovation of Station 1 was going.

Fire Chief Foresman answered they are almost done and to the punch list. We hope to be complete within the month.

Alderman Dear asked Building and Planning Director Hodges about the property behind Guaranty Bank.

Building and Planning Director Hodges answered we've sent notices. If we don't hear back, we will handle it and charge it to the landowner.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over each consent agenda item, numbers 7 - 23, 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 as presented. All voting yea, motion carried.

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Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to accept resignation from Police Sgt. McNeil effective November 2, 2023. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Officer Dickson to receive a temporary pay increase to \$27.25 per hour, while serving as an SGT until the position is filled

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize Police Officer Dickson to receive a temporary pay increase to \$27.25 per hour, while serving as an SGT until the position is filled, per the Police Chiefs recommendation. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to change the status of Police Officer Hickey from part-time to full-time status, with a pay increase to \$25.00 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to change the status of Police Officer Hickey from part-time to full-time status, with a pay increase to \$25.00 per hour, per the Police Chiefs recommendation. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to pay half of the lowest and best quote from 3T Tree Service to remove a tree near 203 West Gilmore

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to pay half of the lowest and best quote from 3T Tree Service to remove a tree near 203 West Gilmore. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to set a Public Hearing for an application to rezone the property at the corner of Miracle Drive and Woolfolk Rd from R-2 to R-3, requested by Robert Bailey

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to set a Public Hearing for an application to rezone the property at the corner of Miracle Drive and Woolfolk Rd from R-2 to R-3, requested by Robert Bailey. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to declare a Brush Chipper, Model BC 1400, VIRU1614931000810 from the Public Works Department surplus and dispose of

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to declare a Brush Chipper, Model BC 1400, VIRU1614931000810 from the Public Works Department surplus and dispose of. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote from Morgan & Thornburg Service Solutions to replace two lift stations in Back Acres (New Image Funds) for a total of \$214,868.00

Motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote from Morgan & Thornburg Service Solutions to replace two lift stations in Back Acres (New Image Funds) for a total of \$214,868.00. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayors Corner

Mayor Graves asked the Board to keep Alderman Simpson in their thoughts and prayers, he's had quite an extensive surgery

Adjourn

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, and seconded by Alderman Moore, to adjourn. All voting yea, motion carried.

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin –City Clerk