

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on January 17, 2024, 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: Simpson (via zoom), Dear (via zoom), Hale (via zoom), and Tanksley (via phone). Also present were: City Attorney Ginger Miller, City Clerk Katie Harbin (via zoom), Police Chief Chandler, Assistant Police Chief Defore, Building and Planning Director Hodges, and Public Works Director David Cooke.

Mayor Graves gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

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

January 17, 2024
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Request for funding from Sycamore Arts, Karen Brown (previously have done \$6,000)
5. Authorize to purchase 5 police vehicles on State Contract
6. Authorize to solicit quotes for a loan to purchase 5 police vehicles

Consent Agenda

7. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on January 2, 2024
8. Approve Minutes from the Special Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on January 9, 2024
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19. Authorize to give Public Works employee Nicholas Taylor a raise to \$12.50 per hour
20. Authorize to rescind Police Officer Reverts request to become a reserve/part-time officer and move back to full-time status
21. Accept the resignation from Police Detective Cole
22. Authorize to hire Erika Holden for the Building & Planning Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$16.50 per hour, pending drug and background screening results
23. Authorize to hire Lillian Murphree as a part-time Animal Shelter technician at the rate of \$11.55 per hour
24. Authorize to hire Crystal Roberson as a full-time Animal Shelter technician at the rate of \$11.55 per hour, pending drug and background screening
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Honda, 2020 10,000KW Generator
27. Authorize Mayor Graves to sign the MOU with Tate County for Jail services, renewing through September 30, 2024

Mayor's Corner

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

Request for funding from Sycamore Arts, Karen Brown

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve the funding request from Sycamore Arts in the amount of \$6,000 finding that it is a means for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities, and resources of the City of Senatobia. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to purchase 5 police vehicles on State Contract

Mayor Graves advised the Board that the Police Chief is requesting to purchase some new vehicles with revenues coming in from Securix.

Police Chief Chandler advised the Mayor and Board that since being here he has been working toward building up their fleet. Chief Chandler stated that it becomes very expensive to maintain the older police vehicles. I'd like to sell some of the older ones to other agencies, as a source of revenue for this purchase along with the revenue that has and continues to come in from Securix. Chief Chandler stated that he could sell each of the older cars mentioned for about 4 for \$5,000 to \$8,000 each and that we've already brought in about \$56,000 from Securix for just this fiscal year. We also have grant funds we could use, and we will have some loans rolling off soon. I would like to get some AWD vehicles in this purchase, I think that will be very beneficial for the city when we have weather like we just did. Police Chief Chandler stated that he is requesting to purchase five (5) vehicles at this time.

Alderman Simpson stated I've also been of the opinion with the budget that its up to the department head if they can fund it. If so, then it's ok.

Alderman Tanksley stated I think the cars we have are fine, they look good to me for our little Senatobia. I think we can spend that money better somewhere else.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to purchase five (5) police vehicles. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "AYE": Alderman Simpson, Alderman Dear, and Alderman Hale.

Those voting "NAY": Alderman Tanksley

Motion passed.

Authorize to solicit quotes for a loan to purchase 5 police vehicles

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize to solicit interest rate quotes for a loan to purchase five (5) police vehicles. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda items, numbers 7 - 27, asked if anyone had any questions.

Alderman Dear asked if the Trustees are able to help.

Mayor Graves answered I don't know since the recent situation.

Alderman Hale asked about item# 23, stating I'm ok with it, just a little concerned with hiring spouses.

Building & Planning Director Hodges stated the candidate's skill set and experience makes her a great candidate. Katie and I went over any legal issues and questions regarding this. I spoke to the candidate and her spouse separately and I don't feel it will be an issue.

Alderman Hale asked Ginger, ethics wise is it ok.

City Attorney Ginger Miller answered to my knowledge, it is ok.

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

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on January 2, 2024

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Mayors Corner

Mayor Graves advised the Board that the garbage pickup is continuing to run behind. The landfill is not open. Our employees will be out there to pick up as soon as the road conditions clear up enough for them to do so.

I would like to thank the Fire, Police, Water and Gas employees that have been out there in this bad weather working to help the citizens.

Mayor Graves advised that he recently met with Mr. and Mrs. Givens on questions about the CLIMB programs. They thought they might have some helpful information, but I don't think it turned out to be what they were hoping. There is no solution yet.

Alderman Simpson stated If I was him, I'd sell that house and forget about it. Alderman Hale asked about a special exception.

Ginger Miller stated they fall in the single-family residential category as it is now. Mrs. Miller stated that this type of situation has not successfully been challenged anywhere.

Alderman Simpson asked if this has been challenged anywhere. Ginger Miller answered no sir, not successfully that I have found. Alderman Dear asked if other companies could do this. Mayor Graves answered yes.

Mayor Graves advised that we could put this topic on the next agenda.

Adjourn

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

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin, City Clerk