

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on March 5, 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, Dear, Hale, Garrett, and Tanksley. Also present were: City Attorney Ginger Miller, City Clerk Katie Harbin, Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson, Police Chief Chandler, Assistant Police Chief Warren, Fire Chief Foresman, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Fire Inspector Brevin Holden, Fire Inspector Larry Sowell, Public Works Director David Cooke, Community Development/Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Parks Director Rob Boyd, Earl Moore, Stephanie Warren, Joe Cooper, Willer Eppenger, John A Brunt, Rosemary Howard, Helen McClinton, Michael Cathey, and Mark Lesure.

Alderman Garrett gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

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

March 5, 2024
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Alderman at Large Report from Jackson
5. Elect Mayor Pro Tempore
6. Request from the Tate County Fair for funding
7. Department Reports

Consent Agenda

8. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on February 20, 2024
9. Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 32857 – 33027 for a total of \$4,251,723.04

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11. Authorize Chief Foresman and FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone to attend the Firefighters and Fire Chiefs Summer Conference in Natchez, MS on May 28-June 2, 2024, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
12. Authorize Officer Perrette to attend the Glock Armorer School at the Desoto County Sheriff's Office on August 20, 2024, also authorize to pay registration
13. Authorize Officer Steelandt to attend FBI Firearms Instructor School at MLEOTA in Pearl, MS, on March 24-29, 2024, also authorize to pay travel expenses
14. Authorize Police Lt. Trentham to attend the FBI LEEDA Class in Bartlett, TN on March 18-22, 2024, also authorize to pay registration
15. Authorize Police Chief Chandler, Officer Crain, Officer Dickson, Officer Duncan, Officer Hooper, and Officer Stinson to attend TVI class at the Columbia Law Enforcement Training Academy in Columbia, MS, on March 22, 2024, also authorize to pay registration
16. Authorize to appoint Mary Elinor Goodwin to the Senatobia Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending January 1, 2028
17. Authorize to appoint Daniel Etherton to the Senatobia Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending January 1, 2027
18. Authorize to move Fireman Travis McDonald from Driver/Sergeant to Captain with an increase in pay
19. Authorize to move Fireman Ellis Brown to FFI status with an increase in pay
20. Authorize to move Fireman Butch Sowell from FF2 to FF3 status with an increase in pay
21. Authorize to move Fireman Evan Gilder from FF2 to FF3 with an increase in pay
22. Authorize to accept the resignation from Brandon Hishaw in the Public Works Water Department employee, effective February 26, 2024
23. Authorize to accept the resignation from Police Officer Michael Mandujano
24. Authorize to hire Nickisis Sipp as a part-time Parks Department Concession Stand worker
25. Authorize to hire Ken Guthridge as a seasonal Parks Department Field Worker

26. Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for lift station repair from Fluid Process & Pumps, LLC in the amount of \$12,648.00
27. Authorize to accept the lowest and best interest rate quote of 5.75% from Guaranty Bank for the financing of 2, 2024 Dodge Ram trucks for the Public Works Department
28. Authorize to accept the lowest and best bid from Strayhorn Trucking & Construction, LLC in the amount of \$14,500 to replace the culvert on Merry Hill Ranch Rd
29. Authorize Mayor Graves and an Alderman to sign the Local Government Notification form from Leasa Rose Estates acknowledging they are applying for MS Home Corporation funds to rehab and modernize Leasa Rose Estates
30. Executive Session – Fire Department Personnel and Economic Update, Mayor Graves

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

Alderman at Large Report from Jackson

Alderman at Large Garrett stated that he had a good trip to Jackson for the Council of Government meeting. Alderman Garrett stated he was able to meet some new people and they were able to go over several things. Alderman Garrett stated that one important take away that was mentioned was about how important it is for entities to come together, bigger and better things can be accomplished when we work together.

Elect Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to elect Alderman at Large Demetrius Garrett as the Mayor Pro Tempore. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Request from the Tate County Fair for funding

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the request for sponsorship from the Tate County Fair in the amount of \$2,500.00, finding that this 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.

Department Reports

Mayor Graves asked about the STEAM event the Fire Department recently went to at the school.

Chantay Rhone answered that it went really well.

Mayor Graves stated he's noticed more medical calls going out, and it seems a lift assist at the same address multiple times, sometimes in the same day.

Fire Chief Foresman answered yes sir, medical calls are increasing. Chief Foresman stated he is concerned about the health of the particular lift assist citizen. Chief Foresman stated they have been getting Pafford out on the calls more.

Parks & Recreation Director Rob Boyd advised the Board that they have 2 tournaments in the books, this coming weekend we will have around 65 teams here. Soccer season is starting soon. Everything has been going good.

Brevin Holden, Building & Planning Department, advised that they have a lot going on in their department. Several plan reviews in process for new businesses. Businesses are working with us to get their buildings up to code. Things are going well.

Police Chief Chandler advised the Board that everything is going good. We've received the first reimbursement from our COPS grant of about \$52K, for one quarter. We are coaching an 11-12-year-old baseball team this year. Police Chief Chandler advised that they have a lot of training going on and several community outreach programs going on. Our fingerprint machine is almost fully up and going, we will have training on it at the end of this week.

Public Works Director David Cooke advised the Board that everything is going good in his department. They have been running a lot of gas lines for the new homes, several at West Point. Garbage has been running good.

Alderman Dear asked if the paving company is back yet.

David Cooke answered he was advised last month that they would be back soon to continue paving.

Mayor Graves stated they should be here soon. We are starting to have better weather, which is important for paving.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda items, numbers 8 - 29, asked if anyone had any questions.

Alderman Simpson asked about item # 28, if it was all on the city or split.

Mayor Graves answered yes, it is all on the city.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, 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 February 20, 2024

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Authorize to suspend Fire Department Employee

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Authorize Mayor Graves and an Alderman to sign the Local Government Notification form from Leasa Rose Estates acknowledging they are applying for MS Home Corporation funds to rehab and modernize Leasa Rose Estates

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Authorize to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Fire Department Personnel and Economic Updates

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to go into closed session to discuss going into executive session for Fire Department personnel and Economic Updates. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to go into Executive Session for Fire Department Personnel and Economic Updates

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to go into executive session for Fire Department personnel and Economic Updates. All voting yea, motion carried.

Fire Department Personnel

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to suspend Fire Department employee Greg Atkinson for two shift days without pay on dates to be determined by the Fire Chief, for violating city policy, per the recommendation of the Fire Chief. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to come out of Executive Session for Economic Updates

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to come out of executive session. All voting yea, motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin, City Clerk