

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on April 2, 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, Police Chief Chandler, Fire Chief Foresman, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Building & Planning Director Stephen Hodges, Fire Inspector Brevin Holden, Larry Sowell, Public Works Director David Cooke, Community Development/Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Stephanie Warren, Charlie Sanders, Melody Ramsey, and Michael Cathey.

Alderman Garrett gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

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

April 2, 2024
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Proclaim April 2024 as Fair Housing Month
5. Proclaim April 12, 2024, as Blue & Green Day Mid-South
6. Request to Appeal the Planning Commission's decision to reject accepting a road until 75% completion – Charlie Sanders
7. Department Reports

Consent Agenda

8. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on March 19, 2024
9. Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 33207 – 33401 for a total of \$1,655,998.56
10. Accept the resignation from Planning Commissioner Alan Holley
11. Appoint Jeff Underwood as Planning Commissioner
12. Authorize to hire Daniel Bullard as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department
13. Authorize to hire Adyan Jackson as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department
14. Authorize to hire Thomas Mann as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department
15. Authorize to hire Emma Sartin as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department
16. Authorize to hire Fernando Perez as a part-time Police Officer for Accreditation, pending background and physical screening results

17. Authorize to hire Lamorris Hampton as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of P4, pending background and physical screening results
18. Authorize Police Chief Chandler, Asst. Chief Warren, Officer Johnson to attend the Zero Theory LPVO class in Como, MS on April 6, 2024, also authorize to pay registration
19. Authorize Police Lt. Trentham to attend the FBI LEEDA SLI course in Bartlett, TN on May 20 – 24, 2024, also authorize to pay registration
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26. Authorize Police Officer Griffin to attend Human Trafficking at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
27. Authorize to renew contract with Cintas for services at the Police Department
28. Authorize to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution
29. Authorize to declare the following surplus and dispose of: Tally Printer with model 621, serial # H21K227181
30. Authorize City Attorney to associate co council if necessary for the Krishna Senatobia, Inc., vs the City of Senatobia matter in Tate County Circuit and Chancery Court (Dreamland)

Mayor's Corner

Update from Meeting with Bill Cork, MDA

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

Proclaim April 2024 as Fair Housing Month

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we received this request from Darrell Dixon with NDPDD. Recognizing April as Fair Housing Month is part of keeping us in compliance with the Fair Housing Laws and a requirement of grant awards.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, April marks the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective, if not more so, than Federal efforts; and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all men and women, (the) City of Senatobia, Mississippi, does hereby join in the national celebration by proclaiming;

the MONTH OF APRIL, 2024

as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

and encourages all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, in (the) City of Senatobia to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing law;

*and acknowledge the North Delta PDD Area Fair Housing Event to be conducted virtually via the information below on April 30, 2024 at 4:00 PM.
Zoom: <https://bit.ly/NDPDD24FH> or*

Call in: (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID : 81429577797 Passcode: 172941

Signed and sealed this 2nd day of April, 2024.



Attest



Chief Elected Official



Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve proclaiming April 2024 as Fair Housing Month. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Proclaim April 12, 2024, as Blue & Green Day Mid-South

Melody Ramsey, Mid-South Transplant Foundation, presented information to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Ms. Ramsey stated that April is National Donate Life Month. Ms. Ramsey went over statistics of the organ transplant needs, nationally and in the Mid-South area.



***Blue and Green Day Proclamation
of the City of Senatobia***

- WHEREAS** Every year, National Donate Life observes Blue & Green Day to amplify the importance of registering as an organ and tissue donor, and encourage the public to wear blue and green to raise awareness; and
- WHEREAS** More than 100,000 Americans, including 4,000 in the Mid-South area, are currently on the national transplant waiting list; and
- WHEREAS** Another person is added to the waiting list every nine minutes, and on average, Seventeen people die every day because the organs they need are not donated in time; and
- WHEREAS** We can all do our part to save lives by educating and encouraging our peers and loved ones to register as an organ and tissue donor; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Senatobia, Mississippi, supports National Donate Life and Mid-South Transplant Foundation and its efforts to bring new life to men, women and children in need of lifesaving organ and tissue transplants; and
- WHEREAS** We hold those that have saved lives through the gift of donation in the highest regard and are grateful for their selflessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Graves, Mayor of Senatobia, Mississippi do hereby proclaim this 12th day of April of 2024 in honor of Blue & Green Day Mid-South in the City of Senatobia, and thus Encourage all residents to promote the importance of organ and tissue donation.

Greg Graves, Mayor
City of Senatobia

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve proclaiming April 12, 2024, as Blue & Green Day Mid-South. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Request to Appeal the Planning Commission's decision to reject accepting a road until 75% completion – Charlie Sanders

Mayor Graves asked Hodges what the Planning Commission decided.

Building & Planning Director Hodges advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Planning Commission rejected the request to accept Capital Park Road due to it not being 75% developed, as the Ordinance requires.

Mr. Charlie Sanders stated that he's put several developments in the city, and it's always been that if your development is 75% sold, not developed. Also, there is a new requirement to have an engineer's stamp on plans. You can't just do it yourself anymore.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Hodges what the ordinance states.

Building & Planning Director Hodges stated that the ordinance, adopted in 2010, states that residential has to be at least 60% developed and commercial has to be at least 75% developed.

Charlie Sanders stated this is new to me. My plan was adopted in 2007.

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to overturn the Planning Commissions decision and accept Capital Park Road due to the date the plan was adopted and the date the percentage of development requirements were implemented. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Discussion of EDF Contribution

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to move this item to Executive Session. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Department Reports

Mayor Graves stated I was hoping Mr. Boyd would be here. We had a tournament this past weekend, it went great.

Building & Planning Director Hodges stated that a fence has been put around the property at 315 W Main Street as previously discussed. We have been in contact with the property owner of the French Hotel requesting an engineer letter and a fence. Mr. Hodges stated a new problem has come up with the property located at 311 W Main St. Main St received their engineers letter for the wall standing on their property, however it stated that the wall shared with the property at 311 W Main Street was not structurally safe and recommended that the occupants needed to vacate it.

Alderman Hale stated that it looks like the back wall to Sawyer Eye Care is leaning.

Mr. Hodges answered yes sir, the engineer stated that really the only way to save the barber shop building is to build a new wall inside to support it.

Animal Shelter Director Kris Robinson stated that a lot has been going on at the Animal Shelter. Ms. Robinson stated that they have had a lot of animals being dumped. A lot of rescue groups are helping though. Adoptions are going well. Ms. Robinson stated they are still getting volunteers. Ms. Robinson mentioned that they are still really in need of a vehicle for their department, preferably a van.

Fire Chief Foresman thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for coming out to the grand reopening and dedication for Fire Station 1 and also thanked everyone involved in helping with the renovation.

Public Works Director Cooke stated that everything has been pretty calm. The new culvert has been put in.

Police Chief Chandler stated that everything has been pretty quiet but is moving right along. Chief Chandler stated they have been speaking to the school about an additional SRO they are requesting for next year.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda items, numbers 9 - 36, asked if anyone had any questions.

No questions asked.

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

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on March 19, 2024

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on March 19, 2024. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 33207 – 33401 for a total of \$1,655,998.56 (as funds are available)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to approve the Docket of Claims numbers: 33207 – 33401 for a total of \$1,655,998.56, as funds are available. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Accept the resignation from Planning Commissioner Alan Holley

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to accept the resignation from Planning Commissioner Alan Holley. All voting yea, motion carried.

Appoint Jeff Underwood as Planning Commissioner

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to appoint Jeff Underwood as Planning Commissioner. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Daniel Bullard as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to hire Daniel Bullard as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Adyan Jackson as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to hire Adyan Jackson as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Thomas Mann as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to hire Thomas Mann as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Emma Sartin as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to hire Emma Sartin as a part-time Concession Stand worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Fernando Perez as a part-time Police Officer for Accreditation, pending background and physical screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to hire Fernando Perez as a part-time Police Officer for Accreditation, pending background and physical screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Lamorris Hampton as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of P4, pending background and physical screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to hire Lamorris Hampton as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of P4, pending background and physical screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to terminate employment with part-time Animal Shelter Tech Laken Murphree

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to terminate employment with part-time Animal Shelter Tech Laken Murphree for violating city policy. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Hannah Morris as a part-time Animal Shelter Tech

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to hire Hannah Morris as a part-time Animal Shelter Tech. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Captain Duane Ross to attend the Firefighters and Fire Chiefs conference on May 29-June 2, 2024 in Natchez, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Captain Duane Ross to attend the Firefighters and Fire Chiefs conference on May 29-June 2, 2024, in Natchez, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Chief Chandler, Asst. Chief Warren, Officer Johnson to attend the Zero Theory LPVO class in Como, MS on April 6, 2024, also authorize to pay registration

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Police Chief Chandler, Asst. Chief Warren, Officer Johnson to attend the Zero Theory LPVO class in Como, MS on April 6, 2024, also authorize to pay registration. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Lt. Trentham to attend the FBI LEEDA SLI course in Bartlett, TN on May 20 – 24, 2024, also authorize to pay registration

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Police Lt. Trentham to attend the FBI LEEDA SLI course in Bartlett, TN on May 20 – 24, 2024, also authorize to pay registration. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Sgt. Duncan to attend CIT training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

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Authorize Police Lt. Trentham to attend Firearms training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Police Lt. Trentham to attend Firearms training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Officer Crain to attend Firearms training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Police Officer Crain to attend Firearms training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Officer Vanderford to attend K9 training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Police Officer Vanderford to attend K9 training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Officer Hooper to attend CIT training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley to authorize Police Officer Hooper to attend CIT training at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Officer McCown to attend Human Trafficking at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Police Officer McCown to attend Human Trafficking at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Police Officer Griffin to attend Human Trafficking at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Police Officer Griffin to attend Human Trafficking at the MLEOA Summer Conference on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to renew contract with Cintas for services at the Police Department

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to renew contract with Cintas for services at the Police Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution

City of Senatobia , Mississippi
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF (the) City of Senatobia, Mississippi that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of (the) City of Senatobia, Mississippi to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources, (the) City of Senatobia will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under Federal and State laws by referring them to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (the) City of Senatobia shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

(The) City of Senatobia, MISSISSIPPI will, at a minimum: 1. Adopt and publicize the Fair Housing Resolution; 2. Post Fair Housing Posters in prominent public areas; 3. Provide Fair Housing Brochures Fair Housing information to the public; 4. Declare April as Fair Housing Month by Proclamation or Resolution; and 5. Acknowledge the North Delta PDD Area Fair Housing Event to be conducted virtually via the information below on April 30, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/NDPDD24FH> or

Call in: (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID : 81429577797 Passcode: 172941

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Resolution shall be in effect April 1, 2024.

Attest 

Chief Elected Official 



Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to declare the following surplus and dispose of: Tally Printer with model 621, serial # H21K227181

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to declare the following surplus and dispose of: Tally Printer with model 621, serial # H21K227181. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Mayor Graves to sign a Legal Engagement with Mitchell McNutt & Sams, P.A., for services regarding the Krishna Senatobia, Inc., vs the City of Senatobia matter

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign a Legal Engagement with Mitchell McNutt & Sams, P.A., for services regarding the Krishna Senatobia, Inc., vs the City of Senatobia matter. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to go into closed session to discuss going into Executive Session for Litigation and Economic updates

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to go into closed session to discuss going into Executive Session for Litigation and Economic updates. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to go into Executive Session for Litigation and Economic updates

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to go into Executive Session for Litigation and Economic updates. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to come out of Executive Session for Litigation and Economic updates

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Hale, to come out of Executive Session for Litigation and Economic updates. All voting yea, motion carried.

Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, and seconded by Alderman Hale, to recess until April 16, 2024. All voting yea, motion carried.

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin, City Clerk