

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on May 7, 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 (via phone), 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, Fire Inspector Brevin Holden, Assistant Public Works Director David Estep, Public Works Administration Assistant Karah Knight, Animal Shelter Director Kris Robinson, Community Development/Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Parks and Recreation Director Rob Boyd, Archie Mote, Larry, Young, Michael Cathey, and Greg Smith, Mendrop.

Alderman Hale gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

**City of Senatobia**  
**Mayor and Board of Aldermen Agenda**  
May 7, 2024  
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Street Paving Project Update – Greg Smith, Mendrop
5. Request for Utility Bill Adjustment, Church of Christ 416 W Gilmore St - Michael Cathey
6. Department Reports

**Consent Agenda**

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27. Authorize to accept the lowest and best interest rate quote of 5.18% from BankFirst for a loan to purchase a 2025 Mack Granite Rearloader in the amount of \$312,700
28. Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote from Figure Right Construction in the amount of \$61,520.00 for a generator and installation at Fire Station 2
29. Authorize to pay half of the quote from 3T Tree Service to remove a tree near 410 Terry Lane (half being \$1,900)
30. Authorize to accept the proposal from Mitchell Technical Services for the daily management of the Back Acres wastewater lagoon and pump stations (currently managing the WWTP) for a yearly base price of \$16,500 and authorize Mayor Graves to sign the agreement
31. Executive Session – Economic Updates (Sports Park)

**Mayor's Corner**

Appropriation from State Legislature  
Holiday Inn  
Comprehensive Plan

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

**Street Paving Project Update – Greg Smith, Mendrop**

Greg Smith, Mendrop, updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the status of the paving project. Mr. Smith stated that he's asked the contractor to hold off for now. He is waiting on the water to completely dry underneath the roads. Some of the water tables are really high. Mr. Smith stated if they started back now, we would have to come back out and redo them in the near future. It's very important to wait until the water is dry before they start paving so that when they do it will be done correctly and hold up. The contractor also agrees with me on this. Mr. Smith asked the Board if they can hold off for another 4 – 5 weeks, I think we'd be ok to start then. We need it to be really hot and not raining a lot. If this was a project with just flat paving it would be different, y'all are all digging 2 feet deep, filling it with rock and then the asphalt. Mr. Smith stated that he thinks the spots that they've done already are holding up well so far.

Alderman Tanksley asked if he will be able to start here when the weather is ready, in about 5 weeks.

Greg Smith answered yes, he will. They will probably be able to knock it all out in a month and a half's time.

Alderman Simpson stated what you're saying makes perfect sense. I think it's more so because we didn't get as much done last year. The digging out instead of just overlaying makes sense. Alderman Simpson stated we want the best job done for the money we have to spend.

A citizen stated I live on Miracle Drive. Are you talking about digging it out and filling it with rock and then overlay.

Mr. Smith answered yes. When we put the rock in last year, we saw water coming up through the rock. That water table is high. We'll probably have to dig down deeper, put fabric, then rock again before we overlay there.

Mr. Smith advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he had an update for the ARPA Water Tower project. We are well on our way with starting this project. We have the sight secured and have the survey done.

Request for Utility Bill Adjustment, Church of Christ 416 W Gilmore St - Michael Cathey

Michael Cathey, representing Church of Christ at 416 W Gilmore St, presented Mayor Graves and the Board of Aldermen with information regarding a water leak at 416 W Gilmore St. Mr. Cathey stated that they received a call around January 31<sup>st</sup>, about a water leak on their side. It was thought to be under the sidewalk. Mr. Cathey stated he met with Mr. Estep from Public Works at the property. Mr. Cathey stated he walked around the property and didn't see anything, and the water was turned off. When the bill came out it was \$1,914.93. This bill is for a meter to a building of the church we don't use much. Mr. Cathey stated looking at the billing history of this account, you can see there's never much usage. Mr. Cathey stated he questions the amount of water billed, he doesn't see any way possible for that amount of water. The faucets inside were off, didn't notice any water running. Mr. Cathey stated he had a plumber come out and found a leak under the old part of the building. Mr. Cathey stated however, that amount of water wouldn't come out like that, that much wouldn't have been because of the leak. Mr. Cathey stated he was told Mr. Carl Mahan was the one that saw the leak and called it in that morning. Mr. Cathey stated his concern is the amount of water, there is no way that much water came from that leak. The leak was not inside, so none of that went in the sewer. The amount of water couldn't be right. The sewer is a formula just put in.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Cathey if the water was running in the street, didn't Mr. Mahan say he saw it in the street that morning.

Michael Cathey answered he saw it that morning.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Cathey if he found the leak.

Michael Cathey answered yes, under the building.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Estep if we triple checked that what the meter read was correct.

Assistant Public Works Director David Estep answered yes sir.

Mayor Graves advised Mr. Cathey that the policy the Board adopted allows for an adjustment in an amount up to \$100 off of the sewer portion of the bill. We can't just do whatever.

Michael Cathey answered I know, I've made plenty of policies, but you have to take it case by case. Mr. Cathey stated we are asking for an adjustment on the sewer part. I feel like the water part is a good compromise to pay.

Alderman Tanksley asked Mr. Estep if that's what went through the meter, the 187,000 gallons.

David Estep answered yes sir.

Michael Cathey stated I know for a fact that kind of water would not come from the leak.

Alderman Garrett asked how do we know it was a one day event.

Michael Cathey reviewed billing history documents he handed to the Aldermen. The billing dates for this cycle were January 26 through February 21.

Mayor Graves stated it was read on January 26<sup>th</sup> and cut off on January 31<sup>st</sup>, that's 5 days it could have been running.

Michael Cathey stated it wasn't running for 5 days.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Cathey if he had any additional information.

Alderman Hale asked if Mr. Mahan was the one that noticed the leak, on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Michael Cathey answered yes.

Mayor Graves stated to the Board that we've set a precedent already with a previous situation of a citizen wanting an adjustment outside of the adopted policy.

Mayor Graves asked if the Board had any more questions or comments.

No one said anything further. No action was taken.

#### Department Reports

Fire Chief Foresman stated that they've had multiple trainings lately. The Police Department offered to host one for us, and it went great. Things have been going good.

Assistant Public Works Director David Estep stated that everything has been going pretty good. Except they have lost 3 guys in the water department pretty close together, but the department is picking it up and doing ok. Water meters are becoming harder to find again.

Alderman Simpson asked Mr. Estep what he knew about mosquito spraying.

Mr. Estep advised that they start spraying last week.

Assistant Police Chief Warren stated things are going pretty good. They have one they are asking to promote to Sergeant. They have several training courses going on and that several people are wanting to join our Police Department.

Alderman Hale asked Assistant Police Chief Warren if they would look at Woolfolk Rd around the south end. I've been getting complaints of speeding. Around Woolfolk and Miracle.

Assistant Police Chief Warren answered yes sir.

Fire Inspector Brevin Holden went over the number of permits issued, and amount collected for the previous month. Mr. Holden stated that they've now received the full set of plans for the Southpoint subdivision. Mr. Holden stated that they worked on 15 code enforcement cases this previous month.

Alderman Hale stated I'll send you a nuisance complaint I received, if you'll look into it for me.

Animal Shelter Director Kris Robinson stated the shelter is staying pretty full. We are getting dogs and cats out, rescues are helping, the dogs and cats just keep coming. So many are being dumped. Ms. Robinson stated she plans to talk to the county also, but she wanted to let the Board know that we have 2 kennel doors that need replacing and we are still hoping to get a vehicle, preferably a van. A van will help more with the transporting of animals to MS State for vet services. We have a truck, but it's been in the shop now for 2 or so weeks.

Mayor Graves asked if local people are adopting animals also or out of town people.

Kris Robinson answered some are local, but a lot are from out of town.

Parks Director Rob Boyd stated things are good, just very busy. We have 80 teams coming this weekend. We've been helping Jamie get ready for the festival this weekend also.

Mayor Graves advised Rob that they need to get together and talk about parking. It's a good problem to have.

Alderman Hale stated I received a complaint this weekend about the park, not a bad one though, from a parent of a ball player. I was told that our park wasn't the biggest, but it was the best one they've been to.

#### Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda items, numbers 7-30. Mayor Graves recommended pulling item # 28 stating that we found a typo in the agreement that needs to be corrected.

Mayor Graves asked if anyone had any questions.

No questions asked.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the consent agenda after pulling item # 28, as presented. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote from Figure Right Construction in the amount of \$61,520.00 for a generator and installation at Fire Station 2

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to table this item until the next meeting, for correction of information in the agreement. All voting yea, motion carried.

#### Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on April 16, 2024

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on April 16, 2024. All present voting yea, motion carried.

#### Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 33537 – 33881 for a total of \$665,140.85 (as funds are available)

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the Docket of Claims numbers: 33537 – 33881 for a total of \$665,140.85, as funds are available. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Firefighter Tanner Parker to attend MSFA for Hazmat A & O Class on July 22-26, 2024, in Pearl, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

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Authorize to accept move Fireman Austin Brown from full-time to part-time, at his request

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Authorize to hire Jayleon Johnson as a part-time Firefighter at a rate of \$12.40 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to hire Jayleon Johnson as a part-time Firefighter at a rate of \$12.40 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to terminate employment with Police Officer Greene for violating city policy

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to terminate employment with Police Officer Greene for violating city policy, effective May 17, 2024, per the Police Chiefs recommendation. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to promote Police Officer Dickson to the position of Sergeant with pay rate adjustment

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to promote Police Officer Dickson to the position of Sergeant with pay rate adjustment All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Dalton Buford as a seasonal employee in the Water Department for Public Works Department, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, authorize to hire Dalton Buford as a seasonal employee in the Water Department for Public Works Department, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Camryn Hankins as a part-time concession worker in the Parks Department

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Authorize to hire Makayla Mcluer as a part-time concession worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to hire Makayla Mcluer as a part-time concession worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Monesha Milam as a part-time concession worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to hire Monesha Milam as a part-time concession worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Jaleriea Perry as a part-time concession worker in the Parks Department

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to hire Jaleriea Perry as a part-time concession worker in the Parks Department. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Bayleigh Sims as a part-time concession worker in the Parks Department

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Mayor's CornerAppropriation from State Legislature

Mayor Graves stated that we are very thankful for our Legislature for the much needed funding.

Holiday Inn

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he met with the six owners and the contractor for Holiday Inn today and they are now saying July is their target completion date.

Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Graves advised the Board that someone was looking to open a used car lot on Main Street, but according to our newly adopted zoning it falls into the Overlay District and used car lots are prohibited in that area. I believe this person has found a new place, not in this district, for his business.



Authorize to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Economic Updates

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to go into closed session to discuss going into executive session for economic updates. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to go into Executive Session for Economic Updates

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to authorize to go into executive session for economic updates. 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 for economic updates. All voting yea, motion carried.

Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to recess to May 21, 2024. All voting yea, motion carried.

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin, City Clerk