

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on June 4, 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, Assistant Police Chief Warren, Fire Chief Foresman, Fire Inspector Brevin Holden, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Public Works Director David Cooke, Community Development/Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Thurman Caldwell, Earl Moore, William Franklin, Greg Smith, Willer Eppenger, Brett Brown, Shawn Dalton, Michael Cathey, Patrick Alexander and Mark Lesure.

Alderman Garrett gave the invocation.

Patrick Alexander, 2890 Veazy Rd, stated that he sees he is not on the agenda, but would like to speak about an issue with the Police.

Mayor Graves advised Mr. Alexander that he was not on the agenda, that he will have to follow our set policy and procedures before being placed on the agenda.

Patrick Alexander stated that he wanted to be on the agenda. Stated that he has tried to speak to our Aldermen and can't get any help.

Mayor Graves stated that Mr. Alexander has not spoken to him before, that he would have to follow the process, in which he would speak to him before being placed on the agenda to see if the issue could be resolved.

Alderman Tanksley responded to Patrick Alexander stating that he doesn't not need to speak about him like that, Mr. Alexander has not reached out to speak with me.

Alderman Garrett stated there is a way to handle things respectfully. I've watched the videos y'all are wanting to complain about. The police didn't do anything wrong. The only thing I saw was disrespectful children, that starts at home. When people follow the law, we don't have these issues.

#### Approve Agenda

**City of Senatobia**  
**Mayor and Board of Aldermen Agenda**  
June 4, 2024  
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Downtown Revitalization Project update and approval – William Franklin, PATH
5. Approval of the Water Tower Project plans – Greg Smith, Mendrop
6. Discussion of parking at the Bank First Yards sports park – Greg Smith, Mendrop
7. Discussion of additional paving – Greg Smith, Mendrop
8. Department Reports

#### Consent Agenda

9. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on May 21, 2024

10. Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 34098 – 34272 for a total of \$370,084.39
11. Authorize FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone to attend the Emergency Management Institute (FEMA) Public Information Basic Class in Franklin, TN on August 19-21, 2024 (no cost to the city)
12. Authorize Fire Inspector Brevin Holden to attend Fire Inspector 1031-II on September 29, 2024 – October 3, 2024, at the MS State Fire Academy, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
13. Authorize Fireman Butch Sowell to attend Instructor I-II on June 3-14, 2024, at the MS Fire Academy in Oxford, MS, also authorize to pay travel expenses
14. Authorize Police Chief Chandler to attend the MLEOA training on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize travel expenses
15. Authorize Police Officer Steelandt to attend the MLEOA Firearms training on June 2-7, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize travel expenses
16. Authorize Police Officer Stinson to attend the NASRO Basic Certification Course on July 7-12, 2024, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
17. Authorize to hire Joseph Wimberly as a seasonal employee for the Public Works Gas Department at a rate of \$14.00 per hour
18. Set a Public Hearing to be held on July 2, 2024, for an amendment to section 404 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a timeframe for submitting of permits and completion of projects
19. Authorize to declare Friday July 5, 2024, in further observance of Independence Day, in accordance with the Governor's Proclamation dated June 3, 2024
20. Executive Session – Negotiations

#### **Mayor's Corner**

Security cameras at the Bank First Yards Sports park

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

#### **Downtown Revitalization Project update and approval – William Franklin, PATH**

William Franklin, PATH, presented the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with an update on the Downtown Revitalization Project and presented proposed information for the project going forward. Mr. Franklin went over the general scope of the project, stating that this project is for infrastructure downtown, which includes electric, water, sewer and gas. They will audit our water and sewer systems, providing a complete comprehensive design of our water system. Alderman Dear asked if they will be working with the businesses, will they be able to stay open.

William Franklin answered a primary focus of theirs during this project will be to keep the businesses open.

Mr. Franklin stated that they are looking at Phase I to start with College Street. Due to that area having the least electrical work needed, its primarily water, therefore would move quicker. Electrical takes the most time. Mr. Franklin stated their projected mobilization for Phase I is December of 2024.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Hale, to authorize Mayor Graves to sign the Project Development Agreement, pending approval from the City Attorney. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Approval of the Water Tower Project plans – Greg Smith, Mendrop

Greg Smith, Mendrop, advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that a crew is on site now doing soil borings. Mr. Smith stated that they have provided a copy of the plans for this project and are requesting approval of those plans and also approval to advertise to start the project.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the construction plans for the MCWI 500,000 Gallon Elevated Tank project located at the intersection of I-55 and Highway 740. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to advertise for bids of the construction plans for the Water Tower Project

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Discussion of parking at the Bank First Yards sports park – Greg Smith, Mendrop

Greg Smith, Mendrop, presented the Mayor and Board of Aldermen five (5) different options for additional parking at the sports park. Option 1 is estimated to be about 45 spaces for an estimated cost of \$138,190; Option 2 is estimated to be about 25 spaces for an estimated cost of \$68,030; Option 3 is estimated to be about 29 spaces for an estimated cost of \$40,575; Option 4 is estimated to be about 19 passenger vehicle parking spaces and 14 RV parking spaces for an estimated cost of \$242,030; Option 5

Mayor Graves asked what it would save if we used rock instead of asphalt.

Greg Smith answered on option 1, it would save about \$69,000. Mr. Smith stated the average cost for paving, per parking space, is about \$2,500.

Mayor Graves stated looking at option 1 and 3, but in white rock, it would knock off about \$80,000 of the cost.

Greg Smith stated rock would actually be better in a way. The rock would have time to compact good before asphaltting over it.

Mayor Graves asked the Board if they would be ok to have Greg Smith price option 1 and 3 with just rock, and also for some parking at the basketball court.

Alderman Simpson stated I think that's a good idea.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Smith if he would be able to have a price by the next meeting.

Greg Smith answered yes, I can have it by the next meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to table this item until June 18, 2024, for further information and pricing. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Discussion of additional paving – Greg Smith, Mendrop

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Smith if he could provide a cost for doing chip and seal on some roads.

Greg Smith answered yes, he can do that. Chip and seal is about half the cost of paving. Then we could come back in a year and micro seal them, and it would be good. Mr. Smith stated he needs to look at the law about adding work to an existing project. I think it would probably be better to bid it separately, as its own project.

Mayor Graves asked where the paving crew was on the work completed, what percentage would you say they have completed.

Greg Smith answered about 50% of the work is complete. We are under budget right now, so we should be good on that part. If we stay under, we can add more streets if needed later.

Gwendolyn Jones asked about potholes. She stated that there is one in front of her home.

Mayor Graves asked Ms. Jones to leave him her address and he will get someone to repair it.

#### Department Reports

Mayor Graves asked David Cooke if they've gotten caught up from the storm and if he's found a tractor yet.

Public Works Director David Cooke answered yes. We worked Saturday. Mr. Cooke answered not yet, they are still looking for a tractor.

Mayor Graves stated that it looks like the Animal Shelter had more from the city this past month than they have in a long time, it's usually more from the County.

#### Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda items, numbers 9-19, and asked if anyone had any questions.

No questions asked.

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

#### Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on May 21, 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 May 21, 2024. All present voting yea, motion carried.

#### Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 34098 – 34272 for a total of \$370,084.39 (as funds are available)

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Mayor's Corner

Mayor Graves advised the Board that we met with Rob Smith about installing security cameras at the sports park. I hope to have a quote back by the next meeting.

Go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for negotiations

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, authorize to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for negotiations. All voting yea, motion carried.

Go into Executive Session for negotiations

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to go into Executive Session for negotiations. All voting yea, motion carried.

Come out of Executive Session

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

Recess

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to recess until June 18, 2024. All voting yea, motion carried.

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin, City Clerk