

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on July 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, Deputy City Clerk Francis, Johnson, Police Chief Chandler, Assistant Police Chief Warren, Fire Chief Foresman, Building & Planning Director Hodges, Fire Inspector Brevin Holden, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Larry Sowell, Public Works Director David Cooke, Community Development/Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Firefighter Greg Atkinson, Firefighter Butch Sowell, Firefighter Evan Gilder, Parks and Recreation Director Rob Boyd, Brian Riley, Brett Brown, John Lamar, Joe Cooper, Mistry Gray, Shawn Willoughby, Crystal Wilson, and Michael Cathey. Alderman Tanksley arrived late.

Alderman Hale gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

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

July 2, 2024
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance amendment to section 404, adding a timeframe for submitting of permits and completion of projects
5. Request for funding for the 2025 budget year from Healing Hearts
6. Discussion of possible new Pumper Fire Truck purchase
7. Department Reports

Consent Agenda

8. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on June 18, 2024
9. Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 34432 – 34614 for a total of \$760,817.79
10. Authorize Dispatcher Daniel Chandler to attend the Orientation Course for E-Telecommunications on July 15-16, 2024, in Canton, MS, also authorize to pay travel expenses (reimbursed by BETST)
11. Authorize correcting the pay rate for new hire Police Officer Eric Howell, it should be P2 and not P4
12. Authorize to hire Brian Riley as the Building Code Inspector for the Building and Planning Department, at a salary of \$52,000, pending drug and background screening
13. Executive Session – Litigation

Mayor's Corner

Library Roof

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

Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance amendment to section 404, adding a timeframe for submitting of permits and completion of projects

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV – Procedures

Section 404

Added the following as the last paragraph in this section:

“Applicants of approved site plans must seek building permits within 6 months of approval of the site plan and all work shall be complete within 3 years of said approval. Site plans will be rendered invalid and must be resubmitted for approval should this timeframe not be adhered to.”

Mayor Graves opened the Public Hearing, and asked if anyone from the audience had any questions or comments regarding the amendment.

No one spoke on the subject.

Full Amended Zoning Ordinance entered in Minutes as Attachment 1

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Hale, to approve the proposed amendment to section 404 of the Zoning Ordinance, adding “Applicants of approved site plans must seek building permits within 6 months of approval of the site plan and all work shall be complete within 3 years of said approval. Site plans will be rendered invalid and must be resubmitted for approval should this timeframe not be adhered to.”, waiving the reading. All present voting yea, motion carried. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Alderman Tanksley arrived.

Request for funding for the 2025 budget year from Healing Hearts

Misty Gray with Healing Hearts presented the funding request to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mrs. Gray stated that Healing Hearts is a Child Advocacy Center that services Tate and Desoto counties. Mrs. Gray went over how they work with children, families, law enforcement and health care officials. Their services provide help the children and all involved by having one interview for the child, where everyone is present, so that the child doesn’t have to do several interviews.

Police Chief Chandler spoke to the Mayor and Board advising how the Healing Hearts organization is a very important and helpful agency to them and the citizens of our community.

Motion was made by Alderman Hale, seconded by Alderman Simpson, to approve the request from Healing Hearts for funding in the amount of \$5,000, finding that this is a means to bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities, and resources of the City of Senatobia. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Discussion of possible new Pumper Fire Truck purchase

Fire Chief Foresman presented information for a new Pumper Truck to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Chief Foresman advised the Board that they put together a committee to look at different trucks to see which fits our needs the best. The committee came back with a recommendation for the E-One Custom Typhoon Pumper

Alderman Hale stated the timeline will be that the current lease payment will go off, we will put a purchase order in and in the meantime save money for the new truck payment.

Fire Chief Foresman answered yes sir. The current lease's last payment is due December 2025. The new truck wouldn't be available before then. We have 2 years to think about how to fund the purchase.

Mayor Graves stated that we will still have the one mil going toward this purchase.

Alderman Dear asked what we will do with the old one.

Chief Foresman answered the 2 oldest would go into reserve. It is still on the table as to what to do with the 2015 truck.

Mayor Graves asked if one of the committee members would like to speak about the truck.

Firefighter Evan Gilder stated he started with the Fire Department in 2018. The whole time he's been on the department, there is always something going wrong with the old truck they have. Mr. Gilder stated to his knowledge, the 2015 truck was purchased because they got a good deal on it, but it wasn't really what the department needed. The truck they are looking at, the E-One Pumper, has really good reviews and has everything we actually need on it. Also, Sunbelt has been great with service.

Mayor Graves asked what the expected life on a new truck is.

Fire Chief Foresman answered 25 to 30 years. We could file an extension on them if needed. The safety rating is a huge thing for us also. Sunbelt is rated well.

Mayor Graves asked Chief Foresman if he got options for funding, payments, etc. to the Board.

Fire Chief Foresman stated the ariel truck will be paid off and the payment for the 2015 truck will come off. We can use those funds. Chief Foresman stated he will get the information together for the Board.

Alderman Garrett stated for a group of guys that came together, researched the truck, that speaks volumes for y'all to come speak about it to us.

Mayor Graves advised we will place this on the next agenda.

Department Reports

Mayor Graves asked the Board if they had any questions or comments for any of the departments.

No questions or comments were stated.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over the consent agenda items, numbers 8 - 12, and asked if anyone had any questions.

No questions were asked.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, 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 June 18, 2024

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on June 18, 2024. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 34432 – 34614 for a total of \$760,817.79 (as funds are available)

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the Docket of Claims numbers: 34432 - 34614 for a total of \$760,817.79 as funds are available. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize Dispatcher Daniel Chandler to attend the Orientation Course for E-Telecommunications on July 15-16, 2024, in Canton, MS, also authorize to pay travel expenses (reimbursed by BETST)

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize Dispatcher Daniel Chandler to attend the Orientation Course for E-Telecommunications on July 15-16, 2024, in Canton, MS, also authorize to pay travel expenses (reimbursed by BETST). All present voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize correcting the pay rate for new hire Police Officer Eric Howell, it should be P2 and not P4

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize correcting the pay rate for new hire Police Officer Eric Howell, it should be P2 and not P4. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Brian Riley as the Building Code Inspector for the Building and Planning Department, at a salary of \$52,000, pending drug and background screening

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to hire Brian Riley as the Building Code Inspector for the Building and Planning Department, at a salary of \$52,000, pending drug and background screening, per the Building and Planning Directors recommendation. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayor's Corner

Library Roof – Mayor Graves advised the Board that the library will need a new roof. We've gotten one quote back already, but it looks like it will have to be a new budget item. It's in the six figures.

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

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

Go into Executive Session for Litigation

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

Litigation

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize the City Attorney to file litigation to get a Judges Order to exhume and move a decedent. All voting yea, motion carried.

Come out of Executive Session

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

Adjourn

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

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin, City Clerk

Attachment 1, Amended Zoning Ordinance: