

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on December 16, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular meeting time. Mayor Graves called the meeting to order, and the following Aldermen were present: Underwood, Dear, McConnell, Garrett, and Tanksley. Also present were: City Attorney Kenneth Stockton, City Clerk Katie Harbin, Police Chief Vanderford, Director of Operations Stephen Hodges, Fire Chief Foresman, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Building Inspector Bryant Riley, Thurman Caldwell, Dan Etherton, Ricky Stevens, Carl Davis, Brett Brown, Dennis McConnell, and Michael Cathey.

Alderman Underwood gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

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

December 16, 2025

City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Request for funding for City Hoopers, Carl Davis
5. Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Cyber Insurance
6. Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Property Insurance
7. Discussion of the Shands Bottom Rd bridge
8. Update on garbage truck

**Consent Agenda**

9. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 2, 2025
10. Approve Minutes from the Special Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 8, 2025
11. Approve Minutes from the Special Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 10, 2025
12. Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 41173 – 41328 for a total of \$647,470.44
13. Authorize to accept a donation of \$100 from Walmart for the Police Department to purchase SWAT team uniforms and equipment
14. Authorize to accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from Fresh Garden Market for the Police Department to purchase SWAT team uniforms and equipment
15. Authorize to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Mays Pharmacy for the Police Department to purchase SWAT team uniforms and equipment
16. Authorize to accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from Extreme Auto Sales for the Police Department to purchase SWAT team uniforms and equipment
17. Authorize Police Officer Goss, Officer Smith, Lt. Howell, and Officer Dover to attend the FBI LEEDA class on December 15 – 20, 2025, also authorize to pay registration (no travel expense, class is being held at our PD)

18. Authorize to reimburse Court Clerk Tameka Herron travel expenses for attending the Court Seminar on December 16, 2025, in Oxford, MS (no registration fee)
19. Authorize Firefighter Bedford Hunt to attend Fire Officer Level 1 training at MSFA, in Pearl, MS, on January 26-29, 2026, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
20. Authorize Firefighter Jayden Sanders to attend Hazmat Awareness and Operations training at MSFA, in Pearl, MS, on March 23-26, 2026, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
21. Authorize Firefighter Evan Gilder to attend Truck Company Operations training at MSFA, in Pearl, MS, on March 16-19, 2026, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
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23. Authorize Firefighter Bedford Hunt to attend Chemistry of Hazmat training at MSFA, in Pearl, MS, on June 15-25, 2026, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
24. Authorize City Clerk Katie Harbin and Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson to attend the Annual International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference in Reno, NV on May 16 – 22, 2026, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
25. Authorize Mayor, Board of Aldermen, City Attorney, Department Heads to attend the MML Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 28 – July 2, 2026, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
26. Authorize City Court Clerk Tameka Herron to attend the Municipal Court Clerks Conference on June 28 – July 2, 2026, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
27. Authorize City Attorney Kenneth Stockton to attend the Municipal Attorneys Conference on June 28 – July 2, 2026, in Biloxi, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
28. Authorize City Attorney Kenneth Stockton to attend the MS Municipal Attorneys Winter Conference on January 13 – 14, 2026 in Jackson, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
29. Authorize Mayor Graves to execute a Quitclaim Deed to the Senatobia Municipal School District for the high school football field in accordance with a lease purchase agreement
30. Approve Minor Lot Request for 539 Stage Rd, Shane Baltz, PC approved
31. Authorize to advertise for Municipal Depository services with bids due on January 13, 2026

### **Mayor's Corner**

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

### **Request for funding for City Hoopers, Carl Davis**

Carl Davis presented his request for funding for the City Hoopers. Mr. Davis advised that the league continues to grow. There are around 200 participants as of now.

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Underwood, to approve the request for sponsorship from the City Hoopers, Carl Davis, in the amount of \$2,000.00, 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.

Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Cyber Insurance

Thurman Caldwell presented the information on the quotes received for cyber insurance coverage to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Cyber Insurance from Tokio Marine/Houston Casualty Company in the amount of \$9,759.75. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Property Insurance

Thurman Caldwell presented the information on the quote received for property insurance coverage to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote for Property Insurance from Travelers in the amount of \$176,385.00. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Discussion of the Shands Bottom Rd bridge

Mayor Graves stated that we needed to answer a letter to the State regarding what we will do about the Bridge at Shands Bottom Rd. Mayor Graves advised that the bridge is unsafe to travel on in its current condition, and we do not have any funds to repair it at this time.

Alderman McConnell asked if we had gotten prices to repair the bridge.

Mayor Graves answered no, he wasn't going to engage an engineer until the Board advised him to do so.

Alderman Garrett asked if there is any funding for this repair.

Mayor Graves answered none that he is aware of right now.

Motion was made by Alderman Underwood, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to closes the Shands Bottom Road Bridge indefinitely, finding that it is unsafe to travel on in its current condition. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Update on Garbage Truck

Director of Operations Stephen Hodges updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the situation with the garbage truck. Mr. Hodges advised that we received the second rental last week and we now have two trucks running. The damaged truck is still being looked at in the shop. We haven't received a report of what exactly is wrong. We did ask for pictures to go with the report when it is sent.

Alderman Tanksley asked if the dump was liable at all.

Mr. Hodges answered no, not that he has found.

Alderman Underwood asked Thurman Caldwell if insurance would help with this situation.

Mr. Caldwell answered that he doesn't think this situation falls under comprehensive or collision coverage. Mr. Caldwell advised that Mrs. Harbin reached out to him to ask the same. Mr. Caldwell stated that when we get the details of what happened and the condition of the truck, we could always send in a claim to see what insurance says.

Alderman Underwood asked about the leaf truck and the sweeper truck.

Mr. Hodges stated that the leaf vac was repaired but broke down again. We took it to the shop. They are looking for the part to repair it but advised that it is hard to find parts due to the age of the truck. Mr. Hodges stated that the street sweeper is supposed to have a water system on the bottom to prevent dust and dirt put out when it is running. That system is currently not working on the truck

Alderman Tanksley asked about the knuckleboom truck running.

Mr. Hodges answered they are running now, in between trash pickup. We are down to 2 CDL drivers now, they each have to drive the trash routes.

Alderman Garrett stated that just because someone has a CDL doesn't always mean they know how to take care of the equipment or run it property. If we get something else new, can we get the company to do training for them.

Mr. Hodges answered yes. We have had things in place, a check list, etc., to ensure they make sure everything is done and running properly. We recently found out that this wasn't always being completed, but I have gone over this with the staff, and they know the importance of completing these things now.

### Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over consent agenda items 9 – 30, asked if anyone had any questions.

Alderman Underwood requested that item # 29 be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be a regular agenda item.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the consent agenda, as presented, after moving item # 29 "Authorize Mayor Graves to execute a Quitclaim Deed to the Senatobia Municipal School District for the high school football field in accordance with a lease purchase agreement" to be a regular agenda item. All present voting yea, motion carried.

### Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 2, 2025

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 2, 2025. All present voting yea, motion carried.

### Approve Minutes from the Special Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 8, 2025

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the Minutes from the Special Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 8, 2025. All present voting yea, motion carried.

### Approve Minutes from the Special Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 10, 2025

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the Minutes from the Special Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on December 10, 2025. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 41173 – 41328 for a total of \$647,470.44

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve the Docket of Claims numbers: 41173 – 41328 for a total of \$647,470.44, as funds are available. All present voting yea, motion carried.

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Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize Mayor Graves to execute a Quitclaim Deed to the Senatobia Municipal School District for the high school football field in accordance with a lease purchase agreement. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Minor Lot Request for 539 Stage Rd, Shane Baltz, PC approved

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to approve Minor Lot Request for 539 Stage Rd, Shane Baltz, PC approved. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to advertise for Municipal Depository services with bids due on January 13, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to advertise for Municipal Depository services with bids due on January 13, 2026. All voting yea, motion carried.

**Regular Agenda Item:**

Authorize Mayor Graves to execute a Quitclaim Deed to the Senatobia Municipal School District for the high school football field in accordance with a lease purchase agreement

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize Mayor Graves to execute a Quitclaim Deed to the Senatobia Municipal School District for the high school football field in accordance with a lease purchase agreement. All voting yea, motion carried.

Adjourn

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

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin, City Clerk