BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on September 15, 2026, 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, Garrett, McConnell, and Tanksley. Also present were: City Attorney Kenneth Stockton, City Clerk Katie Harbin, Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson, Interim Police Chief Maze, Police Lt. Shane Howell, Police Administrative Assistant Michelle Westmoreland, Police Officer Cleven, Fire Chief Foresman, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Young, Community Development & Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Brett Brown – Tate Record, Ricky Stevens – Tate County, Blake Mendrop – Mendrop Engineering, Cole Massie, Dennis McConnell, Carl Davis, Mark Lesure – SCAT, Patrick "Lumumba" Alexander – SCAT, Johnnie Houston – SCAT, Kneisha Davis, Wanda Jackson – SCAT, Gwendolyn Jones – SCAT, John A. Brunt – SCAT, Rodney Mallory – SCAT, Marvin Huller, John Matlock, and Michael Cathey.

Alderman McConnell gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

City of Senatobia
Mayor and Board of Aldermen Agenda

September 15, 2026
City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call

2. Welcome

3. Approve Agenda

4. Adopt Resolution Adopting the Budget FYE 2027

Consent Agenda

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20. Approve the Amendment to the Assignment of Contracts with Delta Utilities

21. Approve Election Consultant Agreement with Dolores Wooten

22. Executive Session – Negotiations

Mayor's Corner

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

Adopt Resolution Adopting the Budget FYE 2027

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SENATOBIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi have the duty of adopting a municipal budget for the operation of the City on an annual basis, pursuant to Section 21-35-1 et seq. of the Mississippi Code (1972), and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have met and considered the proposed annual budget for the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have conducted a public hearing for the time and in the manner prescribed by Mississippi law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi as follows, to wit:

City of Senatobia
Budget FYE 2027

Description	2026 - 2027 Budget
General Fund	
Revenues	
Licenses and Permits	457,250.00
Intergovernmental Revenues:	
State Grants	3,310,600.00
Grants from Local Units	982,453.06
Charges for Governmental Services:	

Sanitation	972,000.00
Health	15,000.00
Culture and Recreation	0.00
Cemetery Fee/Dirt Removal	3,500.00
Police Services	8,500.00
Fines and Forfeits	142,000.00
Miscellaneous	832,701.12
Transfers	650,000.00
Non-Revenue Receipts	40,000.00
Total From All Sources Other Than Taxation	7,414,004.18
Amount to Be Raised by Ad Valorem Tax	2,043,935.72
Millage Specific to Fire Truck	87,876.79
Total Revenue From All Sources	**9,545,816.69**

Expenses

Legislative Department:	
Personnel Services	156,696.68
Other Services and Charges	9,250.00
Total	**165,946.68**
Judicial Department:	
Personnel Services	249,753.54
Supplies	2,500.00
Other Services and Charges	23,100.00
Capital Outlay	0
Total	**275,353.54**
Executive Department:	
Personnel Services	65,541.77
Other Services and Charges	2,200.00
Total	**67,741.77**
Elections:	
Supplies	2500
Other Services and Charges	4500
Total	**7,000.00**
Finance and Administration:	
Personnel Services	357,227.22
Supplies	4,700.00
Other Services and Charges	391,531.37
Capital Outlay	-
Debt Service	-
Transfers	59,683.69
Total	**813,142.28**
City Attorney/Prosecutor:	
Personnel Services	65,541.78
Other Services and Charges	1850
Total	**67,391.78**
Police Department:	
Personnel Services	2,081,386.46
Supplies	175,500.00

Other Services and Charges	143,000.00
Capital Outlay	166,472.52
Total	**2,566,358.98**

School Resource Officers:

Personnel Services	432,457.47
Supplies	14,350.00
Other Services and Charges	12,300.00
Capital Outlay	16,163.28
Total	**475,270.75**

Fire Department:

Personnel Services	2,085,005.69
Supplies	136,000.00
Other Services and Charges	127,400.00
Capital Outlay	128,400.00
Total	**2,476,805.69**

Correction Facility:

Prisoner Care	65,000.00
Total	**65,000.00**

Building & Planning Department:

Personnel Services	213,947.91
Supplies	6,500.00
Other Services and Charges	36,925.00
Capital Outlay	0.00
Total	**257,372.91**

Dispatch:

Personnel Services	0.00
Supplies	0
Other Services and Charges	288,000.00
Total	**288,000.00**

Street Department:

Personnel Services	526,829.20
Supplies	105,500.00
Other Services and Charges	69,600.00
Capital Outlay	0
Total	**701,929.20**

Street Lighting:

Other Services and Charges	50,000.00
Total	**50,000.00**

Waste Disposal:

Personnel Services	0.00
Supplies	0.00
Other Services and Charges	820,000.00
Capital Outlay	0.00
Total	**820,000.00**

Animal Shelter:

Personnel Services	147,214.60
Supplies	10,250.00
Other Services and Charges	27,535.40

Capital Outlay	0
Total	**185,000.00**
Parks and Memorials:	
Personnel Services	131,003.11
Supplies	7,500.00
Other Services and Charges	33,000.00
Capital Outlay	0
Total	**171,503.11**
Downtown Beautification:	
Personnel Services	0.00
Supplies	0.00
Other Services and Charges	0.00
Capital Outlay	0
Total	**0.00**
Library:	
Other Services and Charges	-
Capital Outlay	0
Transfer to Library	90,000.00
Total	**90,000.00**
Post Office	
Other Services and Charges	2,000.00
Total	**2,000.00**
Cemetery:	
Other Services and Charges	0.00
Capital Outlay	0
Total	**0.00**
Total Expenses	**9,545,816.69**
Fund Balance	**0.00**

2015 Sports Park Bond

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$0.00
Transfers from Tourism Tax	$327,730.00
Interest	$850.00
Total Revenues	**$328,580.00**
Expenses	
Bond Payments	$328,230.00
Contingency	$350.00
Total Expenses	**$328,580.00**
Fund Balance	**$0.00**

GO Bond Debt Service

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$0.00

Revenues from Taxes	$450,807.94
Interest	$5,000.00
Total Revenues	**$455,807.94**
Expenses	
Bond Payments	$277,856.76
Transfers	$161,431.26
Contingency	$16,519.92
Total Expenses	**$455,807.94**
Fund Balance	**$0.00**

2017 Street Bonds

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$0.00
Transfers from G O Bond	$161,431.26
Interest	$550.00
Total Revenues	**$161,981.26**
Expenses	
Bond Payments	$161,431.26
Contingency	$550.00
Total Expenses	**$161,981.26**
Fund Balance	**$0.00**

UR Bond

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$0.00
Transfers from General	$59,067.00
Interest	$800.00
Total Revenues	**$59,867.00**
Expenses	
Bond Payments	$59,067.00
Contingency	$800.00
Total Expenses	**$59,867.00**
Fund Balance	**$0.00**

Twin Creeks

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$0.00
MMEIA-Lease Income	$387,000.00
Interest	$1,350.00
Total Revenues	**$388,350.00**
Expenses	
Debt Service	$387,000.00
Contingency	$1,350.00
Total Expenses	**$388,350.00**

Fund Balance	**$0.00**

Modernization

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$0.00
MODERNIZATION USE FUNDS	$950,000.00
Interest	$35,000.00
Total Revenues	**$985,000.00**
Expenses	
Bond Payments	$450,000.00
Bond Transfers	$490,750.00
Contingency	$44,250.00
Total Expenses	**$985,000.00**
Fund Balance	**$0.00**

ARPA

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$0.00
Interest	$0.00
Total Revenues	**$0.00**
Expenses	
Construction	$0.00
Contingency	$0.00
Total Expenses	**$0.00**
Fund Balance	**$0.00**

SB2468 Downtown Revitalization

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$4,106,792.00
Interest	$65,000.00
Total Revenues	**$4,171,792.00**
Expenses	
Other Services and Charges	$4,171,792.00
Total Expenses	**$4,171,792.00**
Fund Balance	**$0.00**

SB2468 Main/Scott Intersection

Revenues	
Beginning Balance	$3,244,692.18
Interest	$25,000.00
Total Revenues	**$3,269,692.18**

Expenses	
Other Services and Charges	$3,269,692.18
Total Expenses	**$3,269,692.18**
Fund Balance	**$0.00**

Tourism

Revenues	
Tax Revenue	810,000.00
Other Revenue	403,500.00
Total Revenue	**1,213,500.00**
Expenses	
Sports Park	
Personnel Services	269,448.17
Supplies	178,650.00
Other Services and Charges	165,750.00
Capital Outlay	20,000.00
Transfers	327,730.00
Total	**961,578.17**
Community Development	
Personnel Services	177,695.77
Supplies	9950
Other Services and Charges	37,725.00
Capital Outlay	1500
Transfers	25,051.06
Total	**251,921.83**
Total Expenses	**1,213,500.00**
Fund Balance	**0.00**

Utility Fund

Revenues	
Charges for Utility Services:	
Water Sales	1,300,000.00
Gas Sales	2,640,000.00
Sewer Charges	1,800,000.00
Miscellaneous	277,000.00
Beginning Cash And Investments	
Total Revenues	**6,017,000.00**
Expenses	
Administration:	
Personnel Services	161,042.67
Supplies	7,550.00
Other Services and Charges	203,000.00
Capital Outlay	0
Debt Service	0
Transfers	650,000.00
Total	**1,021,592.67**

Financial and Customer Accounting:	
Personnel Services	169,067.15
Supplies	1,750.00
Other Services and Charges	52,000.00
Transfers	6,025.88
Total	**228,843.03**
Water-Sewer Department	
Personnel Services	343,700.31
Supplies	173,000.00
Other Services and Charges	467,250.00
Capital Outlay	88,000.00
Total	**1,071,950.31**
Treatment and Purification:	
Supplies	50,000.00
Other Services and Charges	677,200.00
Capital Outlay	469,212.00
Total	**1,196,412.00**
Meter Technicians	
Personnel Services	156,519.95
Supplies	13,500.00
Other Services and Charges	10,500.00
Capital Outlay	-
Total	**180,519.95**
Purchase of Gas:	
Other Services and Charges	1,900,000.00
Total	**1,900,000.00**
Gas Department	
Personnel Services	258,782.04
Supplies	77,700.00
Other Services and Charges	56,200.00
Capital Outlay	25,000.00
Total	**417,682.04**
Total Expenses	**6,017,000.00**
Fund Balance	**0**

The annual budget for the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, is hereby adopted.

ORDERED AND DONE, this 15th day of September 2026.

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin, City Clerk

Motion was made by Alderman Underwood, seconded by Alderman Dear, to adopt the Resolution adopting the Budget FYE 2027. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over consent agenda items 5 - 21, asked if anyone had any questions.

Alderman McConnell asked if item number 21, with Dolores Wooten, is the same as with the previous election.

City Clerk Katie Harbin answered yes sir.

Alderman Garrett asked Interim Police Chief Maze about item number 16, the pay increase for the Police Department, you'll start advertising this.

Interim Police Chief Maze answered yes sir.

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

Approve Minutes from the Special Recessed Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 1, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the Minutes from the Special Recessed Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 1, 2026. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 1, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 1, 2026. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Minutes from the Special Recessed Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 8, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the Minutes from the Special Recessed Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting September 8, 2026. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Minutes from the Special Recessed Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 10, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the Minutes from the Special Recessed Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on September 10, 2026. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 44694 – 44815 for a total of $299,127.95

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the Docket of Claims numbers: 44694 – 44815 for a total of $299,127.95, as funds are available. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Acknowledge the resignation of Police Officer Sims, effective September 4, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to acknowledge the resignation of Police Officer Sims, effective September 4, 2026. All voting yea, motion carried.

Acknowledge the resignation of Police Officer McCarrens, effective September 9, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to acknowledge the resignation of Police Officer Sims, effective September 4, 2026. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to move Police Officer McCown from full-time to part-time status, at the rate of P4, effective September 15, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to authorize to move Police Officer McCown from full-time to part-time status, effective September 15, 2026. All voting yea, motion carried.

Acknowledge the resignation of Police Officer Goss, effective September 18, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to acknowledge the resignation of Police Officer Goss, effective September 18, 2026. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to TDY Police Sgt. LaMorris Hampton to Lieutenant over Patrol, with pay increase to Lieutenant pay

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to authorize to TDY Police Sgt. LaMorris Hampton to Lieutenant over Patrol, with pay increase to Lieutenant pay. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to TDY Police Officer Marcus Johnson to Sergeant over SRO's, with pay increase to Sergeant pay

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to authorize to TDY Police Officer Marcus Johnson to Sergeant over SRO's, with pay increase to Sergeant pay. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to advertise for the Police Chief position with a salary range of $80,000 to $85,000

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to authorize to advertise for the Police Chief position, setting the salary range to $80,000 to $85,000. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to hire Eliot Taylor as a Certified part-time Firefighter, pending background and drug screening results

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to authorize to hire Eliot Taylor as a Certified part-time Firefighter, pending background and drug screening results. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to move Driver/Sergeant Butch Sowell from part-time to full-time status, at the FF3 rate of pay, effective September 22, 2026

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to authorize to move Driver/Sergeant Butch Sowell from part-time to full-time status, at the FF3 rate of pay, effective September 22, 2026. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize to increase the Police Departments pay scale, for full-time and part-time

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to authorize to adopt the pay scale for the Police Department, full-time and part-time employees to be:
P-1: Uncertified pre-academy $20.00 per hour
P-2: Certified under 24 months: $25.00 per hour
P-3: Certified 25 - 42 months: $26.50 per hour
P-4: Certified 43 months or more: $ $28.50 per hour
Sergeant $30.75 per hour
Lieutenant.: $33.00 per hour
On-call positions receive an additional stipend of $.25

All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve the Amendment to the Assignment of Contracts with Delta Utilities

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the Amendment to the Assignment of Contracts with Delta Utilities. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve the Election Consultant Agreement with Dolores Wooten

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the Election Consultant Agreement with Dolores Wooten. All voting yea, motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Tanksley, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve going into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Negotiations. All voting yea, motion carried.

Patrick Alexander stated he was going to speak to the Mayor and Board.

Mayor Graves advised Mr. Alexander that he was not on the agenda.

Patrick Alexander stated he did not care; he was going to speak.

Mayor Graves advised Mr. Alexander that he has been allowed to speak at several meetings now, that Mr. Alexander was not on the agenda to address the Board tonight. The Board had business on the agenda to handle.

Patrick Alexander continued to speak. Mr. Alexander stated on behalf of SCAT, reading a letter addressing the Mayor and Board. Mr. Alexander stated that he wants the Mayors resignation. Mr. Alexander stated he was going to quote what Alderman Garrett said in a MS Today article, “We need a Mayor that cares”. We want your resignation. Just like we got rid of the Police Chief.

Mayor Graves stated that he would take that under advisement.

Go into Executive Session for Negotiations

Motion was made by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to go into Executive Session for Negotiations. All voting yea, motion carried.

Come out of Executive Session

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

Adjourn

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

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin, City Clerk

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