

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, July 5, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Tom Ferguson presiding. Aldermen present were: Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Police Chief Scott Worsham, Assistant Police Chief Shane Ellis, Captain Charles Lanphere, Human Resources Manager Julie Harris, Community and Economic Development Director Gia Matheny, Court Clerk Cassandra Perry, Parks and Recreation Director Dewayne Williams, Planning Director Jared Darby, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Assistant Public Works Director, Building Official Brandon Valle, Zoning Administrator Kristen Duggan, Utility/Cemetery Clerk Eva Ward, Utility Clerk Annabelle Ibsen, Bookkeeper Carla Scallorn, James Vice Sr., Shirley McLendon, Carolyn Richards, Renee Hobbs, Wade Stark, Ellen Jernigan, Marsha Shaddock, Kim Moore, Barbara Kendrick, Rubye Walton, Simone Johnson, Allie Johnson, Bob Cooke, Marty Pickard, Chris Ward, Beverly Ward, Simon Weir, Vickey McLendon, Wesley Callahan, Heather Callahan, Jannett Riley, Cristina Fantaziu, Jim Bob Liston, Paula Lauderdale, Natalie Lynch, Buck Matheny, Devon Matheny, Robert Long, Tina Murchison, Ashley Byrd, and Robin Cotten.

INVOCATION

Alderman Higdon gave the invocation.

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

July 5, 2017

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 119020 – 119191
- 5) Authorize to pay the Blue Cross Blue Shield invoices GBP1278192A and GBP1278193A totaling \$96,401.62
- 6) Approve Minutes
- 7) Authorize the Court Clerk to attend the Municipal Court Clerks Fall Conference on September 6 – 8, 2017, in Tunica, MS (The Mississippi Judicial College pays for it all)
- 8) Request to holdover all appointments for up to 180 days and allow current appointees to serve in an interim capacity.
(Pursuant to MS Code of 1972 annotated, section 21-15-41 as amended by HB41 2017 Regular Session of the MS Legislature, a non-appointed officer may serve in an interim or holdover capacity no longer than 180 days after the beginning of the new term in office)
 - A) City Clerk, Katie Harbin currently serving
 - B) Police Chief, Scott Worsham currently serving
 - C) Court Clerk, Cassandra Perry currently serving
 - D) Municipal Judge, Anthony Nowak currently serving
 - E) Municipal Judge, Robert Quimby currently serving
 - F) City Attorney/Prosecutor, Kenneth Stockton currently serving
 - G) Public Defender, Clay Vanderburg currently serving
 - H) Assistant Prosecutor, Paige Williams currently serving

- 9) Elect Mayor Pro Tempore
- 10) Appointment of Planning Commission members
- 11) Appointment Historic Preservation Commissioner members
- 12) Appointment Election Commissioners member
- 13) Request to close temporarily close streets for the Water Tower Festival 10K on October 7th
- 14) Authorize to change Hunter Means in the EMS department from full time to part time
- 15) Discussion of fireworks agreement
- 16) Authorize to add Mayor Tom Ferguson as an authorized signer of payroll and accounts payable checks, and remove Willis "Chip" Johnson
- 17) Adopt amended Resolution Authorizing City of Hernando Credit Card Users (Visa)
- 18) Adopt amended Resolution Authorizing City of Hernando Credit Card Users (Mastercard)
- 19) Authorize to declare letter folder, laptop, amp, and tape recorder surplus and dispose of (no property numbers)
- 20) Discussion of Mayors salary (request by Alderman)
- 21) Adjourn

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the agenda after removing item # 20, item # 8, and adding # 8 Appoint City Clerk, Katie Harbin currently serving, # 9 Appoint Police Chief, Scott Worsham currently serving, #10 Appoint Court Clerk, Cassandra Perry currently serving, #11 Appoint Municipal Judge, Anthony Nowak, currently serving, #12 Appoint Municipal Judge, Robert Quimby currently serving, #13 Appoint City Attorney/Prosecutor, Kenneth Stockton currently serving, #14 Appoint Public Defender, Clay Vanderburg currently serving, #15 Appoint Assistant Prosecutor, Paige Williams currently serving. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Harris and Alderman McLendon.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 119020 - 119191

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 119020 - 119191 in the amount of \$729, 475.14 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017

AUTHORIZE TO BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD INVOICES GBP1278192A AND GBP12781923A TOTALING \$96,401.62

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize to pay Blue Cross Blue Shield invoices GBP1278192A and GBP12781923A for a total of \$96,401.62. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 20, 2017

Motion was duly made by Alderman McLendon, and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on June 20, 2017 after correcting McLendon's vote on the ABC Resolution, he voted "Nay". A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

Alderwoman Brooks abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017

AUTHORIZE THE COURT CLERK TO ATTEND THE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS FALL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2017, IN TUNICA, MS (the Mississippi Judicial College pays for it all)

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Harris to authorize the Court Clerk to attend the Municipal Court Clerks Fall Conference on September 6-8, 2017, in Tunica, MS. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, and Alderman Higdon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of June, 2017

APPOINT CITY CLERK, KATIE HARBIN CURRENTLY SERVING

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Higdon to appoint Katie Harbin as City Clerk. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman McLendon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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Alderman Hobbs made a motion to appoint Scott Worsham as Police Chief.

Alderman McLendon stated that he thinks we are setting a precedence. Is there a reason to appoint some and not all.

Kenny Stockton answered that these are statutory, the others are not.

Mayor Ferguson stated I'll tell you what's going on here, we are just taking the previous Mayor's appointments. My concern was liability. I just want to comply with the law.

Alderman Hobbs stated these are appointed positions, they are professionals, they've been here for 8, 10, or more years. I don't see any reason to not appoint them. If it was me, I would look for a job tomorrow if it had interim by my name. Mr. Ferguson, you can still do what you want to do.

Alderman Higdon stated the difference is the interim put behind their name. These people are instrumental to the City. You can still do what you need to do, still work with them. If you don't like them you can write them up and bring your recommendation to the Board.

Mayor Ferguson stated I just want to get to know them, to see who I want to put in their position. Kenny, you said no Cities have done hold overs.

Kenny Stockton answered that he did not say that. I said every City was doing appointments today.

Mayor Ferguson stated that since we are appointing them, I can't do anything.

Kenny Stockton stated, with all due respect, a Mayor cannot hire or fire anyone. Everyone is still hired at the will and pleasure of the Board. Their employment/appointment is not a contract.

Mayor Ferguson stated he just wants the public to know that we are going based off of the old Mayor's agenda and a 2008 opinion.

Alderman McLendon asked Kenny if there is an AG opinion or any statue that states a non-appointed person would be more of a liability to the City than an appointed person.

Kenny Stockton stated the Attorney General's office does not issue opinions as to liability and I'm not aware of a case that has addressed this issue on point. Of course I will be happy to do further research if requested.

Kenny Stockton requested to go into closed session.

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to go into closed session. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to come out of closed session. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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Alderman McLendon stated when Horn Lake's new mayor took office 4 years ago, he didn't make any appointments right away. He wanted to learn what each person was doing, what their salary was, and who they supervised. Darren Musselwhite in Southaven made appointments. Olive Branch's mayor made appointments, but he already knew the people there. Mr. Latimer just wanted to get to know people first, that is what Tom is trying to do, it's nothing personal.

Alderwoman Brooks stated it's almost like a probation period.

Mayor Ferguson stated yes, you saw Mr. Stockton's letter. Mine was shot down. There's no sense in continuing with this, there's now going back to my agenda. I just wanted the public to know what I was trying to do. These are the ex Mayors appointments, approved by this Board. Let's just move on. I just wanted the public to know what I was trying to do.

Mr. McLendon asked Chief Jones if he was going to be looking for a new job tomorrow.

Fire Chief Jones answered no sir.

Alderman McLendon asked why Chief Jones was not on the list.

Kenny Stockton stated that the Fire Chief's position is not statutorily appointed.

Alderman McLendon asked so statutory strictly has to do with law.

Kenny Stockton answered it is for City Clerks, Deputy Clerks, etc. I know a lot of people think that position is appointed, but it is not. A Fire Marshal is appointed, but we don't have that.

Alderman Hobbs stated that there is a motion on the table.

Mayor Ferguson asked if anyone else would like to speak on the matter.

Robin Cotten, 719 Rowen Oak Place, stated that he doesn't know why you won't give the new Mayor a chance. We trust his judgement for the City of Hernando. He's not going to run anyone off unless they mess up.

Simone Johnson, 450 Loshier Street, stated that she was disappointed that the Board doesn't support Mayor Ferguson.

Alderman Higdon stated that's not what it is at all. We have to continue to have Court and keep the public safe. If you come to work with interim by your name, and you have a family to support, you come to work every morning not knowing if that's your last day. You're going to start looking for a job and we can't lose some of these professionals until we have someone that can replace them. Ferguson can review every employee he has any time he wants. He can bring it back to this Board and this Board can act on it. If it's just cause, the Board will act on it. You can't expect a person to come to work 180 days with interim by their name.

Mayor Ferguson stated that he didn't ask for 180 days, it's up to 180 days. Mr. Ferguson asked Kenny if he could comment on that, so the judge on holdover cannot hold court?

Alderman Higdon stated that they can hold court, I'm talking about if he left we couldn't hold court. If we lose 3 people this week, how are we going to hold court.

Mayor Ferguson stated so the reason is you think everyone is going to quit if we do the hold over.

Alderman Higdon answered that he thinks we will lose some people.

Alderman Hobbs stated Mr. Mayor, you have over 50 years of experience with us combined sitting on this Board. Why can't you take our word for it that these people are the ones for the job right now. Why can't you trust us, you want us to trust you. Trust our opinion. We have been here a little bit longer and we have a lot more experience. In 180 days, you're not going to know your own job, much less these professionals out here.

Mayor Ferguson stated right.

Alderman Hobbs asked Mayor Ferguson if he understands what he is saying.

Mayor Ferguson answered no.

Alderman Hobbs stated they are educated in their jobs.

Mayor Ferguson stated right. I don't understand where this is going.

Alderman Hobbs why don't you just take our opinion on it.

Mayor Ferguson stated I just ask for 180 days lay over to evaluate these people. Do you know all of these people, their duties, responsibilities?

Alderman Hobbs answered pretty much.

Mayor Ferguson stated well I want to know that too.

Alderwoman Brooks stated but can't you still do that, you can work with them and you don't agree with them, you still have the ability to replace them. You can bring it to the Board and we can make that adjustment.

Mayor Ferguson stated it's a different form of action.

Alderwoman Brooks stated in one case you have people that are unsure of what they have and the other case they are less unsure. Either way their jobs are kind of iffy. Either they can leave or not leave.

Mayor Ferguson stated we need to move on.

Alderman McLendon asked Police Chief Worsham, during the hold over period in Horn lake, how many people left. How many Department Heads.

Police Chief Worsham answered he didn't know. He didn't get to have than information, he wasn't involved with that.

Alderman McLendon answered none, no one left.

Mayor Ferguson stated let's move on. I've stated this more than once. This is not my agenda, nor did I have any part of it. I asked for my agenda and it got disapproved. I am showing the people that I'm trying and we will keep going.

APPOINT POLICE CHIEF, SCOTT WORSHAM CURRENTLY SERVING

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Miller to appoint Scott Worsham as Police Chief. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, and Alderwoman Brooks.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017

APPOINT COURT CLERK, CASSAUNDR PERRY CURRENTLY SERVING

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to approve appoint Cassaundra Perry as Court Clerk. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, and Alderman Higdon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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APPOINT MUNICIPAL JUDGE, ANTHONY NOWAK CURRENTLY SERVING

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Bryant to appoint Anthony Nowak as Municipal Judge. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman McLendon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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APPOINT MUNICIPAL JUDGE, ROBERT QUIMBY CURRENTLY SERVING

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, and seconded by Alderman Harris to appoint Robert Quimby as Municipal Judge. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, and Alderwoman Brooks.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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APPOINT CITY ATTORNEY/PROSECUTOR, KENNETH STOCKTON CURRENTLY SERVING

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Bryant to appoint Kenneth Stockton as City Attorney/Prosecutor. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017

APPOINT PUBLIC DEFENDER, CLAY VANDERBURG CURRENTLY SERVING

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Higdon to appoint Clay Vanderburg as Public Defender. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017

APPOINT ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR, PAIGE WILLIAMS CURRENTLY SERVING

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Higdon to appoint Paige Williams as Assistant Prosecutor. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

ELECT MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Kenny Stockton went over the process of electing a Mayor Pro Tempore.

Alderman Miller and Alderman Higdon were nominated to be Mayor Pro Tempore.

Alderman Harris voted for Alderman Higdon

Alderman Bryant voted for Alderman Miller

Alderman Miller voted for Alderman Miller

Alderman Higdon voted for Alderman Higdon

Alderman McLendon voted for Alderman Higdon
Alderwoman Brooks voted for Alderman Miller

Alderman Hobbs voted for Alderman Higdon

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Bryant to elect Alderman Higdon to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Kenny Stockton went over how the appointments for Planning Commissioners work, and the known vacancies.

Mayor Ferguson stated our problem is that the Planning Commission has a meeting on the 11th with a lot of items on the agenda, and as of right now they don't have a quorum. How many items are on that agenda.

Jared Darby answered 14 items.

Mayor Ferguson stated that's 14 items of builders, they need to move forward. We either have to rubber stamp it and get them in or just appoint without evaluations, just doing the best we can.

Alderwoman Brooks asked if we could table it.

Kenny Stockton answered that wouldn't help the situation with their meeting next week.

Alderman Higdon asked if they could appoint some and appoint more later.

Kenny Stockton answered you could do that or do a recessed meeting.

Mayor Ferguson stated if one gentlemen doesn't want to do it, he wouldn't even show up.

Kenny Stockton stated I'm assuming the Aldermen have spoken to their appointees.

Mayor Ferguson stated Alderman Harris isn't prepared either.

Kenny Stockton stated that I was just speaking of the ones that already know.

Mayor Ferguson stated that he wants to do all we can do to get this agenda ready, we don't have very many days. I don't want to encourage anyone to rubber stamp it.

Alderman Harris stated that he didn't know until today that he needed to make an appointment. He isn't ready tonight, but will be by the 10th.

Alderman Miller stated can't we just recess this meeting and table this item until then.

Alderman McLendon asked if the Mayor sets those appointments. Legally, by state statute the Mayor could set all 7.

Kenny Stockton answered he could recommend them all to the Aldermen. What has been done in the past has allowed the Aldermen select a person from each of their wards, and the Alderman at Large selects one from wherever, and a few years ago the Board amended it so that the Mayor also has an appointee, because of some tie vote issues.

Alderman McLendon asked if they are considered holdovers.

Kenny Stockton answered no they are not. The Mayor had me research that. They are not statutory appointments.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to table this item until July 10, 2017 at 8am. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, and Alderman Higdon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

APPOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER MEMBERS

Mayor Ferguson stated that it is his understanding that the Mayor picks all of those, I would like to share that with the Board, if they would like to have that one. I think we are all in this together. I'd like for them to nominate people. There are rules and guidelines, you have to be in the historic district.

Jared Darby stated that there are bylaws. It is done on an annual basis beginning in October. We haven't done that before so we could change the bylaws or start in October.

Mayor Ferguson stated so we could table that until October.

Kenny Stockton answered yes.

Alderman McLendon asked how often do they meet and is it a paid position. Do they live in a historic district.

Jared Darby answered on average 4 times a year, no pay. They either live or work in a historic district.

Alderman Harris asked how many need to be on this commission, it shows 8 on the current list.

Jared Darby answered there are 7 and 1 that sits by title, that's the director of Main Street.

Alderwoman Brooks stated that Jesse Dement is the one in that position, is that correct.

Jared Darby answered yes.

Alderman McLendon asked if they have say so who is in the historic district.

Jared Darby answered if the historic district were to be expended they would present that information to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission would present it to the Board. Just like the zoning map amendment process.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to table this item until the last Board meeting in September. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman McLendon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

APPOINT ELECTION COMMISSIONER MEMBERS

Mayor Ferguson stated that this was thrown on me today.

Katie Harbin stated that the Board appoints them.

Alderman Brooks stated that she didn't recall asking people to do this in the past.

Alderman Higdon stated that we've always done this, every term.

Alderman Hobbs stated that it's hard to get people for this position.

Alderman Higdon stated that they aren't standing in line for it.

Alderman Miller stated that they didn't have any complaints or problems this last election.

Mayor Ferguson stated that we should give them the courtesy of asking them first, to see if they want to do this.

Katie Harbin stated she spoke with Mrs. Barnes earlier and Mrs. Barnes stated she would serve again. Mrs. Brooks did you speak with Mr. Bellflower.

Alderman Brooks stated that she did not get a hold of Mr. Bellflower.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Bryant to table this item until the recessed Board meeting on July 10, 2017 at 8am. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, and Alderman Brooks.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

**REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOST STREETS FOR THE WATER TOWER
FESTIVAL 10K ON OCTOBER 7, 2017**

Community and Economic Development Director Gia Matheny presented the information on the race. It will be the same route as previous years. This is the biggest fundraiser for our Excel by 5 Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Alderman Brooks asked how many did we have last year.

Gia Matheny answered about 300 racers, have over 400 racers and guests.

Alderman Hobbs stated that the Board has requested that we get the cost of the races before we approve anymore.

Mayor Ferguson answered that he hasn't seen them, today is his first day.

Police Chief Worsham stated that he did get the information together, I don't have them with me, but I did send them to Mr. Johnson. I will find it and get it to you.

Gia Matheny stated this race is in conjunction with the water tower festival, so there will already be some officers on duty for the festival.

Alderman Hobbs stated that he is not opposed to this race, but can we have the numbers before the next meeting.

Police Chief Worsham answered yes.

Wade Stark stated there is one street off of East Parkway, that is only one way in and one way out. People have had to sit there for an hour and half waiting to get out.

Mayor Ferguson stated that is something that I will look into in the future.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the request to temporarily close streets for the Water Tower Festival 10K on October 7, 2017. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

AUTHORIZE TO CHANGE HUNTER MEANS IN THE EMS DEPARTMENT FROM FULL TIME TO PART TIME

Alderman Miller asked if this is the same position we are trying to fill.

Fire Chief Jones answered yes.

Alderman Harris asked if this person will be replaced.

Fire Chief Jones answered yes.

Motion was duly made by Alderman McLendon and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to change Hunter Means in the EMS Department from full time to part time. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

DISCUSSION OF FIREWORKS

Mayor Ferguson stated that I have spoken to Gia Matheny and Dwayne Williams to see when would be the best time to reschedule the show.

Dwayne Williams suggested doing the Fireworks this Friday, the 7th, after speaking with pyro fire displays.

Kenny Stockton stated that the contract says you have 60 days to reschedule.

Alderman Higdon asked if there was a penalty if we didn't reschedule.

Alderwoman Brooks asked if we could move the show to Labor Day.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Harris and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to authorize Kenny Stockton to contact Pyro Fire Displays to see if we can extend the time frame to 65

days so that we could possible reschedule the show to Labor Day. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

**AUTHORIZE TO ADD MAYOR TOM FERGUSON AS AN AUTHORIZED SIGNER OF
PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECKS, AND REMOVE WILLIS "CHIP"
JOHNSON**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to authorize to add Mayor Tom Ferguson as an authorized signer of payroll and accounts payable checks and remove Willis "Chip" Johnson. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

**ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF HERNANDO CREDIT
CARD USERS (VISA)
ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF HERNANDO CREDIT
CARD USERS (VISA)**

BOARD MEMBER Higdon moved the adoption of the following Resolution and Order:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, THE GOVERNING BODY ("THE BOARD") OF THE CITY OF HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI FINDING IT NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE A CREDIT CARD FOR GOVERNMENTAL OR PROPRIETARY PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW: FINDING THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO ACQUIRE SUCH CREDIT CARD: FINDING THAT THE FIRST SECURITY BANK, HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI, HAS OFFERED TO ACQUIRE SUCH CREDIT CARD: FINDING THAT SUCH PROPOSAL IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE BORROWER AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK (THE "AUTHORIZED OFFICERS") TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary to acquire a credit card for purposes authorized by law and

WHEREAS, the Board does by these presents determine that it would be in the public interest to acquire a credit card; and

WHEREAS, the Board anticipates that it will not purchase more than \$10,000.00 in any month; and

WHEREAS, the First Security Bank of Hernando, Mississippi, has proposed to acquire said credit card with no annual fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Board hereby accepts the aforementioned proposal of First Security Bank pursuant to the terms and conditions thereto.

SECTION 2: The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for said credit card making the City of Hernando responsible for the payments charged on said credit card.

SECTION 3: The Board of Aldermen authorizes the following persons to use said credit cards:

Tom Ferguson	Mayor
Katie Harbin	City Clerk
Gary McElhannon	Public Works Superintendent
Hubert Jones	Fire Chief / EMS Director
Marshel Berry	Deputy Fire Chief
Scott Worsham	Police Chief
Shane Ellis	Assistant Police Chief
W.I. "Doc" Harris	Alderman
E. R. "Sonny" Bryant	Alderman
Andrew Miller	Alderman
Gary Higdon	Alderman
Michael McLendon	Alderman
Cathy Brooks	Alderwoman
Jeff Hobbs	Alderman
Jared Darby	Planning Director
Dewayne Williams	Parks and Recreation Director
Julie Harris	Human Resource Director
Gia Matheny	Director of Community and Economic Development
Daniel Carson	Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Dolly Brechin	Program Coordinator

BOARD MEMBER McLendon seconded the motion and after a full discussion, the same was put to vote with the following results:

Alderman Harris	Voted: "Aye"
Alderman Bryant	Voted: "Aye"
Alderman Miller	Voted: "Aye"
Alderman Higdon	Voted: "Aye"
Alderman McLendon	Voted: "Aye"
Alderwoman Brooks	Voted: "Aye"
Alderman Hobbs	Voted: "Aye"

The motion, having received an affirmative vote, was carried and the resolution adopted, this the - 5th day of July, 2017.

By: _____

Tom Ferguson
Mayor, City of Hernando

{Seal}

By: _____

Katie Harbin
City Clerk, City of Hernando

ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF HERNANDO CREDIT CARD USERS (MASTERCARD)

ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF HERNANDO CREDIT CARD USERS (MASTERCARD)

BOARD MEMBER Hobbs moved the adoption of the following Resolution and Order:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, THE GOVERNING BODY (“THE BOARD”) OF THE CITY OF HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI FINDING IT NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE A MASTERCARD FOR GOVERNMENTAL OR PROPRIETARY PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW: FINDING THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO ACQUIRE SUCH MASTERCARD: FINDING THAT THE FIRST SECURITIY BANK, HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI, HAS OFFERED TO ACQUIRE SUCH MASTERCARD: FINDING THAT SUCH PROPOSAL IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE BORROWER AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK (THE “AUTHORIZED OFFICERS”) TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary to acquire a MasterCard for purposes authorized by law and

WHEREAS, the Board does by these presents determine that it would be in the public interest to acquire a MasterCard; and

WHEREAS, the Board anticipates that it will not purchase more than \$10,000.00 in any month; and

WHEREAS, the First Security Bank of Hernando, Mississippi, has proposed to acquire said MasterCard with no annual fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Board hereby accepts the aforementioned proposal of First Security Bank pursuant to the terms and conditions thereto.

SECTION 2: The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for said MasterCard making the City of Hernando responsible for the payments charged on said MasterCard.

SECTION 3: The Board of Aldermen authorizes the following persons to use said MasterCard:

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| Tom Ferguson | Mayor |
| Katie Harbin | City Clerk |
| Julie Harris | Human Resource Manager |
| Dewayne Williams | Parks and Recreation Director |
| Daniel Carson | Assistant Parks and Recreation Director |

BOARD MEMBER Brooks seconded the motion and after a full discussion, the same was put to vote with the following results:

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| Alderman Harris | Voted: “Aye” |
| Alderman Bryant | Voted: “Aye” |
| Alderman Miller | Voted: “Aye” |
| Alderman Higdon | Voted: “Aye” |
| Alderman McLendon | Voted: “Aye” |

Alderwoman Brooks

Voted: "Aye"

Alderman Hobbs

Voted: "Aye"

The motion, having received an affirmative vote, was carried and the resolution adopted, this the 5th day of July, 2017.

By: _____

Tom Ferguson

Mayor, City of Hernando

{Seal}

By: _____

Katie Harbin

City Clerk, City of Hernando

AUTHORIZE TO DECLARE LAPTOP, AMP, AND TAPE RECORDER SURPLUS AND DISPOSE OF

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman McLendon to authorize to declare a laptop, amp, and tape recorder surplus and dispose of. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon Alderman McLendon, and Alderwoman Brooks.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of July, 2017.

RECESS

There being no further business at this time a motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to recess this meeting until July 10, 2017 at 8am.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

MAYOR TOM FERGUSON

ATTEST:

KATIE HARBIN, CITY CLERK

Mayor Ferguson asked if anyone in the public would like to speak.

Simon Weir asked if the public can know which Alderman requested to discuss the Mayor's salary.

Mayor Ferguson stated that was a Mr. Stockton question.

Kenny Stockton answered that it is not on the current agenda, it has been removed. There is no discussion of it.

Simon Weir asked if we could know who requested it on the other agenda.

Kenny Stockton answered yes, if the Board wants to discuss that.

Mayor Ferguson stated that he didn't know who requested that. That agenda was not his, that was the previous Mayor's agenda.

Simon Weir said he understood that, but he wanted to know what individual Alderman requested to discuss that.

Alderman McLendon stated that he had no idea.

Alderman Higdon stated that the Board discusses the salaries of everyone. The Board thought there was no discussion needed on the Mayor's salary, so it was removed. All salaries are discussed at budget time, we are about to go into budget time.

Ruby Walton asked if you discuss the salaries of the Mayor, why aren't all employee's salaries on the agenda.

Alderman Higdon answered that all salaries are discussed in the budget process, we are going into budget time, and we will discuss all of them. There is no discussion on there now, it's been removed.

Robin Cotten asked if he could hear the vote, of the agenda.

City Clerk Katie Harbin read the vote on the agenda to Mr. Cotton.