

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in recessed session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Tom Ferguson presiding. Aldermen present were: Alderman Harris, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderwoman Brooks and Alderman Hobbs. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Community and Economic Development Director Gia Matheny, City Planner Keith Briley, Police Chief Scott Worsham, Assistant Police Chief Shane Ellis, Deputy Fire Chief Marshal Berry, Human Resource Manager Julie Harris, Public Works Director Mikey Dyer, Court Clerk Cassaundra Perry, Park and Recreation Director Dewayne Williams, Carolyn Richards, Kelly Jacobs, and Pamela Hamner.

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Pledge of Allegiance

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### INVOCATION

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Alderman Harris gave the invocation.

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### AGENDA

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Agenda  
City of Hernando  
Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Recessed Meeting

September 9, 2020  
6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approve Agenda
- 5) Continuation of Public Hearing on the proposed budget fye 2021
- 6) Adjourn

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Harris to approve the agenda as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

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### CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 2021

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Mayor Ferguson went over the proposed budget, with the cuts and stated we can finance the capital improvements in the Fire, Police, Parks and Cemetery. For the cemetery we will use dirt from Renasant Park. Mayor Ferguson stated we added \$100,000 to the sales tax revenue and that puts \$51,000 in the general fund contingency fund.

Alderwoman Brooks asked if Mayor had the total of money we are borrowing.

Alderman Hobbs stated it looks like we are leaving a mess for the next administration.

Alderman Hobbs stated he wants a summary sheet, how much financing, interest rate, etc. I'd also like to see how it will affect our line of credit.

Alderman Miller stated each budget has overtime included, how did you figure out that number.

Police Chief Worsham stated ours is historical. Based on past years.

Alderman Miller stated I really want to consider OT with event approvals for the next year. Could the City be reimbursed for the cost? We need to get Kenny to look into if they can pay us for that.

Alderman Hobbs stated that is what I asked for before, when the committee got together.

Alderman Harris stated he has spent the last couple of days looking at OT. I think you can do a better job at managing it. This year had an additional \$73,000. We've spent \$516,000 in OT. I think we need to all look at this, it's a huge number. Please pay attention to that.

Alderman Higdon asked Alderman Harris if he was able to determine the OT cost associated with events.

Alderman Hobbs stated we also need to consider, I can look at every department, and see they are all understaffed. We've been very frugal. That's a big part of why there is a lot of OT.

Police Chief Worsham stated we will offer this up, we heard your concern last year. COVID hit us really hard, along with other things. We still have to have cops on the street. We offer to you to come back and see us. We have an OT report, they are to fill out for every 15 mins over. We are extremely understaffed. We have to do what we can to keep our men and women safe.

Alderman Harris stated I don't need to waste your time. My request is simple. Pay attention to it if you don't.

Alderman Miller stated that was the purpose of my questions.

Alderman Higdon asked won't we get a lot of that money back from COVID.

Mayor stated possibly, our clerk will be looking into that.

Alderman Miller stated we need to put some of the responsibility on department heads, not all on the clerks plate.

Pamela Hamner stated she'd like to speak about race relations. Mrs. Hamner stated the City is spending money on a parade.

Mayor Ferguson stated that has nothing to do with the budget.

Alderman Higdon stated we aren't talking about that, this is on the budget.

Pamela Hamner stated it was promoted on Facebook, Hernando Happenings that you were promoting a parade.

Mayor Ferguson stated the City is not affiliated with that.

Alderman Miller stated we put \$1,200,000 in streets but I'd like to see a road plan before the 15<sup>th</sup>. If not, I will ask it to be moved to contingency.

Alderman Hobbs stated we have that study that we can follow.

Mayor Ferguson stated we have it, but we haven't been able to follow it.

**ADJOURN**

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There being no further business at this time a motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Harris to adjourn.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

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MAYOR TOM FERGUSON

ATTEST:

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KATIE HARBIN, CITY CLERK