

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Tom Ferguson presiding. Aldermen present were: Alderman Harris (via phone), Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon (via phone), Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, City Attorney Kenneth Stockton, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Community and Economic Development Director Gia Matheny, Police Chief Scott Worsham, Assistant Police Chief Shane Ellis, Fire Chief Marshal Berry, Deputy Fire/EMS Chief Sam Witt, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Germany, Park and Recreation Director Dewayne Williams, Sibonie Swatzyna, Carolyn Richards, Sam Ellis, Bruce Robinson, Ryan Diffie, Natalie Lynch, Julie Hopkins, and Darrell Dixon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Alderman Higdon gave the invocation.

AGENDA

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

January 5, 2021

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approve Agenda
- 5) Approve Order dispensing with the Special Election, appointing Natalie Lynch as Alderwoman Ward 1
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 40088 - 40287
- 7) Approve Minutes from the regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting on December 15, 2020
- 8) Approve the Minutes from the special Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting on December 21, 2020
- 9) Consent Agenda
 - A) Authorize Preston Strickland and John Turner to attend the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pearl, MS, beginning on January 10, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
 - B) Authorize to accept a donation from The Community Foundation of Northwest MS in the amount of \$500.00 for the Young at Heart Program
 - C) Authorize to accept a donation from the Community Foundation of Northwest MS in the amount of \$500.00 for the Young at Heart Program

- D) Authorize to accept a donation from Merritt and Rose Powell in the amount of \$50.00 for the Hernando Animal Shelter Building in Memory of Alderman Sonny Bryant
 - E) Authorize to accept a donation from James and Robyn Cowan, The Hair Shoppe Girls, in the amount of \$100.00 for the Hernando Animal Shelter Building in Memory of Alderman Sonny Bryant
 - F) Authorize to accept a donation from Angie and Fletcher Couch in the amount of \$100.00 for the Hernando Animal Shelter Building in Memory of Alderman Sonny Bryant
 - G) Authorize to accept a donation from Timothy and Kristen Byrd in the amount of \$75.00 for the Hernando Animal Shelter Building in Memory of Alderman Sonny Bryant
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 - I) Authorize to accept a donation from Barbara and Joy Savage in the amount of \$100.00 for the Hernando Animal Shelter Building in Memory of Alderman Sonny Bryant
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 - M) Authorize to accept a donation from Gene and Heidi Hitt in the amount of \$50.00 for the Hernando Animal Shelter Building in Memory of Alderman Sonny Bryant
- 10) Request from the Desoto County Soil and Water Conservation to use the Gale Center for no charge on Wednesday January 13, 2021 for their Commissioner Meeting
- 11) Discussion of CARES money received
- 12) Approve Budget Amendment
- 13) Transfer Kirk Thompson from part time Police Officer to full time Police Officer (open position)
- 14) Authorize to hire Kedrick Merriweather as a full time Parks Employee, currently a Seasonal Employee, at \$10.50 per hour
- 15) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign the Consent to Assumption Agreement with Granicus for continued Website Services
- 16) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign an agreement with Premier Lawn and Turf to treat the athletic turf areas
- 17) Approve Utility Adjustment Docket
- 18) Adjourn

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of January, 2021.

**APPROVE ORDER DISPENSING WITH THE SPECIAL ELECTION, APPOINTING
NATALIE LYNCH AS ALDERWOMAN**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the Order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando, Mississippi Dispensing with the Special Election as Previously Set for January 19, 2021 and Appointing the Sole Qualifying Candidate, Natalie Lynch, as Alderwoman for Ward One (1) . A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: 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 January, 2020.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.’S 40088 - 40287

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 40088 – 40287 in the amount of \$1,220,317.81 for approval.

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

Those voting “Aye”: 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 January, 2021.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN MEETING ON DECEMBER 15, 2020**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting on December 15, 2020, as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of January, 2021.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN MEETING ON DECEMBER 21, 2020**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the minutes from the regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting on December 21, 2020, as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman McLendon, Alderman Harris, Alderman Miller and Alderman Higdon.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

Alderwoman Brooks and Alderman Hobbs abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of January, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Authorize Preston Strickland and John Turner to attend the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pearl, MS, beginning on January 10, 2021, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Harris to approve the consent agenda as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of January, 2021.

REQUEST FROM THE DESOTO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION TO USE THE GALE CENTER FOR NO CHARGE ON JANUARY 13, 2021 FOR THEIR COMMISSIONER MEETING

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to approve the request from the Desoto County Soil and Water Conservation to use the Gale Center for no charge on January 13, 2021 for their Commissioner Meeting. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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DISCUSSION OF CARES MONEY RECEIVED

Alderman Miller stated that there are two things to offer for consideration. HR provided what a 1%, 2% and 3% would be. I ask the Board to look at these and come back at the next meeting to see what you'd like done. For the new Board member to look at it also. I also asked for a history of the Department heads salaries. I would like to see a comparison within the City to see if Department Heads compare. Mayor, I ask you to bring this information back to the Board with a recommendation of what they should be. I think there are some disparities.

Alderman McLendon asked will we get CARES money here on out. CARES money will take care of this year, what about the next years.

Alderman Miller stated there is more money out there that can be used for what McLendon is talking about.

Mayor Ferguson stated we will review and answer any questions you have.

Alderman Harris stated the money we received; we can use it for salary increases.

Mayor Ferguson answered yes.

Alderman McLendon asked is there something in writing that states that.

Mayor Ferguson stated I'm sure it is on their website.

Alderman McLendon asked was this budgeted.

Alderman Higdon answered no.

Alderman Miller stated we didn't know we were going to get it.

APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

**ORDER AMENDING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Pursuant to Section 21-35-25 of the Mississippi Code 1972, Annotated, it is hereby ordered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando, DeSoto County, State of Mississippi, that the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, be amended and approved to wit:

General Fund

Miscellaneous	\$664,500.00	\$330,015.84	\$994,515.84
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BE IT ORDERED, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021, for the City of Hernando, Mississippi be amended in the following respects:

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that these amendments are necessary in the following funds:

General Fund – received MEMA CARES Act money

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the foregoing budget amendments shall be published one (1) time as required by law in the DeSoto Times Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in said city, fully qualified under the provisions of Chapter 497, General Laws of Mississippi, if amendment meets the requirements to be published.

Each amendment having been presented separately and as a whole, motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon seconded by Alderman Miller to adopt the foregoing resolution amending the budget of the City of Hernando. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of January 2021.

Tom Ferguson, Mayor

Attest:

Katie Harbin, City Clerk

TRANSFER KIRK THOMPSON FROM PART TIME POLICE OFFICER TO FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to move Kirk Thompson from part time to full time Police Officer, following the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, based on the recommendation of the Police Chief. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": 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 January, 2021.

AUTHORIZE TO HIRE KEDRICK MERRIWEATHER AS A FULL TIME PARKS EMPLOYEE, CURRENTLY A SEASONAL EMPLOYEE, AT \$10.50 PER HOUR

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize to hire Kedrick Merriweather as a full time Parks Employee at a rate of \$10.50 per hour, following the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, based on the recommendation of the Police Chief, pending drug and background screening results. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": 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 January, 2021.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN THE CONSENT TO ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT WITH GRANICUS FOR CONTINUED WEBSITE SERVICES

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign the consent to Assumption Agreement with Granicus for Continued Website Services. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of January, 2021.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER
LAWN AND TURF TO TREAT THE ATHLETIC TURF AREAS**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign an agreement with Premier Lawn and Turf to treat the Athletic Turf areas. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of January, 2021.

APPROVE UTILITY ADJUSTMENT DOCKET

Utility Bill Adjustment Docket

1/5/2021

The addresses listed below experienced a leak and did not receive the benefit of receiving water service.

	House #	Street	Adjusted Amount	Reason for Leak Adjustment
1	3781	Byhalia Rd	47.40	broken elbow coming out of meter to house
2	3074	Cleveland Rd	119.20	crack in pvc by water meter
3				

WATER LEAK REPAIR VERIFICATION
 City of Hernando Water and Sewer Department
 475 West Commerce Street, Hernando, MS 38632
 662-429-9092

Customer Information (please print)
 Name as it appears on bill: Mike Mooneyham
 Service address: 3231 Bayshore Rd
 Daytime phone number (): 901-550-5963
 Do you rent the property at this address? No If yes, the property owner or manager must complete the remainder of this form.

REPAIR INFORMATION (please print)
 Property owner or managers name: Mike Mooneyham Date of repair: 11/25/20
 Daytime phone number (): 901-550-5963
 Type of repair and location of property: Backer above coming out of meter to house

Documentation and property owner's or manager's signature
 Attach plumbing bill or receipts for repair parts. Sorry, no adjustments will be considered without this/these document(s). No Documentation - Lee Gentry provided PVC elbow of size neighbor had 1" PVC elbow
 By signing below, I certify that the information providing regarding this repair is correct. I understand that providing fraudulent information with the intent of lowering a utility bill may be punishable by applicable law. Took place at 7PM - pictures attached

I hereby grant permission to the City of Hernando Water and Sewer Department personnel to come onto my property to verify the repair of an outdoor leak.

I certify that I am the owner or rental property manager of the property located at this service address.

Signature: Mike Mooneyham

For Office use only

Account Number: 04-1721850 Billing period ending: 12-31-20
 High month usage: 24 minus 6 month average: 12 Amount of Adjustment: 12
\$ 47.40

[Handwritten Signature]

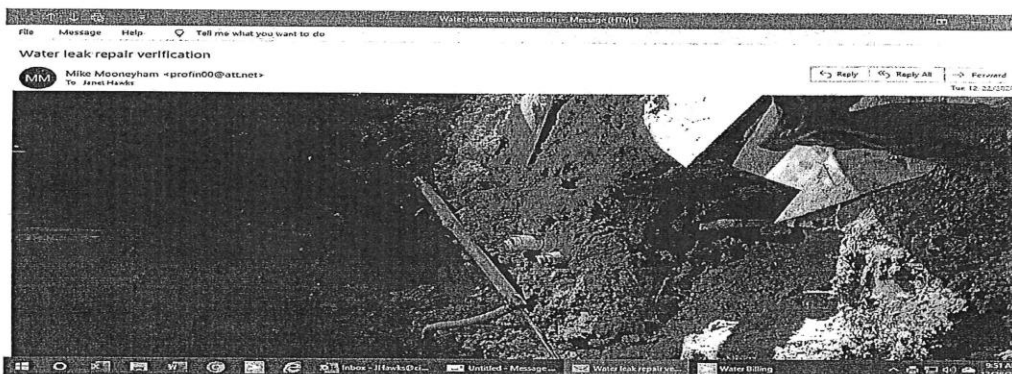
Janet Hawks

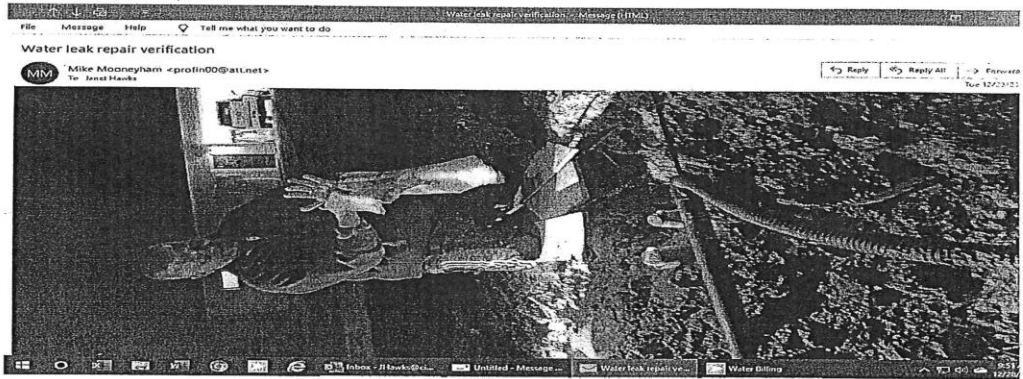
From: Mike Mooneyham <profin00@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 7:24 AM
To: Janet Hawks
Subject: Water leak repair verification

Mrs. Janet,

Below are pictures that Lee had told me to take. There are no receipts because we did not have to purchase anything. If you can't process this because of that, I understand. Lee was there throughout the process for verification. Thank you for your help.

Mike Mooneyham
901-550-5963





Account Maintenance

Account: 04-1721830 Name: MOONEYHAM, MIKE

General Services Deposits Back Flow Notes Work Orders History Attachments

Billing History Payment History

Period	Chgs	Previous Balance	Payment	Arrears	Current Net	Amount Due
12/31/2020	30	84	108	24	100.73	
11/30/2020	30	78	84	6	30.04	
10/31/2020	30	71	76	7	30.00	
09/30/2020	30	57	71	18	74.35	
08/31/2020	30	37	57	16	66.45	
07/31/2020	30	27	37	10	42.75	
06/30/2020	30	16	27	11	46.70	
05/31/2020	30	9	16	7	30.00	
04/30/2020	30	9	9	9	18.00	
03/31/2020	30	9	9	9	17.60	
02/28/2020	30	9	9	9	18.70	
01/31/2020	36	3	9	6	28.65	
12/31/2019	30	1	3	2	16.00	

Print for the Period: 12/28/2020 Thru 12/28/2020

Last Update: 06/13/2019 13:59:46 User: ECHSVC/JHawks

Print Old History Report

Avg 12

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 24 \\
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 12 \times 3.95 = 47.40
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WATER LEAK REPAIR VERIFICATION
City of Hernando Utility Department
475 W Commerce St
Hernando, MS 38632
662-429-9092

Names as it appears on bill DEMMIS ROZIER
Service Address 3074 CLEVELAND RD.
Phone Number (901) 304 4082
Customer Account# _____
Do you rent the property at this address? NO If yes the property owner or manager must completed the remainder of this form.
Property owner or manager Name & Phone # DEMMIS ROZIER
Date of Repair 12/10/2020
Repaired by DEMMIS ROZIER
Explanation & Location of Leak CRACK IN PVC BY WATER METER

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL THE STATEMENTS BELOW BEFORE SIGNING.

APPLYING FOR A LEAK ADJUSTMENT DOES NOT PREVENT YOUR SERVICES FROM BEING DISCONNECTED. You are still responsible for paying your bill as normal. You will be contacted by the office once the adjustment is complete.

I have attached a receipt for the repairs with the leak adjustment form. (The receipt must show the leak was outside.)

I understand that the leak adjustment must be approved by the board. If it is not approved by the board, I will be responsible for the balance.

I understand that I am only eligible for one leak adjustment per 12 months. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

Customer Signature Demmis Rozier Date 12/1/20

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Account Number 06-3311291 Billing Period Ending 12/31/20

High month usage 33 minus 6 month average 1 = Amount of Adjustment 32

\$ 119.20 Credit

Complete Home Center
32 East Commerce Street
Hernando MS 38632
662-429-0400

12/10/2020 2:56 PM

BRANCH	1000	INVOICE
CASHIER	RSG	2012-170414
ACCOUNT	CASH	
JOB	0	
NAME	CASH SALES	
6495083	017252-144 TEFLON TAPE 3/	
1	EACH 0	2.99EACH 2.99
6150999	30310 PVC FEMALE ADAPTER	
1	EACH 0	0.99EACH 0.99
6180848	30477 PVC MALE ADAPTER 1K	
1	EACH 0	1.39EACH 1.39
6151401	E30110 PVC COUPLING 1IN	
1	EACH 0	0.69EACH 0.69
6150643	30407 PVC MALE ADAPTER 3/	
1	EACH 0	0.59EACH 0.59
9197005	300107 1K20 SCH 40 PVC FI	
1	FOOT 0	0.67FOOT 0.67
9198999	300077 3/4K20 SCH 40 PVC	
1	FOOT 0	0.59FOOT 0.59
6351522	30890 PVC WET/DRY CEMENT	
1	EACH 0	4.29EACH 4.29
SUBTOTAL		12.20
SALES TAX 1 7.00%		0.85
TOTAL		13.05
AMOUNT PAID		20.10
CHARGE DUE		7.05

Thank you for your business!

PAYMENT METHOD[S]
CASH 13.05



Account: 00-3311291
Name: BROZIER, DENNIS

Period	Code	Previous Reading	Present Reading	Consumption	Amount Due
12/31/2020	30	449	482	33	135.20
11/30/2020	30	448	449	1	16.00
10/31/2020	30	447	448	1	17.00
09/30/2020	30	446	447	1	17.00
08/31/2020	30	445	446	1	17.00
07/31/2020	30	444	445	1	17.00
06/30/2020	30	443	444	1	17.00
05/31/2020	30	442	443	1	17.00
04/30/2020	30	441	442	1	17.00
03/31/2020	30	440	441	1	17.00
02/28/2020	30	440	440	1	16.00
01/31/2020	30	438	440	2	17.00
12/31/2019	30	437	438	1	16.00

Print for the Period: 12/29/2020 - 12/29/2020

Last Update: 03/20/2019 11:56:05 User: HPC1WASTFLER

135.20
- 16.00

119.20 credit

Motion was duly made by Alderman Harris and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the Utility Bill Adjustment Docket, finding that the customers had a leak and did not receive the benefit of receiving the water services, also request that the water leak repair verification form and attached documents are put in the minutes. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of January, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CAP LOAN FOR THE AWG PROJECT

Mayor Ferguson asked if anyone was present for the Public Hearing on the CAP Loan for the AWG Project.

Darrell Dixon stated he was present if anyone had any questions for him.

ADJOURN

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

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

MAYOR TOM FERGUSON

ATTEST:

KATIE HARBIN, CITY CLERK