

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Assistant Police Chief Shane Ellis, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Planning Director Jared Darby, Community Director Gia Matheny, Athletic Director Daniel Carson, Human Resources Manager Julie Harris, Henry Bailey, Merlina Hansen, Reba Wright, Harold Hansen, Chris Griffith, Wesley Callahan, Amy Brown, Chris Brown, Treanna Powell, John Tingle, Amanda Cunningham, Barry Robertson, Jerlean Baker, Ricky Robertson, Carla Robertson, Bernice Yancy, Lakia Yancy, Edison Robertson Sr., Ricky Robertson, and Alvin Robertson.

INVOCATION

Alderman Miller gave the invocation.

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

September 20, 2016

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 114690 – 114916 less 114703, 114730 – 114734, 114825, and 114826
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 114703, 114825, and 114826
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Bryant) 114730 - 114734
- 7) Approve Minutes
- 8) Consent Agenda
 - A) Authorize a step increase for Dispatcher Sandra Holliman from \$18.00 per hour to D4 at \$18.19 per hour
 - B) Authorize a step increase for Dispatcher Melissa Laughter from \$17.47 per hour to a D4 at \$18.19 per hour
 - C) Authorize a step increase for Dispatcher April Renfroe from \$17.98 per hour to a D4 at \$18.19 per hour
 - D) Authorize to give Michael Dyer in the Brush Department a 90 day performance raise \$1.00 per hour
 - E) Set Public hearing for October 18, 2016 for Public, Safety and Welfare concerning parcel 308613001 0012400. The property is comprised of 2.86 acres and is zoned C-2 ,Highway Commercial, The one structure on the property is a commercial strip center is currently registered to a Donald Breshears
- 9) Proclamation in honor of Ricky Robertson
- 10) Approve the Audit fye 2015
- 11) Discussion with Amy Brown about traffic in the historic district (elm street)

- 12) Authorize to accept the DUI enforcement grant from the MS Office of Highway Safety FY17
- 13) Authorize to advertise for financing bids for the purchase of the FY17 approved police vehicles for a total cost of \$360,000
- 14) Approve proposal for Concessions at the baseball fields and soccer complex
- 15) Adopt Resolution finally granting North American Electric, Inc. exemption from ad valorem taxation
- 16) Approve PM Environmental as the Environmental Engineering Firm for the EPA Brownfields grant
- 17) Approve budget amendments fye 2016
- 18) Adjourn

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 114690 – 114916 LESS 114703, 114730 – 114734, 114825, AND 114826

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 114690 – 114916 less 114703, 114730 – 114734, 114825, and 114826 in the amount of \$1,398,424.59 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, 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 Lauderdale.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 114703, 114825, AND 114826 (LAUDERDALE)

Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 114703, 114825, and 114826 in the amount of \$211,358.97 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Higdon 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 Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 114730 – 114734 (BRYANT)

Alderman Bryant recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 114730 - 114734 in the amount of \$1,217.25 for approval.

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Motion was duly made by Alderman McLendon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on September 6, 2016 as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (after removing item F). A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF RICKY ROBERTSON

Mayor Johnson introduced Ricky Robertson and read the proclamation naming September 20, 2016 Ricky Robertson day in the City of Hernando.



Whereas, Ricky Robertson, a graduate of Hernando High School, was the 2008 #1 rated High School jumper and All-American in Track and Field.

Whereas, Ricky Robertson, in 2009 was US Junior National High Jump Champion and Mississippi State Champion in the high jump his junior and senior year

Whereas, Ricky Robertson, earned all Southeastern Conference honors fifteen times and was named 2014 SEC Outdoor Men's Field Athlete of the Year

Whereas, Ricky Robertson, made Indoor USA Team after clearing the world Indoor standard and placing fourth at 2016 USA Indoor track and Field Championships in the high jump

Whereas, Ricky Robertson, made Team USA at 2016 Olympic Trials in the high jump clearing 7 ft. 4 1/2

Whereas, Ricky Robertson, made his Olympic debut at the 2016 Olympics placing 17th out of 44 jumpers

Now, Therefore, I, Chip Johnson, Mayor of the City of Hernando, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 28, 2016 as

Ricky Robertson Day

In the City of Hernando urge citizens of all ages to celebrate his accomplishments

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of September, 2016.

Chip Johnson, Mayor

APPROVE AUDIT FYE 2015

Chris Griffith presented the information on the 2015 Audit.

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the audit report fye 2015. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

**DISCUSSION WITH AMY BROWN ABOUT TRAFFIC IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT
(ELM STREET)**

Amy Brown presented her request to the Board. Mrs. Brown spoke about the traffic on Elm Street and how people use it as a cut through street, and the speeding issues on that street. Mrs. Brown explained how Elm Street is in a historic district, and is not wide enough for stripping. That it needs more patrolling. Mrs. Brown picks up a bunch of litter from the street, most of which is alcoholic beverage containers. Mrs. Brown stated that she is requesting traffic calming measures, she has spoken to over a dozen of neighbors and they all agree that something needs to be done. Mrs. Brown also stated how Robertson needs to be stripped on the West side for pedestrian and bike lanes. Elm Street needs to be made a one way, put in a speed hump, a speed table or a choker. We also need increased patrolling. A less desirable and more expensive option is sidewalks or a traffic study. Mrs. Brown stated that they are begging for some help to make their neighborhood more pedestrian and bike friendly.

Alderman McLendon asked what day would be best to do a traffic study?

Amy Brown answered that any day Monday through Friday during peak hours would be good.

Chris Brown stated that Amy threw out a lot of ideas, we really just need some help, something inexpensive.

Alderman McLendon asked what the alternate South route would be.

Amy Brown answered she wasn't sure.

Alderman McLendon stated that we need a traffic study for Elm and Valley Streets.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Browns for the information and for raising the awareness of the issues. Mr. Johnson stated that he plans to get with Jared Darby to find the best and inexpensive option.

Mr. Ballard stated that it is a matter of time before someone gets hurt. People are out walking early, drivers are topping the hill really fast. It's dangerous.

Alderman McLendon asked when the streets were paved.

Mayor Johnson answered maybe in the 1950s.

AUTHORIZE TO ACCEPT THE DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM THE MS OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY FY17

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to accept the DUI Enforcement Grant from the MS Office of Highway Safety FY2017, also authorizing the Mayor to sign necessary paperwork. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR FINANCING FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FY17 APPROVED POLICE VEHICLES FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$360,000

Alderman Miller asked what kind were we looking at.

Assistant Police Chief Ellis answered that they are looking at the chargers. Chevy is too expensive and the Ford's have had a lot of maintenance problems. If it wasn't for the deductible it would cost us a ton right now. The state contracts do not come out until October 1st, we are waiting on that to make a decision.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize to advertise for financing for the purchase of the FY17 approved police vehicles for a total cost of \$360,000. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR CONCESSIONS AT THE BASEBALL FIELDS AND SOCCER COMPLEX

Daniel Carson presented the quote information.

Alderman McLendon asked how long has baseball been going this season.

Daniel Carson answered since August.

Kenny Stockton stated that if it is a food truck we have a problem with that. We don't allow that in the City.

Daniel Carson asked if it would matter for baseball since it is in the county.

Kenny Stockton answered that he would have to look into that, but he doesn't think we should.

Alderman McLendon asked if there was a water fountain at the baseball complex.

Alderman Miller answered no. That is a capital improvement we can't do.

Mayor Johnson stated that we were also exploring using a generator to operate at the soccer complex. They would use the concession stand at the baseball fields.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the quote from StarMar's Concessions to provide concession services at the soccer complex and the baseball/softball fields. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

**ADOPT RESOLUTION FINALLY GRANTING NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC, INC.
EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION**

**A RESOLUTION FINALLY GRANTING
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC, INC.
EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION**

WHEREAS, heretofore NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC INC., filed in triplicate its application for exemption from ad valorem taxation as provided by Section 27-31-101, et seq. Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted at the May 17, 2016 meeting of this Board, the application was approved for a period of ten (10) years for real property beginning on January 1, 2016, for exemption from ad valorem taxation for Application, except Library Fund, Park Fund, G O Bond Fund, State, School District and Road and Bridge ad valorem taxation. That the Application and a certified copy of the resolution was forwarded to the Mississippi State Tax Commission all property described in said application; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2016, the Mississippi State Tax Commission approved the application for exemption for a period of ten (10) years for real property in the amount of \$1,683,065 beginning the date of completion as stated on the application beginning January 1, 2016.

WHEREAS, a certified copy of the aforesaid State Tax Commission's approval has been received by the City of Hernando Board of Aldermen, DeSoto County, Mississippi and is attached to this resolution and made a part of this resolution by reference thereto:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC INC., is hereby granted an exemption from Ad Valorem taxation for a period of ten (10) years for real property in the amount of \$1,683,065. Total amount of property exempted is \$1,683,065 as described in said Application except Library Fund, Park Fund, G O Bond Fund, State, School District and Road and Bridge ad valorem taxation, for a period beginning on January 1, 2013, which are used in, or necessary to, the operation of applicants factory in the City of Hernando, DeSoto County, Mississippi.

Section 2. That a copy of the approval of the Mississippi State Tax Commission shall be recorded in the Minutes of this Board following the resolution.

Section 3. That the Clerk shall transmit a copy of the application together with a certified copy of the resolution adopted at the May 17, 2016 meeting of this Board and a certified copy of this resolution granting the exemption to the State Audit of Public Accounts of the State of Mississippi and the Chairman of the State Tax Commission.

Section 4. That a certified copy of this Order and a copy of the application shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk in a book kept in the Clerk's office for that purpose.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman McLendon to adopt the foregoing Resolution. The following vote was taken on this action.

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE, this the 20th day of September, 2016.

Chip Johnson, Mayor
City of Hernando

Attest:

Katie Harbin, City Clerk
City of Hernando

**APPROVE PM ENVIRONMENTAL AS THE ENVIRONMENT ENGINEERING FIRM FOR
THE EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANT**

Gia Matheny presented the information on the Statement of Qualifications received and recommended PM Environmental.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman McLendon to approve PM Environmental as the Environment Engineering Firm for the EPA Brownfields grant. 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 Lauderdale.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016

APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FYE 2016**ORDER AMENDING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016, be amended and approved to wit:

	<u>PRIOR BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>NEW BUDGET</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS</u>			
EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$18,150.00	\$500.00	\$17,650.00
GENERAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$3,450.00	\$500.00	\$3,950.00
PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPLIES	\$143,433.00	\$1,000.00	\$144,433.00
PUBLIC SAFETY OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	\$252,400.00	\$12,000.00	\$264,400.00
AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	\$50,500.00	\$2,400.00	\$48,100.00
AMBULANCE OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	\$54,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$56,600.00
FIRE SUPPLIES	\$87,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$82,000.00
FIRE OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	\$156,800.00	\$5,500.00	\$162,300.00
HEALTH & WELFARE SUPPLIES	\$10,200.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,200.00
HEALTH & WELFARE OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	\$24,200.00	\$9,000.00	\$15,200.00
<u>PARKS FUND</u>			
EXPENDITURES			
SUPPLIES	\$115,365.00	\$11,245.00	\$104,120.00
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$183,230.00	\$7,406.00	\$190,636.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$7,200.00	\$3,839.00	\$11,039.00
<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>			
EXPENDITURES			
GEN OBL BOND EXPENSES	\$916,689.00	\$69,717.00	\$986,406.00
<u>GENERAL OBLIG. DEBT CONTRUCTION FUND</u>			
REVENUE			
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00	\$5,270,384.58	\$5,270,384.58
EXPENDITURES			
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$0.00	\$120,897.00	\$120,897.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0.00	\$4,911,798.94	\$4,911,798.94

BE IT ORDERED, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2016, 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 – We had to decrease and increase some expenses for professional services, outside consulting, repairs to equipment, repairs to police vehicles, repairs to the police building, and supplies.

Parks Fund – We had to decrease and increase some expenses to cover for more player supplies, soccer goals, tools, umpire training and a sign.

Debt Service Fund – We had to increase expenses for the \$500,000 loan principal and interest payment.

General Oblig. Debt Construction Fund – We had to increase revenue and expense for the Hampton TIF, and the \$4.5M Bond issue we received and the projects it will cover.

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 Hobbs, 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 Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 20th day of September, 2016.

Chip Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Katie Harbin, City Clerk

ADJOURN

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

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

MAYOR CHIP JOHNSON

ATTEST:

KATIE HARBIN, CITY CLERK