

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Sam Lauderdale, 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, Assistant Police Chief Shane Ellis, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Planning Director Jared Darby, Community Director Gia Matheny, Parks Director Dewayne Williams, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Court Clerk Cassaundra Perry, Judge Nowak, Human Resources Director Julie Harris, Emily Harris, Henry Bailey, Jennifer Borden, Pam Whitfield, John Tingle, Paul Whitfield, Scott Sartor, Bobby McRee, Cindy Parolli, Arlie Walters, Rosanette Hensley, Leslie Bierman, and Dale Bellflower.

INVOCATION

Alderman Higdon gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

September 15, 2015

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 109528 – 109707 less 109536, 109537, 109561 – 109564, and 109622 - 109624
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 109536 and 109622 - 109624
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Bryant) 109561 - 109564
- 7) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 109537
- 8) Approve Minutes
- 9) Consent Agenda
 - A) Authorize Mayor Johnson to attend the Mississippi Main Street Association Board of Directors Planning Retreat in Starkville October 7-9, 2015 and pay travel expenses.
- 10) Request to close streets for the Water Tower 10K race
- 11) Authorize to hire Gerald Brooks as a CDL Driver in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$12.50 per hour
- 12) Authorize to hire Holt Hancock in the Parks Department as a seasonal employee with at a rate of \$8.00 per hour
- 13) Authorize to hire Jennifer Borden as a Deputy Court Clerk at a rate of \$12.50 per hour

- 14) Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign the Easement and Construction Agreement with MDOT for the signalization synchronization project on Commerce Street
- 15) Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a lease with Bill Lee for the property on Holly Springs
- 16) Authorize to issue a check for the McCooks easement for the Safe Routes to School project in the amount of \$1,100.00
- 17) Authorize to accept the lowest and best quote bid for the tax anticipation loan from Guaranty Bank at a rate of 1.15%
- 18) Adopt the Resolution of the City of Hernando Mississippi for approval and authorization to enter into a Tax Anticipation loan in the total amount of One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00)
- 19) Approve Budget fye 2016
- 20) Discussion and authorize Joe Lauderdale to begin engineering the Green-T sewer project and to look for the best method of funding
- 21) Adjourn

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Bryant 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 15th day of September, 2015.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 109528 – 109707 LESS 109536, 109537, 109561 – 109564, AND 109622 - 109624

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 109528 – 109707 less 109536, 109537, 109561 – 109564, and 109622 - 109624, in the amount of \$1,077,859.61 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant, 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 Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15th day of September, 2015

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 109536 AND 109622 - 109624 (LAUDERDALE)

Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 109536 and 109622 - 109624 in the amount of \$216,097.57 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 Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15th day of September, 2015

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 109561 - 109564 (BRYANT)

Alderman Bryant recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 109561 - 109564 in the amount of \$891.73 for approval.

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15th day of September, 2015

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 109537 (MILLER)

Alderman Miller recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 109537 in the amount of \$35,454.94 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 Bryant, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15th day of September, 2015

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on September 1, 2015 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 15th day of September, 2015

CONSENT AGENDA

A) Authorize Mayor Johnson to attend the Mississippi Main Street Association Board of Directors Planning Retreat in Starkville October 7-9, 2015 and pay travel expenses

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15th day of September, 2015

REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS FOR THE WATER TOWER 10K RACE

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve to close streets for the Water Tower 10K race. 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 15th day of September, 2015

AUTHORIZE TO HIRE GERALD BROOKS AS A CDL DRIVER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT A RATE OF \$12.50 PER HOUR

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize to hire Gerald Brooks as a CDL Driver in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$12.50 per hour to fill an existing position, based on the Personnel Committee's recommendation, following the recommendation of the Public Works Director. 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 15th day of September, 2015

AUTHORIZE TO HIRE HOLT HANCOCK IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AS A SEASONAL EMPLOYEE AT A RATE OF \$8.00 PER HOUR

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize to hire Holt Hancock in the Parks Department as a seasonal employee at a rate of \$8.00 per hour, based on the Personnel Committee's recommendation, following the Parks Director's recommendation. 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 15th day of September, 2015

AUTHORIZE TO HIRE JENNIFER BORDEN AS A DEPUTY COURT CLERK AT A RATE OF \$12.50 PER HOUR

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize to hire Jennifer Borden as a Deputy Court Clerk at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, based the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, following the Court Clerks recommendation. 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 15th day of September, 2015

AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON TO SIGN THE EASEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH MDOT FOR THE SIGNALIZATION SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT ON COMMERCE STREET

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign the Easement and Construction agreement with MDOT for the signalization synchronization project on Commerce Street. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15th day of September, 2015

AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON TO SIGN A LEASE WITH BILL LEE FOR THE PROPERTY ON HOLLY SPRINGS RD

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a lease with Bill Lee for the property on Holly Springs Rd. 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 15th day of September, 2015

AUTHORIZE TO ISSUE A CHECK FOR THE MCCOOKS EASEMENT FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,100.00

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman McLendon to authorize to issue a check for the McCooks Easement for the Safe Routes to School project in the amount of \$1,100.00. 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 15th day of September, 2015

AUTHORIZE TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE BID FOR THE TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN FROM GUARANTY BANK AT A RATE OF 1.15%

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to authorize to accept the lowest and best quote bid for the Tax Anticipation loan from Guaranty Bank at a rate of 1.15%. 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 15th day of September, 2015

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HERNANDO MISSISSIPPI FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,400,000.00)

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to adopt the Resolution of the City of Hernando Mississippi for approval and authorization to enter into a tax anticipation loan in the total amount of one million four hundred dollars (\$1,400,000.00). 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 15th day of September, 2015

APPROVE THE BUDGET FYE 2016

Alderman Miller stated that he wants to look at the salary increase, it is 2%. Alderman Miller proposed that the Mayor received that 2% raise also, we could take it away from the bond money, or wherever possible.

Alderman Higdon stated that he prefers to not take it from contingency.

Mayor Johnson asked about the ambulance charge, if the Board was ok with removing that amount. The Board answered "yes" unanimously.

Alderman Bryant asked how much was in overlays

Mayor Johnson answered \$150,000.00

Alderman Miller asked how much would the Mayor's raise be

Alderman Bryant stated around \$1,600.00

Alderman Lauderdale stated that he does not want to raise the soccer fees

Alderman Hobbs asked why

Alderman Lauderdale answered that because the soccer group has raised money and they have worked hard to improve the parks.

Alderman Hobbs asked if it was legal to give money to the youth football association.

Kenny Stockton answered that it wasn't legal; unless the Board made a finding that this is a social community group, that it would benefit the city, and he doesn't think that would work. Mr. Stockton stated that the city could purchase a sign or something like that.

Alderman Hobbs asked if there is a way we could donate to them like we did baseball.

Kenny Stockton answered no, that is a different situation.

Alderman Miller stated that we can do it, but it would have to come out of Tourism and not general.

Kenny Stockton agreed.

An audience member asked what the proposed budget is for Parks.

Mayor Johnson answered it is a total of \$689,000.00

An audience member asked what it was last year.

Mayor Johnson answered it was a total of \$665,000.00

An audience member stated that the I69 interchange is a very important deal, it will bring in a lot of money to our community, that we need.

Alderman McLendon asked what the chance of Hernando getting that exit was.

Mayor Johnson answered 98%.

Alderman McLendon asked how many raises has the Mayor gotten.

Mayor Johnson answered that he has gotten one every year the employees have gotten one and one merit raise.

An audience member asked who maintained the tunnel by the schools.

Mayor Johnson answered the Road Department.

An audience member stated that there is a lot of standing water there.

Mayor Johnson stated that Joe Frank has looked at that, we can look at adding that repair to the street overlays.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to accept the proposed budget with the following changes:

- Taking \$10,000 from ambulance repairs
- Taking \$5,000 from admin contributions
- Taking \$1,000 from ambulance travel
- Taking \$1,000 from Ambulance education and seminars
- Taking \$1,600 from insurance in planning personnel
- Adding the \$18,600 to street overlays

Alderman Miller asked if that motion included a raise for the Mayor.

Alderman Lauderdale answered No.

A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman McLendon, and Alderwoman Brooks.

That motion did not pass.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to accept the proposed budget with the following changes:

- Taking \$10,000 from ambulance repairs
- Taking \$5,000 from admin contributions
- Taking \$1,000 from ambulance travel
- Taking \$1,000 from Ambulance education and seminars
- Taking \$1,600 from insurance in planning personnel
- Adding the \$18,600 to street overlays
- Adding a 2% raise to the Mayors salary

A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Higdon, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15th day of September, 2015

**DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZE JOE FRANK LAUDERDALE TO BEGIN
ENGINEERING THE GREEN T SEWER PROJECT AND TO LOOK FOR THE BEST
METHOD OF FUNDING**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize Joe Frank Lauderdale to begin engineering the Green T Sewer project and to look for the best method of funding. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15th day of September, 2015

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