

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Sam Lauderdale, Sonny Bryant, Andrew Miller, Gary Higdon, Michael McLendon, Cathy Brooks, and Jeff Hobbs. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, Planning Director Jared Darby, Police Chief Mike Riley, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Gia Matheny, Daniel Carson, Dewayne Williams, Edward Pidgeon, Henry Bailey, Corey Treadway, Donna Sularin, Scott Sartor, Ty Owen, Victoria Penny, and Robert Long. Alderman Miller arrived late.

INVOCATION

Alderman Higdon gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

February 4, 2014

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 102058 – 102219 less 102081, 102082 and 102163
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 102081 and 102163
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 102082
- 7) Approve Minutes
- 8) Consent Agenda
 - A) Authorize Katie Harbin to attend the 68th Annual International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference in Milwaukee, WI on May 18-22, 2014, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
 - B) Authorize Mayor, Board of Aldermen and Gia Matheny to attend the Carl Small Town Center's Design for Public Officials Conference on March 24, 2014 in Oxford, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
 - C) Authorize Mayor, Aldermen, or city employees to attend meetings that will be rescheduled due to the canceled MML conference, and authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
 - D) Authorize Jared Darby to attend the National APA Conference in Atlanta, GA on April 25th – May 1st, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
- 9) Approve request from Corey Treadway to temporarily close Panola Street for wedding reception
- 10) Request from Through The Roof Pediatric Therapy to temporarily close streets on November 8, 2014, for 5k (Longview Point Route)

- 11) Authorize to hire James Jones in the Public Works Department as a CDL driver / mechanic
- 12) Authorize Mayor Johnson, the Chief LPA Official, to request activation of the Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Project resurfacing of West Commerce in accordance with the LPA manual
- 13) Authorize Mayor Johnson, the Chief LPA Official, to request activation of the Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Project resurfacing of Nesbit Road in accordance with the LPA manual
- 14) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Service agreement with Gloria Oakley (part of our existing HEAL program)
- 15) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Service agreement with Angie Mahoney (part of our existing HEAL program)
- 16) Consideration of petitioning the state legislature for the authority to assess “Penny for the Parks” (McLendon)
- 17) Adopt the Section 3 Plan Resolution for City of Hernando, the Hernando, Mississippi Affirmative Marketing Policies and the Procedures Home Program, and Grantee Section 3 Action Plan all for the 2014 HOME program
- 18) Adopt Ordinance setting new water and sewer rates
- 19) Adopt Ordinance setting new sanitation rates
- 20) Executive session for possible litigation
- 21) Adjourn

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks 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 4th day of February, 2014.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.’S 102058 – 102219 LESS 102081, 102082, AND 102163

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 102058 – 102219 less 102081, 102082, and 102163 in the amount of \$1,059,680.84 for approval.

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

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 102081 AND 102163 (LAUDERDALE)

Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.102081 and 102163 in the amount of \$212,006.04 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 Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 102082 (MILLER)

Alderman Miller recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.102082 in the amount of \$36,568.64 for approval.

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2014

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on January 21, 2014 as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

Alderman Lauderdale abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Authorize Katie Harbin to attend the 68th Annual International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference in Milwaukee, WI on May 18-22, 2014, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
- B) Authorize Mayor, Board of Aldermen and Gia Matheny to attend the Carl Small Town Center's Design for Public Officials Conference on March 24, 2014 in Oxford, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
- C) Authorize Mayor, Aldermen, or city employees to attend meetings that will be rescheduled due to the canceled MML conference, and authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
- D) Authorize Jared Darby to attend the National APA Conference in Atlanta, GA on April 25th – May 1st, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the consent agenda. 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 4th day of February, 2014

**APPROVE REQUEST FROM COREY TREADWAY TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE
PANOLA STREET FOR WEDDING RECEPTION**

Motion was duly made by Alderman McLendon, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the request from Corey Treadway to temporarily close Panola Street for wedding reception. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014

**REQUEST FROM THROUGH THE ROOF PEDIATRIC THERAPY TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE STREETS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2014, FOR A 5K (LONGVIEW
POINT ROUTE)**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to approve the request from Through the Roof Pediatric therapy to temporarily close streets on November 8, 2014 for the 5K, using the Longview Point Route. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014

**AUTHORIZE TO HIRE JAMES JONES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS
A CDL DRIVER / EQUIPMENT MECHANIC**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Bryant to hire James Jones in the Public Works department as a CDL driver / equipment mechanic, based on the recommendation of the personnel committee, following the recommendation of the Public Works Director. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this day 4th day of February, 2014.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON, THE CHIEF LPA OFFICIAL, TO REQUEST
ACTIVATION OF THE MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RESURFACING OF WEST
COMMERCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LPA MANUAL**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize Mayor Johnson, the Chief LPA official, to request activation of the Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement project resurfacing of West Commerce in accordance with the LPA manual. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON, THE CHIEF LPA OFFICIAL, TO REQUEST
ACTIVATION OF THE MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RESURFACING OF NESBIT ROAD
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LPA MANUAL**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize Mayor Johnson, the Chief LPA Official, to request activation of the Memphis Metropolitan

Planning Organization Transportation Improvement project resurfacing of Nesbit Road in accordance with the LPA manual. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GLORIA OAKLEY (PART OF OUR EXISTING HEAL PROGRAM)

A discussion was held about the service agreement for Zumba classes. Alderman Lauderdale did not want to take business away from personal business' in Hernando, and he felt if the City held these classes it would hurt their business.

Parks Director, Dewayne Williams, stated that they business and the City work with each other, often times use their instructions who in turn take business back to the gyms.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, seconded by Alderman Bryant to deny this request. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": Alderwoman Brooks.

Alderman Miller abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ANGIE MAHONEY (PART OF OUR EXISTING HEAL PROGRAM)

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, seconded by Alderman Bryant to deny this request. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": Alderwoman Brooks.

Alderman Miller abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014.

Alderman Lauderdale recommended that we refer any citizens interested in the City Zumba program to the gyms for that service.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONING THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ASSESS "PENNIES FOR THE PARKS"

Mayor stated that this would allow the Board to approve a Resolution to allow citizens to vote to tax themselves at a rate of 2% on the restaurant and motel tax. The Board asked if we could allow this to cover parks and streets. Mayor stated that the Board could approve it how they wanted to.

Scott Sartor spoke and advised that he thinks that the citizens would like to vote for the tax to help the Parks of the City.

Mary Ashley McNeeley stated that she also thinks the citizens would vote this in. She is very interested in seeing this pass so we can improve the tennis courts, in order to bring more national attention to Hernando.

Motion was duly made by Alderman McLendon, seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve to petition the State Legislature for the authority to assess "Pennies for the Parks". 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 4th day of February, 2014.

**ADOPT THE SECTION 3 PLAN RESOLUTION FOR CITY OF HERNANDO, THE
HERNANDO MISSISSIPPI AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING POLICIES AND THE
PROCEDURES HOME PROGRAM, AND GRANTEE SECTION 3 ACTION PLAN ALL
FOR THE 2014 HOME PROGRAM**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, seconded by Alderman Higdon to adopt the Section 3 Plan Resolution for City of Hernando, The Hernando Mississippi Affirmative Marketing Policies and the Procedures HOME Program, and Grantee Section 3 Action Plan, all for the 2014 HOME program. 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 4th day of February, 2014.

ADOPT ORDINANCE SETTING NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES

Mayor Johnson recommended amending the ordinance to raise the deposit for home owners to \$125 from \$75. He stated that this will help cover the bills that customers leave owing the City.

Alderman Miller expressed concern over the citizens that already have a hard time paying their bill, now this would be adding to that. He proposed that we not increase so much at one time. He suggested the rates be increased to \$7.50 for the base rate and \$2.00 for the first 1,000 gallons for water use, \$4.50 for the base rate and billed at ½ of water usage for sewer, \$12.50 for garbage, \$4 for waste water, \$3.94 for recycling and pass along the charge for DCRUA.

The Board had a short discussion on how they agreed that the rates had to be raised to cover the cost of the Utility system. They also spoke about how the new rates would affect bills of various usages.

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, seconded by Alderman McLendon to adopt the Ordinance setting new water and sewer rates as written. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Miller.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of February, 2014.

ADOPT ORDINANCE SETTING NEW SANITATION RATES

The Board had a discussion on raising the sanitation rates. It was discussed that the recycling rate should go up to what we are going to be charged, \$3.94.

Mayor Johnson stated that he would like the recycling rate to stay at \$3.00. He did not feel we should charge more to the customers that wish to recycle.

Motion was duly made by Alderman McLendon, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale to adopt the Ordinance setting new sanitation rates, after amending it to have a \$3.94 recycling fee. 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 4th day of February, 2014.

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Hobbs to go into closed session to discuss going into executive session for possible litigation. 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 4th day of February, 2014.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Hobbs to go into executive session for possible litigation. 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 4th day of February, 2014.

COME OUT OF EXECUTVIE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Hobbs to come out of executive session for possible litigation. 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 4th day of February, 2014.

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