

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Sam Lauderdale, Andrew Miller, Gary Higdon, Jamie Tipton, Marcus Manning, and Jeff Hobbs. Alderman Bryant was absent.

Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Subia, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Luke Abbott, EmilyFaith Abbott, and Robert Long.

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### INVOCATION

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Alderman Higdon gave the invocation.

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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the agenda as presented, after removing item 9. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013.

Agenda  
City of Hernando  
Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Regular Meeting

January 15, 2013

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 96878 – 97047 less 96892, 96893, 96979, and 96980
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 96893, 96979 and 96980
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 96892
- 7) Approve Minutes
- 8) Consent Agenda

- A) Authorize Chief Hubert Jones and Deputy Chief Marshel Berry to attend Politics and the White Helmet, a National Fire Academy class, in Jackson, MS on February 20-21, 2013. Also authorize to pay for travel expenses. There is no registration for this class
  - B) Authorize Debra Williams and Dennis Sing to attend the Building Officials Association of MS 2013 Winter Conference in Tunica, MS on January 16 – 18, 2013, and authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
  - C) Authorize Dennis Sing travel to Memphis, TN on March 9, 2013 to take the Residential Building Inspector Certification Exam and authorize to pay for registration and travel expenses.
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- 9) Presentation of Proclamation to Haylee Christopher
  - 10) Request from EmilyFaith Abbott to close streets around Longview Point Baptist Church to hold the Orphan Run Mississippi 5K
  - 11) Authorize to hire Lester Otis in the Sanitation department with a rate of pay at \$10.00
  - 12) Adopt Proclamation declaring February 2, 2013 as Arbor Day
  - 13) Appoint Merritt Powell as a Hernando Election Commissioner Member replacing Donna Harris
  - 14) Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a contract with Tina Hill for election consultant services
  - 15) Authorize to call the bond on St. Ives if the bank does not renew
  - 16) Authorize to advertise for street overlay bids
  - 17) Loshier Street one-way discussion
  - 18) Adjourn

**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 96878 – 97047 LESS 96892, 96893, 96979 AND 96980**

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The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 96878 – 97047 less 96892, 96893, 96979 and 96980 in the amount of \$406,640.64 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, 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 Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 96893, 96979 AND 96980 (LAUDERDALE)**

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Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 96893, 96979 and 96980 in the amount of \$205,949.81 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, and seconded by Alderman Tipton 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 Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 96760 (MILLER)**

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Alderman Miller recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 96892 in the amount of \$38,689.98 for approval.

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

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**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 2, 2013**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Tipton to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on January 2, 2013. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

Alderman Higdon abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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- A) Authorize Chief Hubert Jones and Deputy Chief Marshel Berry to attend Politics and the White Helmet, a National Fire Academy class, in Jackson, MS on February 20-21, 2013. Also authorize to pay for travel expenses. There is no registration for this class
- B) Authorize Debra Williams and Dennis Sing to attend the Building Officials Association of MS 2013 Winter Conference in Tunica, MS on January 16 – 18, 2013, and authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
- C) Authorize Dennis Sing travel to Memphis, TN on March 9, 2013 to take the Residential Building Inspector Certification Exam and authorize to pay for registration and travel expenses.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon and Alderman Tipton.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

**REQUEST FROM EMILYFAITH ABBOTT TO CLOSE STREETS AROUND  
LONGVIEW POINT BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOLD THE ORPHAN RUN MISSISSIPPI**

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EmilyFaith Abbott passed out maps and presented information about the Orphan Run Mississippi. The run will be on April 20, 2013 starting at 8 am.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize close streets to hold the Orphan Run Mississippi after working with the Police Chief to ensure the route will work. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

**AUTHORIZE TO HIRE LESTER OTIS IN THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT WITH  
A RATE OF PAY AT \$10.00**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize to hire Lester Otis in the Sanitation department with a pay of \$10.00 based on the Personnel Committee recommendation, following the Public Work Directors recommendation. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

**ADOPT PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2013 AS ARBOR DAY**

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**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

*Whereas*, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting of trees, and

*Whereas*, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas*, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

*Whereas*, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

*Whereas*, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

*Whereas*, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

*Whereas*, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, therefore, I, Chip Johnson, Mayor of the City of Hernando, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2013 as Arbor Day in the City of Hernando, Mississippi, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this fifteenth day of January, 2013.

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Mayor

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the Proclamation declaring February 2, 2013 as Arbor Day, waiving the reading. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**APPOINT MERRITT POWELL AS A HERNANDO ELECTION COMMISSIONER  
MEMBER REPLACING DONNA HARRIS**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to appoint Merritt Powell as a Hernando Election Commissioner member, replacing Donna Harris. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH TINA HILL FOR  
ELECTION CONSULTANT SERVICES**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a contract with Tina Hill for Election Consultant Services for the 2013 Election. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE TO CALL THE BOND ON ST. IVES IF THE BANK DOES NOT RENEW**

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Kenny Stockton presented the information on the bond. It is a Maintenance bond for \$10,000.00 that is due February 5, 2013.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to call the Bond on St. Ives if the Bank does not renew. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR STREET OVERLAY BIDS**

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Joe Frank Lauderdale presented the information on the street overlays.

A discussion was held on what streets to receive bids for and if the county has decided to help with the overlaying of certain streets. It was advised that the county is meeting on it at their next meeting.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to table this issue until the next Board meeting on February 5, 2013. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**LOSHER STREET ONE-WAY DISCUSSION**

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Joe Frank Lauderdale presented his findings.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to approve making Losher Street a one way street for one block, from the square to West Street. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

**ADJOURN**

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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".

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MAYOR CHIP JOHNSON

ATTEST:

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KATIE SUBIA, CITY CLERK