

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Sam Lauderdale, Sonny Bryant, Andrew Miller, Gary Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Marcus Manning, and Jeff Hobbs.

Also present for the meeting were: City Attorney Kenny Stockton, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Police Chief Mike Riley, Parks Director Dewayne Williams, Planning Director Jared Darby, Michael Rochelle, Allen Lyon, Jacob Threadgill, Scott Sartor, and Chris Jones.

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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 Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton 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 Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.

Agenda  
City of Hernando  
Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Regular Meeting

August 7, 2012

6:00pm

- 1) Meeting called to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 94768 – 95028 less 94787, 94789, and 94829 - 94836
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 94787
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Bryant) 94829 - 94836
- 7) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 94789
- 8) Approve Minutes from regular meeting on 7/17/12

- 9) Approve Minutes from the special meeting on 7/23/12
- 10) Consent Agenda
  - A) Authorize for Cassaundra Perry to attend the Municipal Court Clerk Fall Conference on September 6 – 7<sup>th</sup> in Jackson, MS. The City will not incur any cost.
  - B) Authorize Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Deputy Fire Chief Marshel Berry, Jared Darby, and Jeff Hobbs to attend the Fire Academy for Public/Elected Official in Jackson MS, October 11, 2012. Also authorize to pay for travel expenses. (Registration is free)
  - C) Authorize Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Deputy Fire Chief Marshel Berry, and Charlie Barnett to attend the CPAT Exam in Jackson MS. Also authorize to pay for registration and travel expenses. This is the Entry exam for the Firefighter 1001 I-II course
- 11) Presentation from friends of Hernando Soccer (Scott Sartor)
- 12) Authorize Mayor to sign “Amendment No. 1 to Project Agreement between the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and the City of Hernando”
- 13) Authorize to apply for the Entergy-Mississippi Makeover Grant and authorize matching funds.
- 14) Authorize to give Shelly Johnstone, Director of Community Development a \$1200/yr pay raise.
- 15) Authorize to Give James D. Scott Jr. in the Police Department a \$0.50 per hour raise
- 16) Make a Finding of Fact that encouraging city employees to get their annual wellness checkup with a doctor is beneficial to the taxpayers of the City of Hernando and adopt a policy that allows four hours of paid time for an employee to receive their annual wellness checkup provided they bring proof of said checkup to their department head or HR Director.
- 17) Authorize the Mayor to sign a Preventative Maintenance Service contract for the Gale Center
- 18) Discussion of calling the Winningham Subdivision Bond
- 19) Discussion of water tower paint scheme
- 20) Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the Corp of Engineers for a drainage plan
- 21) Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with MDOT for the I55 Bike lane agreement

- 22) Authorize to pay the Simmons Erosion Control invoice in the amount of \$75,464.90, it was not received in time for the docket
- 23) Executive Session – Negotiations
- 24) Adjourn

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 94768 – 95028 LESS 94787, 94789, AND 94829 - 94836**

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The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 94768 – 95028 94787, 94789, and 94829 – 94836 in the amount of \$1,464,259.74 for approval.

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

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 94787 (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. 94787 in the amount of \$192,428.91 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, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 94829 – 94836 (BRYANT)**

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Alderman Bryant recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.'s 94829 - 94836 in the amount of \$1,729.50 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, Alderman Lauderdale, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 94789 (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. 94789 in the amount of \$38,749.11 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 Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JULY 17, 2012**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton and seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on July 17, 2012. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay":

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON JULY 23, 2012**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the Minutes from the special Board Meeting on July 23, 2012. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Tipton and Alderman Manning abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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- A) Authorize for Cassandra Perry to attend the Municipal Court Clerk Fall Conference on September 6 – 7<sup>th</sup> in Jackson, MS. The City will not incur any cost.
- B) Authorize Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Deputy Fire Chief Marshel Berry, Jared Darby, and Jeff Hobbs to attend the Fire Academy for Public/Elected Official in

Jackson MS, October 11, 2012. Also authorize to pay for travel expenses.  
(Registration is free)

- C) Authorize Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Deputy Fire Chief Marshel Berry, and Charlie Barnett to attend the CPAT Exam in Jackson MS. Also authorize to pay for registration and travel expenses. This is the Entry exam for the Firefighter 1001 I-II course

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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### **PRESENTATION FROM FRIENDS OF HERNANDO SOCCER**

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Scott Sartor presented information from the Friends of Hernando Soccer. They have been helping the soccer program from a citizen's standpoint. They have raised money for the soccer program and they have put together a petition for better facilities. Mr. Sartor also recognized that we have better facilities in the works with the Renasant Park.

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### **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN "AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE AND THE CITY OF HERNANDO"**

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This amendment is to request an additional \$3K to finish the job on Thousand Oaks Dr.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to request an additional \$3,000 to finish the Thousand Oaks Drive, NRCS project. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE TO APPLY FOR THE ENTERGY – MISSISSIPPI MAKEOVER GRANT  
AND AUTHORIZE MATCHING FUNDS**

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Mayor stated that this was a \$100K grant, with Entergy paying \$50K, and the remaining \$25K is ‘in kind’, split between the county and city.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize to apply for the Entergy – Mississippi Makeover grant and authorize matching funds. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**AUTHORIZE TO GIVE SHELLY JOHNSTONE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT A \$1200/YEAR PAY RAISE**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Manning to authorize to give Shelly Johnstone, Director of Community Development a \$1200/ year pay raise, per the Personnel Committee’s recommendation, following the Mayor’s recommendation and her job performance. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**AUTHORIZE TO GIVE JAMES D. SCOTT JR. IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT A  
\$0.50 PER HOUR RAISE**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize to give James D. Scott Jr. in the Police Department a \$0.50 per hour raise, based on the Personnel Committee’s recommendation, following the Police Chief’s recommendation. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**MAKE A FINDING OF FACT THAT ENCOURAGING CITY EMPLOYEES TO GET THEIR ANNUAL WELLNESS CHECK UP WITH A DOCTOR IS BENEFICIAL TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF HERNANDO AND ADOPT A POLICY THAT ALLOWS FOUR HOURS OF PAID TIME FOR AN EMPLOYEE TO RECEIVE THEIR ANNUAL WELLNESS CHECK UP PROVIDED THEY BRING PROOF OF SAID CHECK UP TO THEIR DEPARTMENT HEAD OR HR DIRECTOR**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to make a Finding of Fact that encouraging City employees to get their annual wellness check up with a doctor is beneficial to that taxpayers of the City of Hernando and adopt a policy that allows four hours of paid time for an employee to receive their annual wellness check up provided they bring proof of said check up to their department head or HR director. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE GALE CENTER**

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Mayor Johnson informed the Board that this contract would be for preventive maintenance service at the Gale Center, split between the Police, Park, and Court department. It was asked if we had gotten anymore quotes for this work. The Mayor replied that we did not, we were not required by State law to get a quote since the amount fell below the limits. He also advised that this company has been maintaining our systems, and they provide great service.

The Board stated that we needed to get more quotes and bring this item back to them. No motion was made.

**DISCUSSION OF CALLING THE WINNINGHAM SUBDIVISION BOND**

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The Mayor advised that this was a \$236K check from First Security. The new letter of credit is due on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to call the bond incase the bank doesn't come through, but renew it if we receive the new letter of credit. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**DISCUSSION OF THE WATER TOWER PAINT SCHEME**

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Joe Frank Lauderdale presented the Board with different options for the font and wording on the tank. He also advised that he had a book with several different colors to choose from.

After a discussion by the Board, Alderman Miller stated that he would like it to say "Hernando, Home of the Tigers", Alderman Lauderdale suggested putting Tiger paw prints on there, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman Manning advised that they liked just putting "Hernando".

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to paint the new water tower white, with 'Hernando' written in black block letters. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Miller and Alderman Lauderdale.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

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**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH THE CORP OF ENGINEERS FOR A DRAINAGE PLAN**

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Joe Frank Lauderdale presented the information on the contract.

Mayor Johnson stated that he thought it was too much money for the City to pay for a drainage plan at this time, that there were other things that we needed to have done.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to deny authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with the Corp of Engineers for a drainage plan. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

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**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE 'AGREEMENT TO USE AIRSPACE' FOR BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with MDOT for the Agreement to use Airspace for bicyclists and pedestrians. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**AUTHORIZE TO PAY THE SIMMONS EROSION CONTROL INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,464.90, IT WAS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR THE DOCKET**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to pay the Simmons Erosion Control invoice in the amount of \$75,464.90. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to go into closed session to discuss going into executive session for negotiations. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

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**GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to go into executive session for negotiations. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Miller to come out of executive session for negotiations. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**NEGOTIATIONS**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to allow the City Attorney to negotiate with Bill Brown on project Cloud, subject to the Board Approval at a later date. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**ADJOURN**

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