

CITY OF HERNANDO REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 16, 2011

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Sam Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Gary Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Marcus Manning, and Jeff Hobbs.

Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Subia, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Police Chief Mike Riley, Parks Director Dewayne Williams, Parks Assistant Director Melissa Zizmann, Jim Becher, Henry Bailey, and Robert Long.

INVOCATION

Alderman Manning gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, 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 16th day of August 2011.

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

August 16, 2011

6:00pm

- 1) Meeting called to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 90767 – 90924 less 90777, and 90778
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 90777
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 90778
- 7) Approve Minutes
- 8) Consent Agenda
 - A) Authorize Chief Hubert Jones, Deputy Chief Marshel Berry, Inspector Matt Massey, and LT. Sam Witt to attend the MS Fire Investigators Association Fall Conference in Vicksburg, MS October 26-28, 2011, and also authorize to issue checks for registration and travel expenses
- 9) Planning Commission
 - A) Authorize to issue a check in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a Homebuyers Assistance Grant, to Brian Lewis for the property located at 764 Northwood West Drive Hernando, MS, once the check is received from the State of Mississippi

- 10) Authorize to close Panola Street from 6am until noon on October 15th 2011, for the Water Tower 10K race
- 11) Authorize the Mayor to sign the “Agreement for the purchase of materials” with Desoto County
- 12) Authorize to accept the low and best bid for the ‘Asphalt Paving Project 2011’
- 13) Consideration of “no thru truck” designation on Memphis Street north of Whitfield Drive and on Green T Road west of Highway 51.
- 14) Discussion of additional Museum funding in this budget year
- 15) Discuss the proposed budget FYE 2012
- 16) Executive session for contract negotiations
- 17) Adjourn

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.’S 90767 – 90924 LESS 90777 AND 90778

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 90767 - 90924 less 90777 and 90778 in the amount of \$639,000.89 for approval.

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

Those voting “Nay”: None.

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APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.’s (LAUDERDALE) 90777

Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.’s 90777 in the amount of \$170,184.78 for approval.

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

Those voting “Nay”: None.

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APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.’s (MILLER) 90778

Alderman Miller recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 90778 in the amount of \$31,213.68 for approval.

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 16th day of August 2011.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 2, 2011. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

Alderman Manning abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 16th day of August 2011.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Authorize Chief Hubert Jones, Deputy Chief Marshel Berry, Inspector Matt Massey, and LT. Sam Witt to attend the MS Fire Investigators Association Fall Conference in Vicksburg, MS October 26-28, 2011, and also authorize to issue checks 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 Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman Tipton.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

- A) Authorize to issue a check in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a Homebuyers Assistance Grant, to Brian Lewis for the property located at 764 Northwood West Drive Hernando, MS, once the check is received from the State of Mississippi

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the consent agenda. 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 16th day of August 2011.

AUTHORIZE TO CLOSE PANOLA STREET FROM 6AM UNTIL NOON ON OCTOBER 15TH, 2011, FOR THE WATER TOWER 10K RACE

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to authorize to close Panola Street from 6am until noon on October 15th, 2011, for the Water Tower 10K Race. 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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AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE “AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS” WITH DESOTO COUNTY

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize the Mayor to sign the “Agreement for the purchase of materials” with Desoto County, for the purchase of an Onan Genset Generator Serial # C910373458. 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.

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AUTHORIZE TO ACCEPT THE LOW AND BEST BID FOR THE “ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT 2011”

Joe Frank Lauderdale gave the information about the Asphalt Paving project and stated that Lehman Roberts had the low bid at \$166,790. Joe Frank Lauderdale said that we are using money that has been recalled from the developers for this project.

Alderman Miller asked how much Memphis Street will cost.

Joe Frank Lauderdale answered it will be \$26,000.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to accept the low and best bid for the “Asphalt Paving Project 2011” from Lehman Roberts with a bid of \$166,790. 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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CONSIDERATION OF “NO THRU TRUCK” DESIGNATION ON MEMPHIS STREET NORTH OF WHITFIELD DRIVE AND ON GREEN T ROAD WEST OF HIGHWAY 51

Alderman Tipton stated that the president of the Homeowners association spoke with him about the truck traffic and noise coming from that intersection.

Alderman Miller stated that it is a hard turn for trucks coming from the North.

Mayor asked if anyone has any suggestions on how we can help the neighbors over there.

Alderman Higdon asked if there was any way that corner could be reworked.

Mayor Johnson stated that would be a Highway 51 issue, certainly a request we could make to the MDOT.

Alderman Higdon suggested that we submit a request to them to see if they can redo that corner.

Jim Becher spoke on behalf of the businesses with truck drivers that have to utilize that intersection. They have tried going different ways to get to their location. The intersection is just not safe for anyone. They want to be able to make the intersection safer for both parties.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Miller to request MDOT to do a traffic study of that intersection. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL MUSEUM FUNDING IN THIS BUDGET YEAR

Mayor Johnson stated that we told the Museum we would look at our budget at this time to see about giving them the rest of the money that was requested for their funding. We could take this money out of the tourism fund, since they are a big part of tourism here in Hernando.

Alderman Higdon asked if that was the account that all of our donations came out of?

Mayor Johnson answered no, we had another line item set up for donations that we have used, but it was zero this year.

Alderman Tipton asked if this, the Museum, was more of a true tourism destination than some of the other things we pay out of it.

Mayor Johnson answered yes; people are seeing the sign for the Museum and getting off of the interstate to visit.

Alderman Tipton would like for the City to donate something, and I think it needs to come out of the tourism account.

Alderman Higdon would also like for the City to donate something.

Alderman Manning asked what revenue went into the tourism budget.

Mayor Johnson answered that it comes from the Hotel/Motel revenue.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Lauderdale to approve to donate \$2500.00 to the Museum, to come out of the tourism fund, for the benefit of and to promote the City of Hernando. 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.

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DISCUSS THE PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 2012

Mayor Johnson announced that this was the official Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget FYE 2012. If anyone would like to speak, this is the public hearing.

Alderman Higdon would like for us to come up with more money for street overlays. I have driven the City and there are streets that need repair all over the City.

Alderman Miller wanted to know how much has been spent on Memphis Street.

Joe Frank Lauderdale answered \$150,000.00.

Alderman Miller stated that is \$150,000 just for one street.

Alderman Higdon stated that we have to find some money for the streets. There are some really bad ones. By winter we could have some major problems.

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Alderman Miller stated that there are some that have been on the list for five years now.

Alderman Miller stated that we may have to look at a redistribution of our millage.

Alderman Higdon suggested that we keep the 2012 funding rates as the same level as 2011 and adjust the millage accordingly. Use the amount on the millage worksheet for library as it was last year. Then move the extra money to the general fund.

Alderman Miller stated that he would be fine with giving the Library \$100,000.

Alderman Higdon stated that was fine with him also.

Alderman Lauderdale asked what 1% salary increase would be.

Mayor Johnson answered \$51,000.00.

Alderman Lauderdale stated that our answer is Sales Tax.

Alderman Higdon asked if we could use the money from the contingency fund for overlays if something happened with a street and we needed to money to fix it.

Mayor Johnson answered yes.

Alderman Miller asked about the Planning salary.

Mayor Johnson answered that it is \$20,000 for 3 months for a replacement.

Alderman Higdon thinks we need to cut salaries from the proposed 3% increase to a 2% increase.

Alderman Miller asked about the Planning department capital improvement.

Mayor Johnson replied that the \$14,000 is for a truck to replace the one that is in bad shape that Mr. Sing drives.

Alderman Miller asked what our maintenance scheduling policy?

Mayor Johnson stated that truck was already surplus from other departments when Planning got it.

Mayor Johnson suggested that we don't purchase the truck until the truck dies, if it keeps running at the end of the year we can use the money for street overlays.

Alderman Higdon asked about the cars in the Fire department, asked when they got the new ones, where the old ones went.

Mayor Johnson answered that the old one is in pretty bad shape.

Alderman Higdon suggested that we cut the Fire department budget for recliners in half.

Alderman Bryant asked about the Police cars budget, he asked if we were only going to need two.

Mayor Johnson answered yes, that the Police Chief was going to cut them out but I asked him not to, so the Police Chief stated that two would be enough.

Alderman Higdon wants to know where we are at now with the changes.

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Mayor Johnson replied that we are moving \$12,000 from the library to the general fund on the millage sheet, we have \$5,000 from the Fire Department that the Fire Chief found we can use the Insurance Rebate money for Fire Prevention, so it saves our money, we have \$51,000 to add back into the general fund from the proposed salary cut from 3% to 2%, and we might have the \$14,000 at the end of the year from the planning department truck, and the \$5,000 from the Fire department recliners.

Alderman Miller stated that he didn't have a problem leaving the \$10,000 for the Fire department recliners. We have the number we were looking for, \$200,000 without that money.

Alderman Higdon stated that he didn't care about the recliners, we could leave it.

Alderman Miller asked if there would be any new notes to pay this year.

Mayor Johnson answered that there would be no new debt this budget year.

Mayor Johnson answered that we move some employee's salaries to departments where they were doing most of their work.

Alderman Miller stated that if we are able, later in the year, we could look at giving more money to the Library.

Alderman Lauderdale asked why the Administrative salaries drop that much?

Mayor Johnson answered it was because we had some employees in administration that were doing mostly Utility department work, so we transferred their salaries into that department.

Mayor Johnson stated that we will make these changes and bring the budget back to them at the meeting on September 5, 2011.

Changes to make:

Increase Street Overlay to \$200,000

Move \$12,000 from the Library to General on the millage worksheet

Use \$5,000 for Fire Prevention from the Insurance Rebate money

Give 2% raise, saving \$51,000 to go into the general fund

Hold off on purchasing the truck in the Planning department until we have to have it.

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Lauderdale to go into closed session to discuss going into Executive session for contract negotiations. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 16th day of August 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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

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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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COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton authorize come out of Executive session for contract 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 16th day of August 2011.

APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH RENASANT BANK AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the contract with Renasant Bank with the changes discussed with Kenny Stockton, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract after the changes have been made. 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 16th day of August 2011.

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 SUBIA, CITY CLERK