

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL MARCH 5, 2019 AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Windham at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman McHenry  
Alderman Lockett  
Alderman Sartor  
Alderman Steverson  
Alderman Foy  
Alderman Thompson  
Alderman Gill

Also in attendance was Kelly Scouten, City Clerk and Brendan Sartin, City Attorney.

**PRAYER**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alderman Lockett.

Alderman Foy, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**Proclamation – Cameron Mayers, Erick Weeks, Shannon McDowell and International Thespian Troupes #4537 and #89177 for their contributions to The City of Pearl**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Upon Motion by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman McHenry, the following items were approved and adopted as the Orders of the Board by unanimous affirmative vote (“Aye”) of all Aldermen present:**

1. Approval/corrections of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting February 19, 2019.
2. Approval of the claims docket for the period of February 19, 2019 to March 5, 2019, in the amount of \$2,306,903.93, in paid claims \$218,612.94, in unpaid claims and \$684,572.35, addendum. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen further find that the claims being paid are for budgeted items and those items are authorized to be purchased by law.
3. Approval of garbage exemptions applications and renewals, as attached hereto and made a part of the Minutes.

4. Approval of application(s):  
Jeanie Carroll- Public Works
5. Approval of authorization to travel:  
Ruben Miles- April 7-11, 2019 to Dallas, Texas for Training, Conference on Crimes Against Women / Cost \$2418.00  
Alderman Sartor – March 25, 2019 to Pearl, MS Holiday INN, For CMO Elective evening class / Cost \$25.00  
Frank Hutton and Gregg Cupstid- April 7- 11, 2019 to Las Vegas to National Association of Broadcasters Conference / Cost \$1,510.34 each
6. Approval of Merit Increases:  
Christopher Burleson- Water  
Rodarian Franklin- Street  
Lionel Jackson- Street
7. Order to adopt a Resolution finding that the employees on the list, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, shall be paid solely from the City of Pearl Enterprise fund, effective March 1, 2019, due to the fact that their work is such that it solely benefits the Water Department.
8. Order to adopt a Resolution finding that the certain items identified on the attached list, which is incorporated herein by reference, as surplus, and to approve the disposal and/or sale of each item as required by law.
9. Order to adopt a Resolution declaring, (2) E-ONE 1500 gpm Cyclone 2 Pumper Man Date 04-2000, VIN#4ENGAAA80Y1001239 and VIN#4ENGAAA85Y1002371; as surplus and to approve the disposal and/or sale thereof as required by law.
10. Order to approve and authorize the purchase of (3) 2019 Ford Explorers from Watson Quality Ford in the amount of \$34,950.00 each for a total amount of \$104,850.00 by the Police Department. (quotes obtained)
11. Order to adopt a Resolution Adjudicating the cost of cleaning of property at 418 Marilyn Dr., Pearl MS 39208 and assessing said costs against said property.
12. Order to approve and authorize the Lease Agreement and Maintenance Support Agreement, by and between Advantage Business Systems and City of Pearl, for (1) Konica Minolta Bizhub C558 system, in the amount of \$336.00 per month for 36 months, and Maintenance Support, in the amount of \$.71 per B/W page and \$.0459 per page for color, and to authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents; machine will be placed in City Hall. (state contract #8200038141)
13. Order to approve and authorize the purchase of (4) Ruckus ICX 7250-24P-Switch L3 from SHI International in the amount of \$1,748.13 each for a total amount of \$6,992.52. (quotes obtained)

14. Order to set public hearing for April 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. to consider request by Charles Skipper Smith for a dimensional variance of the City of Pearl Code of Ordinances to place a 1200 sq. ft. metal accessory building at 2001 Longwood Cove.
15. Order to set public hearing for April 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. to consider request by Brandon Deer on behalf of Magnolia Equipment, LLC for a conditional use permit to operate a golf cart dealership at 315 Airport Rd.
16. Order to declare an administrative assistant vacancy in the IT department to approve the posting of same and to amend the impacted budget accordingly and the responsible personnel, including but not limited to the Budget Administrator and the City Clerk, should be instructed to take those steps necessary to accomplish this expenditure, to complete any necessary transfers of funds and to update the impacted budgets to reflect the required and approved amendments.
17. Order to approve and authorize the City Clerk, to open a business checking account styled City of Pearl, Parks & Recreation, for the purpose of depositing special tax referendum revenues and to authorize the City Clerk and Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
18. Order to appoint Brad Robertson as Interim Director of Community Development Department.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Tax Increment Financing Plan Heritage Hospitality Project.

**The Public Hearing was opened with respect to the Tax Increment Financing Plan request of Heritage Hospitality Group whereupon Christiana Sugg, attorney for Gouras & Associates spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Sugg advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that this particular project will serve the best interest of the citizens of the city in the following ways:**

- a. **Construction of the Project will represent a private investment of approximately \$8,600,000.**
- b. **The Project will create construction jobs, and it is estimated the Project will create approximately 20 full time jobs with an annual payroll of up to \$480,000.**
- c. **It is estimated that the Project will result in an annual real and personal property tax *increase* of about \$24,539 for the City.**
- d. **It is estimated that the Project will result in an annual real and personal property tax *increase* of about \$40,146 for the County.**

- e. **It is anticipated that the Project will yield an annual real and personal property tax increase of about \$53,897 for the School District.**
  - f. **The anticipated annual sales that will be generated by the Project are expected to reach approximately \$2,100,000, creating an annual sales tax rebate of \$27,380 for the City of Pearl.**
  - g. **It is estimated that the Project will result in approximately \$63,429 annually from the 3% Pearl Tourism, Recreation and Parks Tax and \$42,286 annually from the 2% Rankin County Hotel and Motel Tourism Tax.**
  - h. **The development of the Project will help expand the tax base of the City, the County, and the City's Schools.**
  - i. **The Project will utilize property that is strategically located but undeveloped. Thereafter those in favor of or in opposition to the application were requested to come forward and speak, whereupon Regina Todd, of Rankin First, spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke in opposition and no one provided any additional comment regarding the matter and the Public Hearing was then closed. Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Steverson to grant a request to approve the Tax Increment Financing Plan requested by Heritage Hospitality Group. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman Gill, and Alderman McHenry.**
2. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property located at 2655 Old Brandon Road, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08P000027 00000; PPIN No.011433 ), is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

**Motion was made by Alderman McHenry and seconded by Alderman Sartor to continue this hearing until April 2, 2019. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion, which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.**

3. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property located at 161 Mack Willie Dr., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. G08K000003 00000; PPIN No. 018873), is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

**Motion was made by Alderman McHenry and seconded by Alderman Gill to continue this hearing until April 2, 2019. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion, which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.**

4. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property located at 201 and 205 Lake Dr., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. EOM000026 00000; PPIN No. 011098), is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

**Motion was made by Alderman McHenry and seconded by Alderman Gill to continue this hearing until April 2, 2019. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion, which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.**

5. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property, owned by Howard Jenkins, Ethel Atkins, Herie Jenkins, Jr., Pearlie Jenkins, and Ricky Jenkins, Sr. and located at 800 Old Whitfield Rd., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. F07M000023 00000; PPIN No. 014013), is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

**Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman McHenry to continue this hearing until August 06, 2019. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion, which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Order to adopt an Ordinance modifying the utility rates charged by the City of Pearl and modifying the automatic rate increase of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl and providing an effective date therefore.

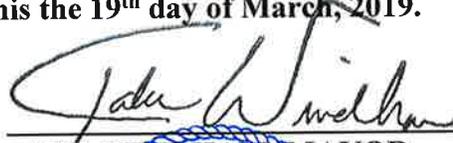
**Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Thompson to adopt an Ordinance modifying the utility rates charged by the City of Pearl and modifying the automatic rate increase of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl and providing an effective date therefore. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion, which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.**

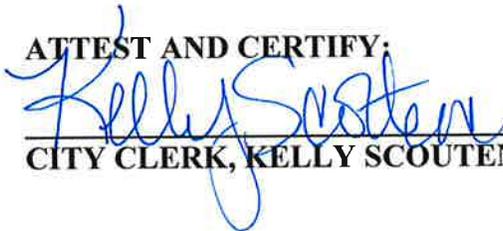
There were no emergency consideration of committees, commission and board matters.  
Having no further business Mayor Windham asked that the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Gill approving an order to adjourn the meeting in Memory of David Cobb. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Luckett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.**

**The foregoing were adopted as, and became, the Resolutions and Orders of the Governing Authorities of the City of Pearl, Mississippi on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019**

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.**

  
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JAKE WINDHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:  
  
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CITY CLERK, KELLY SCOUTEN

