

**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 OCTOBER 19, 2021, 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.

Roll call indicated the following Aldermen present:

Alderman McHenry  
Alderman Williams  
Alderman Dennis  
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 Thompson.

Alderman McHenry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- **Recognize Employee of the Month Blake Robertson**
- **Recognize Police Officer of the Month Cole Gaines**

**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 majority affirmative vote (“Aye”) of the Aldermen present;**

1. Approval/corrections of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 19, 2021.
2. Approval of the claims docket for October 5, 2021 to October 19, 2021, in the amount of \$2,277,752.36, in paid claims \$794,549.24, in unpaid claims and \$146,889.65, 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 exemption applications and renewals.

4. Approval of application(s):  
Christopher Upton – Police  
Danny Neal – Senior Services
5. Approval of authorization to travel:  
Jeffrey Stewart-Jiu-Jitsu-Oct.24-Oct. 29, 21-Cost\$1,982.15  
Wilkes Carter & Zachary Redditt-Advanced Patrol-Nov.7-Nov.10, 2021-Cost\$789.83  
Brandi Hankins- Essential Animal Services- Nov.14-Nov.19, 2021-Cost\$1,394.00
6. Approval of wage increases:  
Lonzo Miller-Water  
Myron Jackson- Water  
Mike Phillips-Water  
David Walker-Solid Waste  
Cynthia Jenkins-Accounting  
Richard Lents- Police  
Michael Hollingsworth- Police  
Eddie Hurtt- Police  
Taylor Ambrose-Police  
Brenna Jackson-Police  
Jill Joseph-Senior Services  
Debra Addington- Senior Services  
James McGraw- Fire  
Jack Readman- Fire
7. Approval of tax abatement applications
8. Order to approve and authorize the promotion of Michael Hollingsworth to Investigator in the Criminal Investigation Division.
9. Order to approve and authorize the police officers identified on the proposed part-time work schedule for November 2021, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the use of the official Pearl Police Department uniform and official Pearl Police Department duty weapon and finding that the proposed employment is not likely to bring disrepute to the City of Pearl, or the Pearl Police Department, the officers at issue, or law enforcement generally, and that the use of the official uniform and weapon in the discharge of the officer's private security endeavor promotes the public interest of the City of Pearl.
10. Order to approve and authorize litigation in Rankin County Court with regard to the real property located at 4315 Autry St., Pearl, MS 39208.
11. Order to approve and authorize payment to Equipment Inc., in the amount of \$5,600.00 for the rental of one (1) Doosan DX225LC-5 US20. (9/24/21 – 10/21/21)
12. Order to approve and authorize payment to Equipment Inc., in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the rental of one (1) Doosan DX255LC. (9/09/21 – 10/06/21)

13. Order to approve and authorize payment to Utility Service Co., Inc., in the amount of \$21,213.13, for quarterly maintenance to the 1,000,000 Fluted Column at Pete Walker Lane and 500,000 GST Golf Course Tank.
14. Order to approve and authorize the purchase of (50) M25 Registers from Central Pipe in the amount of \$9,250.00. (sole source)
15. Order to approve and authorize payment to Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$123,482.89, for Parks and Recreation Baseball & Softball Fields.
16. Order to approve and authorize payment to Clear River Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$212,409.48, for Parks and Recreation Phase II City Park Improvements Project.
17. Order to approve and authorize a donation in the amount of \$6,000.00 to the Pearl Community Theater, to advertise and bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the municipality.
18. Order to approve and authorize payment to Pickering Firm, in the amount of \$22,698.76, for the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector Project.
19. Order to approve and authorize payment to Pickering Firm, in the amount of \$34,095.76, for the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector Project, Adkins Drive Ext.
20. Order to approve and authorize the purchase of one (1) Guardian 190G4 Fixed Flow sprayer from ADAPCO in the amount of \$9,800.00. (quotes obtained)
21. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$200,200.00, with \$85,800.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for overlaying Cross Park Dr., beginning at Highway 80 to Old Brandon Rd., and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
22. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$223,300.00, with \$95,700.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for overlaying Fox Hall Rd., beginning at Old Brandon Rd., to the city limits, and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
23. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$184,800.00, with \$79,200.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for overlaying Industrial Park Dr./Childre Rd., beginning at the city limits to the limit of construction for the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector Project, and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
24. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$446,600.00, with \$191,400.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for overlaying Old Brandon Rd., beginning at King Drive to West of Airport Rd., (Hwy. 475), and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.

25. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$323,400.00, with \$138,600.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for overlaying Old Brandon Rd., beginning at Conway Slough to Bierdeman Rd., and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
26. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$100,100.00, with \$42,900.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for overlaying Weems Street beginning at, Ware St., to Childre Rd., and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
27. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$572,000.00, with \$143,000.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for installing a raised median along U.S. Highway 80, beginning at Bierdeman Rd., to McLaurin Mart, and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
28. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$176,000.00, with \$44,000.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for upgrading the existing span wire traffic signal, at the intersection of Pearson Rd., and Phillips Lane to a mast arm signal, and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
29. Order to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$220,000.00, with \$55,000.00, in matching funds from the City of Pearl for upgrading the existing span wire traffic signal, at the intersection of Hwy. 80 and Hwy. 49/468 to a mast arm signal, and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
30. Order to set public hearing for November 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
31. Order to approve the engagement for legal services with Watkins & Eager, for tax and contractual engagements with Bloomfield, LLC, and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign the same.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Rev. George Franklin and WF, and located at 968 Tyler St., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. F07M000071 00000; PPIN No. 014067) 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 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

Rev. George Franklin and WF, were served with notice of the public hearing as required by law. Community Development Director, Brad Robertson informed the Mayor and Board that the property owner had failed to keep the property in a manner to keep it from being an eye sore,

unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

No one appeared at the hearing on behalf of the property.

**WHEREAS**, said hearing was held at the time and place mentioned aforesaid, therefore:

**BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI THAT:**

1) The required notice which was mailed and posted in relation to this hearing is hereby received and recorded and the City Clerk is directed to record said copy in the minutes of these proceedings.

2) The parcel of real property owned by Rev. George Franklin and WF, and located at 968 Tyler St., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. F07M000071 00000; PPIN No. 014067) is hereby adjudicated, in its present condition, to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community for the reason that said property is in an unsafe, unsecure, and unclean condition with grass, weeds and other unsightly vegetation growing thereon and with debris present thereon, and said owner(s) has failed to remedy these hazardous, unsafe, unsecure, and unsightly conditions thereon.

3) That the Department of Community Development is hereby directed to post a copy of this Order on the property, and if said owner fails to bring said property into compliance by obtaining the necessary permits and by performing significant progress within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, then the Department of Public Works with the aid of the various departments of the City, including the Department of Community Development, to perform one or more or all of the following acts on and to said property to clean said lot and remedy the hazardous, unsafe and unsightly conditions thereon: Cutting grass, weeds, unsightly vegetation, cutting dead trees in danger of falling, filling cisterns, removing rubbish, dilapidated fences, outside toilets, demolishing and removing any dilapidated or unsafe or unsanitary buildings, including the dwelling, and other debris, and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom.

4) That the Director of Community Development is hereby directed to keep a careful and correct accounting of the cost of cleaning and remedying said lot and to report this accounting to the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen after said property is cleaned and remedied in compliance with this Order.

5) That there should be and hereby is imposed and assessed against the subject property a penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost, whichever is more, which the City Clerk shall cause to be included in the assessments for municipal ad valorem taxes.

6) This adjudication that the property or parcel of land is in need of cleaning will also authorize the municipality to reenter the property or parcel of land up to six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing dilapidated buildings, dilapidated fences and outside toilets, and up to twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the subject property, without any further hearing if notice is posted on the property or parcel of land and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted at least seven (7) days before the property or parcel of land is reentered for cleaning.

**This Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Williams. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman McHenry, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Dennis, Alderman Williams, Alderman Gill and Alderman Foy.**

2. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Donald K. Horne, and located at 5532 Henderson Rd., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. G10000042 00030; PPIN No. 019868) 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 24 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 Gill and seconded by Alderman Steverson to continue the hearing until December 7, 2021. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman McHenry, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Gill, Alderman Dennis, Alderman Foy, Alderman Williams and Alderman Thompson.**

3. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Donald K. Horne and located at 505 Gulflin Rd., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08P000046 00010; PPIN No. 011455) 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 24 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 Gill and seconded by Alderman Steverson to continue the hearing until December 7, 2021. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman McHenry, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Gill, Alderman Dennis, Alderman Foy, Alderman Williams and Alderman Thompson.**

4. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Donald K. Horne, and located at 3212 Service Dr., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E09D0000012 00080; PPIN No. 011893) 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 24 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 Gill and seconded by Alderman Steverson to continue the hearing until January 4, 2022. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman McHenry, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Gill, Alderman Dennis, Alderman Foy, Alderman Williams and Alderman Thompson.**

5. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Curtis R. Cutrer, Jr., and located at 360 Mary Ann Dr., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08Q0000004 00210; PPIN No. 011551) 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 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

Curtis R. Cutrer, Jr., was served with notice of the public hearing as required by law.

Community Development Director, Brad Robertson informed the Mayor and Board that the property owner had failed to keep the property in a manner to keep it from being an eye sore, unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

No one appeared at the hearing on behalf of the property.

**WHEREAS**, said hearing was held at the time and place mentioned aforesaid, therefore:

**BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI THAT:**

1) The required notice which was mailed and posted in relation to this hearing is hereby received and recorded and the City Clerk is directed to record said copy in the minutes of these proceedings.

2) The parcel of real property owned by Curtis R. Cutrer, Jr., and located at 360 Mary Ann Dr., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08Q0000004 00210; PPIN No. 011551) is hereby adjudicated, in its present condition, to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community for the reason that said property is in an unsafe, unsecure, and unclean condition with grass, weeds and other unsightly vegetation growing thereon and with debris present thereon, and said owner(s) has failed to remedy these hazardous, unsafe, unsecure, and unsightly conditions thereon.

3) That the Department of Community Development is hereby directed to post a copy of this Order on the property, and if said owner fails to bring said property into compliance by obtaining the necessary permits and by performing significant progress within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, then the Department of Public Works with the aid of the various departments of the City, including the Department of Community Development, to perform one or more or all of the following acts on and to said property to clean said lot and remedy the hazardous, unsafe and unsightly conditions thereon: Cutting grass, weeds, unsightly vegetation, cutting dead trees in danger of falling, filling cisterns, removing rubbish, dilapidated fences, outside toilets, demolishing and removing any dilapidated or unsafe or unsanitary buildings, including the dwelling, and other debris, and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom.

4) That the Director of Community Development is hereby directed to keep a careful and correct accounting of the cost of cleaning and remedying said lot and to report this accounting to the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen after said property is cleaned and remedied in compliance with this Order.

5) That there should be and hereby is imposed and assessed against the subject property a penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost, whichever is more, which the City Clerk shall cause to be included in the assessments for municipal ad valorem taxes.

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7) That the property owner shall bring the property into compliance within sixty (60) days.

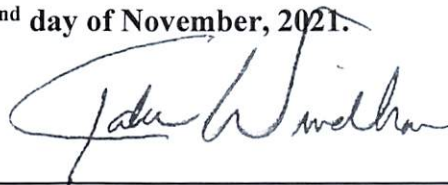
**This Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Thompson. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman McHenry, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Dennis, Alderman Williams, Alderman Gill and Alderman Foy.**

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 McHenry and seconded by Alderman Thompson approving an order to adjourn the meeting; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman McHenry, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Gill, Alderman Dennis, Alderman Foy, Alderman Thompson and Alderman Williams.**

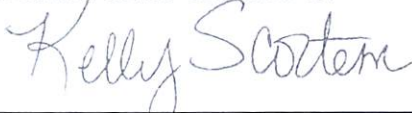
The foregoing were adopted as, and became, the Resolutions and Orders of the Governing Authorities of the City of Pearl, Mississippi on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.



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JAKE WINDHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:



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CITY CLERK, KELLY SCOUTEN

