

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Tom Ferguson presiding. Aldermen present were: Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, EMS Director Joanna Herring, Police Chief Scott Worsham, Assistant Police Chief Shane Ellis, Police Captain Charles Lanphere, Community and Economic Development Director Gia Matheny, Zoning Administrator Kristen Duggan, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Assistant Public Works Director Bobby Burton, Court Clerk Cassandra Perry, Parks and Recreation Director Dewayne Williams, Paige Williams, Jared Darby, Kitty Del Moore, Maureen Morgan, Shirley McLendon, James A. Vice, Sr., Carolyn Richards, Bill Roberson, Jesse Pool, Faye Cooper, Dale Bellflower, Bob Cooke, Betty Bowers, Reba Wright, Stephanie Brown, Amy Arnell, Jim Bob Liston, Jim Broome, Simon Wier, Diane Franczyk, Paula Lauderdale, Jesse Dement, Melissa Mashburn, Robert Long, Justin, Jose Oakley, and Tina Murchison.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Alderman Miller gave the invocation.

AGENDA

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

September 5, 2017

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approve Agenda
- 5) North MS Rural Legal Services information

- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 119771 – 120098 less 19833
- 7) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Bryant) 19833
- 8) Approve Minutes
- 9) Consent Agenda
 - A) Authorize Dewayne Williams, Daniel Carson, James Richardson, and Chris Couch to attend the MRPA Conference in Tupelo, MS October 16-19, 2017, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
 - B) Authorize Joanna Herring to attend the MEMS Conference in Biloxi, MS on October 2 – 4, 2017, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
 - C) Authorize Gia Matheny to attend the AARP Livable Communities National Conference on November 14 – 16, 2017 in Dallas, TX, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (flight and hotel cost are reimbursed by grant)
 - D) Authorize Hubert Jones, Marshel Berry, and Josh Ward to attend the CPAT Test in Pearl, MS at the MS State Fire Academy on September 11-12, 2017, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
 - E) Authorize the Mayor and Board members to attend the CMO Elective Evening Class in Oxford on October 12, 2017, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
 - F) Authorize Jacob Bramlett to attend the Mississippi Area Gang Investigators Conference in Biloxi, MS on November 5 – 8, 2017, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
 - G) Authorize John Cotter to attend the SSGT Instructor Course in Oxford, MS on September 11 – 15, 2017, also authorize to pay registration and meal expenses.
- 10) Request from Melissa Mashburn to temporarily close streets for the Laura Green Stroke Awareness 5K using the Longview Point route
- 11) Authorize to hire Zachary Jameson as a CDL driver in the Brush department at a rate of \$14.50 per hour
- 12) Appoint Hubert Jones as the Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
- 13) Authorize to Proclaim the week of September 17th – 23rd, 2017 to be Constitution Week
- 14) Authorize to reject all bids received for the McIngvale Realignment project STP-7885-00(001) LPA 107537-701000
- 15) Authorize to accept the proposal from Pickering upon MDOT approval of the contract, based under the existing MDOT Master contract

- 16) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with JoAnn Lemoine
- 17) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Gloria Oakley
- 18) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Zenobia Jackson
- 19) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Minervah Hannah
- 20) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Loteta McClain
- 21) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Jill Morris
- 22) Authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Gisele Hankins
- 23) Public Hearing on the proposed budget and proposed tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year for the City of Hernando
- 24) Adjourn

Motion was duly made by Alderman Harris, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to approve the agenda as presented, after adding an item for "North MS Rural Legal Services". A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of September, 2017.

NORTH MS RURAL LEGAL SERVICES

Diane Franczyk gave the Board and Audience members information on a new program called North MS Rural Legal Services (Elder Law project). There will be someone speaking on it tomorrow, September 6, 2017 from 10am to 4pm at the Gale Center.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 119771 – 120098 LESS 19833

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 119771 – 120098 less 19833 in the amount of \$1,740,801.17 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman McLendon 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 McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 19833 (BRYANT)

Alderman Bryant recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 19833 in the amount of \$442.25 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks 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 McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of September, 2017

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 15, 2017

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Harris to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on August 15, 2017 as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the consent agenda. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman McLendon, Alderwomen Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, and Alderman Higdon.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

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**REQUEST FROM MELISSA MASHBURN TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE STREETS FOR
THE LAURA GREEN STROKE AWARENESS 5K, USING THE LONGVIEW POINT
ROUTE**

Melissa Mashburn presented her request to temporarily close streets for the Laura Green Stroke Awareness 5k on October 21st, 2017, using the Longview Point Route.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Harris and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to approve the request from Melissa Mashburn to temporarily close streets for the Laura Green Stroke Awareness 5k, using the Longview Point Route. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman McLendon.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of September, 2017

AUTHORIZE TO HIRE ZACHARY JAMESON AS A CDL DRIVER IN THE BRUSH DEPARTMENT AT A RATE OF \$14.50 PER HOUR

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to hire Zachary Jameson as a CDL driver in the Brush Department at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, following the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, based on the recommendation of the Public Works Director. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, and Alderwoman Brooks.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 5th day of September, 2017

APPOINT HUBERT JONES AS THE FIRE CHIEF/FIRE MARSHAL

Motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Harris to appoint Hubert Jones as the Fire Chief/Fire Marshal. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs

Those voting "Nay": None.

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AUTHORIZE TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2017 TO BE CONSTITUTION WEEK

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize to proclaim the week of September 17 – 23, 2017 to be Constitution Week. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris,

Those voting "Nay": None.

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AUTHORIZE TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE MCINGVALE REALIGNMENT PROJECT STP-7885-00(001) LPA 107537-701000

Joe Frank Lauderdale advised that we need the reject all bids based on the error in advertisement.

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks and seconded by Alderman McLendon to authorize to reject all bids received for the McIngvale Realignment project STP-7885-00(001) LPA 107537-701000. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, and Alderman Bryant,

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM PICKERING UPON MDOT
APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT, BASED UNDER THE EXISTING MDOT MASTER
CONTRACT**

Joe Frank Lauderdale advised the Board that MDOT stated the advertisement was not correct, that we needed to pull it and reject all bids. MDOT sent a list of qualified engineering firms, and stated that we do not have to advertise again. We can pick one from the list and begin the process. We did a RFP on 4 from the list, from those we recommend going with Pickering Engineering.

Motion was duly made by Alderman McLendon and seconded by Alderman Harris to authorize to accept the proposal from Pickering Engineering upon MDOT approval of the contract, based under the existing MDOT Master contract. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller,

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN HEAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
JOANN LEMOINE**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with JoAnn Lemoine. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, and Alderman Higdon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN HEAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
GLORIA OAKLEY**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Gloria Oakley. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman McLendon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN HEAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
ZENOBIA JACKSON**

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Zenobia Jackson. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, and Alderwoman Brooks.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN HEAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
MINERVAH HANNAH**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Minervah Hannah. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN HEAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
LOTETA MCCLAIN**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Loteta McClain. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN HEAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JILL
MORRIS**

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Jill Morris. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR FERGUSON TO SIGN HEAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
GISELE HANKINS**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize Mayor Ferguson to sign HEAL Service Agreement with Gisele Hankins. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR
THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF HERNANDO**

The Mayor opened the discussion up.

Assistant Public Works Director Bobby Burton and Public Works Director Gary McElhannon went over the Utility Fund. Mr. Burton explained their proposed rate increase. Stated that the Utility fund cannot continue to operate without raising the rates. They are still only proposing a bare bones budget.

Alderman Miller asked if we still have water/sewer line projects and improvements that we have to pay for. It looks like if we went with option 3, we would still be covered and the rate would go up a little less, maybe \$1 or \$2.

Bobby Burton answered yes. The difference is the contingency. It won't be what it needs to be, but it will be something.

Alderman Miller stated that the rate increase is because the Utility fund has to pay for itself.

Kenny Stockton answered that is correct.

Alderman Miller stated that with option 3, it would still work.

Bobby Burton stated that we also are proposing an automatic 3% increase and have the Board vote on it if they don't want it.

Alderman Miller stated that the auto increase doesn't affect this budget, so I don't think it matters for now, we can deal with it later.

Alderman Harris asked when the last increase was.

Alderman Miller answered 3 years ago.

Alderman Hobbs asked if we went with the proposed, we will still be lower than the surrounding cities.

Bobby Burton answered yes, that is correct.

Alderman Hobbs asked what all is included in garbage.

Gary McElhannon answered brush, litter, street sweeper and mosquito sprayer.

Alderman Hobbs stated so it is really not break even.

Alderman McLendon asked if the mosquito spraying is a program or just done by request.

Gary McElhannon answered by request.

Alderman McLendon asked if we could get into a program, to start doing neighborhoods.
Gary McElhannon answered yes.

Mayor Ferguson stated that he is going to look into that this spring.

Alderman McLendon stated so option 1, could improve mosquito control.

Gary McElhannon answered yes.

Alderman Miller stated that \$1.50 a month may not be a lot to some, but it could be a lot to others.

Bobby Burton stated that on their street budget, they are requesting to move it up to \$600,000 for overlays. The cost for the number of streets and amount of rainfall we get, we should budget \$700,000 each year.

Mayor Ferguson stated we will need to increase the funds, we will have to start milling soon.

Alderman Miller stated that they needed to be done fairly, some streets have been on the list for a while.

Mayor Ferguson stated he understood.

Alderman Hobbs stated that we learned a lot about maintenance programs at our conference this summer. There are some companies that will come in and evaluate them.

Bobby Burton stated that they are also asking for a blade, to repair the shoulders.

Alderman McLendon asked if the \$600,000 includes and MPO projects.

Bobby Burton answered no, just overlays.

Mayor Ferguson asked if some could be for maintenance or just overlays.

Alderman Higdon answered that it has always just been in one line item.

Alderwoman Brooks stated that in years past it has been hard to get over \$300,000, so I commend you for bringing the amount up.

Alderman Hobbs stated that you've cut gas/oil throughout your budget, I don't understand that.

Bobby Burton stated that they've come in under budget so far this year.

Jesse Pool, with the First Regional Library, stated that the State has cut their revenues.

Alderman Hobbs asked how much was cut.

Jesse Pool stated that he wasn't sure.

Alderman Hobbs asked why are you not asking the County for more.

Jesse Pool answered that he wasn't sure.

Alderman Harris stated that he had suggested tying into the Cities phone lines.

Alderman Higdon asked if he could get a percentage increase from the County.

Jesse Pool answered yes.

Alderman McLendon asked how many libraries are in the county.

Jesse Pool answered 5.

Alderman McLendon asked what the transfer of surplus is.

City Clerk Katie Harbin answered that it is the cash in the bank at the end of the fiscal year.

Alderman McLendon asked if this is the money set aside.

City Clerk Katie Harbin answered no, that is in a separate fund.

An audience member asked what the perpetual fund is.

Mayor Ferguson answered that it means forever. We put money in the account and use it to take care of the cemetery.

Alderwoman Brooks stated that the amount that is put in is a percentage of the sales.

Alderman McLendon asked is the Southaven sewer project is in the Debt Service fund.

City Clerk Katie Harbin answered no, that payment comes out of the Utility fund debt service.

Alderman Miller asked what is included in the Admin machine and equipment.

City Clerk Katie Harbin answered that includes a server, computers, a printer, etc.

Alderman McLendon asked about the Chamber only getting \$20,000 after asking for \$25,000.

Mayor Ferguson answered that we left it the same, don't remember getting the request for more money.

Jesse Dement, Chamber of Commerce, stated that she sent the request at the beginning of August.

Alderwoman Brooks asked what the increase in other services in Janitorial was for.

City Clerk Katie Harbin answered it was for cleaning all of the floors at the Gale Center and City Hall.

Alderman Miller asked what the new position in the Planning department is.

City Clerk Katie Harbin answered there is one new position for a Code Enforcement Officer and there is an open position for a Planning Director and Privilege License/Planning Clerk.

Alderman Higdon asked why the misc service in Court was going up.

City Clerk Katie Harbin answered it was for a payment for a website.

Alderman Higdon asked if there were new employees in the ambulance budget.

Mayor Ferguson answered yes, 6, for a new ambulance.

Alderman Harris asked if they would be housed at the City.

Joanna Herring answered yes, at Station 2.

Alderman McLendon asked how would it help the county.

Fire Chief Hubert Jones answered that it would mostly stay in the City.

Joanna Herring stated that one ambulance would stay in the City and one would still help in the County.

Alderman Hobbs asked when would this start.

Joanna Herring answered January.

Alderman McLendon asked if this would help the fire rating.

Fire Chief Hubert Jones answered not the ambulance.

Joanna Herring stated we would start as soon as we could.

Alderman McLendon asked about the deal with the County.

Joanna Herring answered that if we did a mutual aid agreement with the County for this one, the County could house it in the county, would be staffed by the County.

Mayor Ferguson stated that we have a mutual aid agreement with one ambulance.

Joanna Herring answered yes, Medic 5.

Alderman Miller asked if the County went in partnership, if the City can do it cheaper, it would be housed in the City, staff would answer to our Chief. They spoke about 24/7 and 12 hour shifts. Mr. Miller asked if they spoke to a private company.

Joanna Herring stated that they have been back and forth with the numbers. The County kept cutting their numbers, if their numbers were lower, they'd have control. There were a lot of stipulations and points that were not hashed out.

Alderman McLendon asked what about the price for collections.

Joanna Herring answered that the City is 4% and the County is 6 ½ %. The county gets more with their extra percentage, they also get software, computers, etc.

Alderman Harris asked after all of this with the County, you determined that the City could house and run the ambulance for less.

Joanna Herring answered yes. Before we added 3 new positions with the additional ambulance we should be able to subsidize ½ if not more of the cost.

Fire Chief Hubert Jones stated that we looked into private companies. They want us to guarantee them \$300,000 a year, plus they will receive all of the collections.

Alderman Hobbs stated that we are looking at staff and \$190,000.

Joanna Herring answered that we are looking at a lease for the \$190,000.

Alderman Hobbs stated that we are going to invest all of this money, but we have a 5 million dollar bond we are still working on.

Alderman McLendon stated that we should decide what is a necessity of life.

Mayor Ferguson stated that privatizing can be done different ways.

Alderman McLendon stated that he wants one to stay in the City.

Alderman Higdon stated that the taxpayers want an ambulance.

Alderman Hobbs stated that at the end of the fiscal year, what will it cost the City.

Joanna Herring stated about \$900,000. We could also raise our fee if you wanted to look into that. The City keeps growing, our numbers will keep growing.

Alderman McLendon asked how much we will get from the State.

Joanna Herring answered none.

Jose Oakley, FTS Ambulance Service on Motor Scooter Dr in Nesbit, stated that he has 6 ambulances, we gave a bid below what Medicaid costs. I started this service in this area to help. I don't think I'm being looked at fairly.

Alderman Harris asked Mr. Oakley if we'd use your personnel.

Jose Oakley answered yes.

Alderman McLendon asked how many ambulances, 6

Jose Oakley answered that he services 7 counties. I was out of town when they came by. My fee will be \$25,000 a month, flat, for 2 ambulances.

Alderwoman Brooks asked if the numbers in Animal Control are based where we are today.

Mayor Ferguson answered yes.

Alderman Hobbs stated that we have bond money for an animal shelter.

Police Chief Worsham stated that the drawings are being done now, for free, if it is built on City property, we will be fine with the amount of money.

Mr. Worsham stated that they did budget a vehicle at first, but removed it and will just try to make it through the year with the one they have. They may have to find money to repair it later if the motor or transmission goes out.

Alderman McLendon asked about the increase in salaries for the starting salary in Dispatch.

Police Chief Worsham stated that it is to get them up to where they need to be, the bulk of the increase is for starting salary.

Alderman Miller asked what a D2 makes.

Police Chief Worsham answered currently \$14.89.

Alderman Miller stated that he is proposing a 20% increase on D1 and not D2.

Police Chief Worsham answered that he does not have any right now. Mr. Worsham is proposing to change the levels. We are so far behind, I'm just trying to bring it up.

Under the new pay scale, certified would be a T2.

Alderman Hobbs asked if we move these salaries up, we will still be lower than the surrounding cities.

Police Chief Worsham answered yes, lower than everyone in the county. We don't offer any incentives for police. The budget I presented was absolutely bare bones, because we need it. We have had a 261% increase in calls from 2009, but the same number of dispatchers.

Alderman Hobbs asked why are you going down in fuel for the Police.

Police Chief Worsham answered that we are not going to come under.

Assistant Police Chief Ellis stated we will be over this year.

Alderwoman Brooks asked how much do you think you'll be at.

Police Chief Worsham answered \$120,000.

Alderman Miller stated salary increases range from 1.18% to 26%.

Alderwoman Brooks stated Mr. Miller that 26% person only makes \$10.00 an hour.

Alderman Higdon stated that if we did these increases, where would you be.

Police Chief Worsham answered still lower and with no extra benefits.

Alderman Higdon stated that we have to keep the PD proactive, not reactive.

Alderman Harris stated that we have looked the other way for all of these years. We can't keep the quality people. Let's catch up.

Alderman McLendon asked even with more arrest, you still have housing the same.

Police Chief Worsham answered that the bonding laws are different, it cuts down on the time they are in there.

Alderman Harris asked Parks Director Dewayne Williams if he cut the vehicles.

Parks Director Dewayne Williams answered yes, one. Mr. Williams stated that he sent 3 different options.

Mayor Ferguson went over the changes he made.

Alderman McLendon asked when do we cut soccer fields.

Parks Director Dewayne Williams answered that we don't cut the soccer fields, we lease that out.

Alderman McLendon asked if we cut the baseball fields twice a week also.

Parks Director Dewayne Williams answered no, we don't need to cut baseball that often.

Alderman McLendon asked does he cut all fields that day, it's \$450 for all fields in one day.

Parks Director Dewayne Williams answered yes.

Alderman McLendon asked why don't we get him to cut everything we have.

Mayor Ferguson stated that Parks is getting 2 mills and \$180,000 from the general fund.

Alderman Higdon asked are you telling me baseball is growing.

Parks Director Dewayne Williams answered yes.

Alderman McLendon asked if we would save money to quote all of our stuff out.

Alderman Miller stated that he can get a quote.

Parks Director Dewayne Williams stated that the Friends of helps, they do what we need them to do.

Mayor Ferguson stated that they make their money off of advertising, concessions and sponsorships.

Parks Director Dewayne Williams stated not much for concessions. They do what we need them to do.

Mayor Ferguson stated that we cannot do capital improvements on baseball, correct.

Kenny Stockton answered correct, you have to own it. They can do maintenance.

Mayor Ferguson asked if we can make repairs.

Parks Director Dewayne Williams stated that the Friends of has given over \$250,000 to our parks.

Alderman Higdon asked have we put any effort into field sponsorships.

Mayor Ferguson stated that Friends of do, they get the money.

Mayor Ferguson asked the public if they had any questions.

Carolyn Richards asked how the tax increase will be handled.

Mayor Ferguson stated we won't adopt it today. It would affect a \$500,000 about \$292 a year.

Alderman Miller stated that the tax sale says it does effect some people in a negative way.

An audience member asked if the City had an emergency fund

Mayor Ferguson answered yes, we have a little.

Alderman Miller stated that the MML recommends 6 months revenue.

RECESS

There being no further business at this time a motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman McLendon to recess until September 14, 2017 at 6pm.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

MAYOR TOM FERGUSON

ATTEST:

KATIE HARBIN, CITY CLERK