

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Sam Lauderdale, Sonny Bryant, Andrew Miller, Gary Higdon, Micheal McLendon, Cathy Brooks, and Jeff Hobbs. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Police Chief Mike Riley, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Steve Tow, Henry Bailey, Robert Long, J.R. Owens, and Bettie Pruitt.

INVOCATION

Alderman Miller gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

February 17, 2015

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 106899 – 107078 less 107001
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 107001
- 6) Approve Minutes
- 7) Consent Agenda
 - A) Authorize the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Katie Harbin and Gia Matheny to attend the 2015 MML Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS June 21-25, 2015, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
 - B) Authorize Hubert Jones, Bubba Early and Jason Desmond to attend the MS Assoc. of Public Fire Safety Educators 2015 Annual conference in Tupelo, MS on April 13-16, 2015 and also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
 - C) Authorize Hubert Jones, Marshel Berry, Matt Massey and Sam Witt to attend the MS Fire Investigators 2015 Spring Seminar in Biloxi, MS on April 8-10, 2015 and also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
- 8) Request from the Mississippi Master Gardener club for a donation
- 9) Authorize to hire Michael Chad Ray as a firefighter
- 10) Authorize to advertise for the Montclair drainage project

- 11) Authorize to advertise to purchase a Knuckleboom Trash Loader and Dump bed(budgeted item)
- 12) Executive Session for NMUC and police personnel
- 13) Adjourn

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the agenda. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 106899 – 107078 LESS 107001

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 106899 – 107078 less 107001 in the amount of \$218,729.75 for approval.

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 107001 (LAUDERDALE)

Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 107001 in the amount of \$1,800.00 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 Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on February 3, 2015 as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

Alderman Bryant abstained from voting.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Authorize the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Katie Harbin and Gia Matheny to attend the 2015 MML Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS June 21-25, 2015, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
- B) Authorize Hubert Jones, Bubba Early and Jason Desmond to attend the MS Assoc. of Public Fire Safety Educators 2015 Annual conference in Tupelo, MS on April 13-16, 2015 and also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
- C) Authorize Hubert Jones, Marshel Berry, Matt Massey and Sam Witt to attend the MS Fire Investigators 2015 Spring Seminar in Biloxi, MS on April 8-10, 2015 and also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015

REQUEST FROM THE MISSISSIPPI MASTER GARDENER CLUB FOR A DONATION

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the request from the Mississippi Master Gardener Club for a donation of \$100.00. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015

AUTHORIZE TO HIRE MICHAEL CHAD RAY AS A FIREFIGHTER

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize to hire Michael Chad Ray as a Firefighter, based on the Personnel Committee's recommendation, following the Fire Chiefs recommendation. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015

AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR THE MONTCLAIR DRAINAGE PROJECT

Joe Frank went over the project. We have about \$199,567 in bond money.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize Joe Frank Lauderdale to advertise for bids for the Montclair drainage project. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE TO PURCHASE A KNUCKLEBOOM TRASH
LOADER AND DUMP BED (BUDGETED FOR)**

Alderman Miller asked how the utility fund would look after this purchase.

Mayor Johnson stated that it is looking good, on track.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize to advertise to purchase a knuckleboom trash loader and dump bed. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR WATER NEGOTIATIONS AND POLICE PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to authorize to go into closed session to discuss going into Executive session for Water Negotiations and Police Personnel. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR WATER NEGOTIATIONS AND POLICE PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize to go into Executive session for Water Negotiations and Police Personnel. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR WATER NEGOTIATIONS AND POLICE PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Hobbs to authorize to come out of Executive session for Water Negotiations and Police Personnel. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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AMEND AGENDA

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to amend the wording for executive session on the agenda from "Executive Session for NMUC and Police Personnel" to "Executive Session for Water Negotiations and Police Personnel. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015.

POLICE PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Higdon to recommend that Officer Stephen Tow be suspended without pay for a minimum of 30 days, to attend and successfully complete an anger management course to be approved by the City of Hernando in advance, at Officer Tow's expense, and provide proof of a successful completion to the City before returning to work, and shall be on a one year probation. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": Sam Lauderdale.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 17th day of February, 2015.

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 HARBIN, CITY CLERK