

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Pro Tem Sam Lauderdale presiding. Aldermen present were: Sonny Bryant, Andrew Miller, Gary Higdon, Michael 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, Planning Director Jared Darby, Police Chief Mike Riley, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Robert Long, Henry Bailey, Dolly Brechin, Vickey McLendon, John Hornsby, Shirley McLendon, James A Vice, Sr, Edward Pidgeon, Amy Chatham, Michelle Shafer, Grant Shafer, Doran Shafer, Kris Gurley, Aaron Shafer, David Cox, Suzanne Lang, Ashley Schachterle, Brittany Baskin, and Darlene Cunningham..

INVOCATION

Pastor David Cox with Hernando United Methodist gave the invocation.

APPOINT SPECIAL MAYOR PRO TEM

Motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to appoint Alderman Higdon as the special Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

March 4, 2014

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 102426 – 102605 less 102436 and 102437

- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 102436
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 102437
- 7) Approve Minutes
- 8) Consent Agenda
 - A) Authorize Maintenance staff in the Parks Department to attend MRPA Field Maintenance workshop in Oxford, MS on March 5, 2014, and also authorize to pay travel expenses
 - B) Authorize Chief Hubert Jones, Deputy Chief Marshel Berry, and Firefighter Michael House to attend the CPAT Test in Jackson MS at the Fire Academy, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. Date is unknown at this time
 - C) Authorize Firefighter Michael House to attend the Firefighter 1001 I-II Certification Class in Jackson MS at the Fire Academy, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. Date is unknown at this time
 - D) Authorize Firefighter Stephen Margeson to attend the Driver Operator 1002 Course in Jackson MS at the Fire Academy on August 18-28, 2014, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
- 9) Adopt Proclamation declaring April Childhood Abuse awareness month
- 10) Request from Kudzu/Kidzu Playhouse to temporarily close streets on October 4, 2014, for 5k (Dilworth Lane Route)
- 11) Request from Amy Chatham to close streets for the Front Porch Jubilee
- 12) Authorize to hire Sherita Morgan as a Dispatcher
- 13) Resolution to support the MDOT Desoto County ITS Project and support allocation of CMAQ funds
- 14) Authorize the City of Hernando to apply for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Outdoor Recreation Grant in the amount of \$100,000. (The grant request is for a 6,080 square foot Skate Park, which would be the first addition to Renasant Park. The Hernando Skate Community Group is putting up \$27,000 as the In Kind donation. Total cost of project will be \$127,200, so the only cost to the City will be \$200)
- 15) Authorize the City of Hernando to apply for a DUI Traffic grant through the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety
- 16) Request for Approval for Work to be done on Hernando Civic Center ball field in accordance with lease provisions

- 17) Discussion of 2014 asphalt street overlays and possible authorization to advertise for bids
- 18) Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a lease with Dianne Bishop, City Hall Cheesecake (renew)
- 19) Adjourn

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 102426 – 102605 LESS 102436 AND 102437

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 102426 – 102605 less 102436 and 102437 in the amount of \$621,289.00 for approval.

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 102436 (LAUDERDALE)

Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

Alderman Higdon acted as Special Mayor Pro Tem

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.102436 in the amount of \$222,363.07 for approval.

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 102437 (MILLER)

Alderman Miller recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.102437 in the amount of \$37,646.93 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on February 18, 2014 as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Authorize Maintenance staff in the Parks Department to attend MRPA Field Maintenance workshop in Oxford, MS on March 5, 2014, and also authorize to pay travel expenses
- B) Authorize Chief Hubert Jones, Deputy Chief Marshel Berry, and Firefighter Michael House to attend the CPAT Test in Jackson MS at the Fire Academy, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. Date is unknown at this time
- C) Authorize Firefighter Michael House to attend the Firefighter 1001 I-II Certification Class in Jackson MS at the Fire Academy, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses. Date is unknown at this time
- D) Authorize Firefighter Stephen Margeson to attend the Driver Operator 1002 Course in Jackson MS at the Fire Academy on August 18-28, 2014, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses

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

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014

ADOPT PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL CHILDHOOD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

John Hornsby, a Board member with Healing Hearts spoke about their program and how it helps abused children.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to adopt the Proclamation declaring April Childhood Abuse Awareness month. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014

REQUEST FROM KUDZU/KIDZU PLAYHOUSE TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE STREETS ON OCTOBER 4, 2014, FOR 5K (DILWORTH LANE ROUTE)

Susan Lang with Kudzu / Kidzu Playhouse spoke about information on their request.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to approve the request from Kudze/Kidzu Playhouse to temporarily close streets on October 4, 2014, for a 5K, using the Dilworth lane route. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

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REQUEST FROM AMY CHATHAM TO CLOSE STREETS FOR THE FRONT PORCH JUBILEE

Amy Chatham with Front Porch Jubilee spoke about information on their request.

Motion was duly made by Alderman McLendon, seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the request from Amy Chatham to close streets for the Front Porch Jubilee on September 20, 2014 from 8am to midnight. 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 4th day of March, 2014.

AUTHORIZE TO HIRE SHERITA MORGAN AS A DISPATCHER

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Higdon hire Sherita Morgan as a Dispatcher based on the Personnel Committee's recommendation, following the Police Chief's recommendation. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON TO SIGN A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE MDOT DESOTO COUNTY ITS PROJECT AND SUPPORT ALLOCATION OF CMAQ FUNDS

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a Resolution to support the MDOT Desoto County ITS project and support allocation of CMAQ funds. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HERNANDO TO APPLY FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000

The grant request is for a 6,080 square foot Skate Park, which would be the first addition to Renasant Park. The Hernando Skate Community Group is putting up \$27,000 as the In Kind donation. Total cost of project will be \$127,200, so the only cost to the City will be \$200

Motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant, seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize the City of Hernando to apply for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Outdoor Recreation grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HERNANDO TO APPLY FOR A DUI TRAFFIC GRANT THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

The grant request will help pay for two officers and equipment.

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize the City of Hernando to apply for a DUI Traffic Grant through the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR WORK TO BE DONE ON HERNANDO CIVIC CENTER BALL FIELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEASE PROVISIONS

Dewayne Williams, Park Director, spoke about the drainage work that needs to be done.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the request for work to be done on the Hernando Civic Center ball field in accordance with lease provisions, contingent upon our City attorney approving and preparing documents. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

DISCUSSION OF 2014 ASPHALT STREET OVERLAYS AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Joe Frank Lauderdale, City Engineer, presented information on the street overlays needed.

The Board held a short discussion about the list of streets.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, seconded by Alderman Bryant to table this item, asking Joe Frank Lauderdale to come back to the Board with a new list prioritizing it with the worst and most traveled streets, a traffic count on those streets, and a price to repair Nesbit Road. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON TO SIGN A LEASE WITH DIANNE BISHOP, CITY HALL CHEESECAKE (RENEW)

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to authorize the Mayor Johnson to sign a lease with Dianne Bishop, City Hall Cheesecake. A vote was taken with the following results:

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

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 4th day of March, 2014.

ADJOURN

There being no further business at this time a motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant, seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to adjourn.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

MAYOR CHIP JOHNSON

ATTEST:

KATIE HARBIN, CITY CLERK