

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Sam Lauderdale, Sonny Bryant, Andrew Miller, Gary Higdon, Jamie Tipton, and Jeff Hobbs. Alderman Manning was absent.

Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Subia, Police Chief Mike Riley, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Parks Director Dewayne Williams, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Paula Lauderdale, Robert Spears, Jr, Katherine Spears, Anna Pechenik, Bea Hunsucker, Erin Rodgers, Henry Bailey, and Robert Long.

INVOCATION

Alderman Miller gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the agenda, after amending it to add the item to Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign the agreement for the Purchase of Materials with Desoto County. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

October 18, 2011

6:00pm

- 1) Meeting called to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 91445 – 91648 less 91458, 91460, 91573
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 91458, 91573
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 91460
- 7) Approve Minutes

8) Consent Agenda

- A) Authorize Mayor Johnson to go meet with Senior White House Officials in Washington, D.C. on October 26th – 28th and to reimburse for travel expenses (MML is paying for the hotel room)
- B) Authorize Officers P. Thornton, G. Darby, and R. Scott to attend the S.T.O.R.M conference in Vicksburg, MS November 15th – 17th and to pay registration cost and reimburse for travel expenses.

9) Request by Bea Hunsucker to close Panola Street May 25, 2012, for wedding reception

10) Request by Erin Rodgers to close Memphis Street on Oct. 29th for Kids Fun Run

11) Ole Miss survey results for Parks & Recreation to be presented by Anna Pechenik

12) Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a service agreement with Eldon Lawyer for Youth Basketball League Director for 2011-2012 season

13) Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a new Rental Agreement with Pitney Bowes for Postage Machine

14) Approve to purchase an advertisement for the Hernando High School Basketball program

15) Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign the Agreement for the Purchase of Materials with Desoto County

16) Executive Session for Police Personnel

17) Adjourn

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 91445 – 91648 LESS 91458, 91460, AND 91573

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 91445 – 91648 less 91458, 91460, and 91573 in the amount of \$947,589.44 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, 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 Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October, 2011.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'s (LAUDERDALE) 91458 AND 91573

Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.'s 91458 and 91573 in the amount of \$180,807.76 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, 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 Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'s (MILLER) 91460

Alderman Miller recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 91460 in the amount of \$36,032.38 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, 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 Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Higdon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 4, 2011. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman Tipton.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Authorize Mayor Johnson to go meet with Senior White House Officials in Washington, D.C. on October 26th – 28th and to reimburse for travel expenses (MML is paying for the hotel room)
- B) Authorize Officers P. Thornton, G. Darby, and R. Scott to attend the S.T.O.R.M conference in Vicksburg, MS November 15th – 17th and to pay registration cost and reimburse for travel expenses.

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

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman Tipton.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

**REQUEST BY BEA HUNSUCKER TO CLOSE PANOLA STREET MAY 25, 2012, FOR
A WEDDING RECETION**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve to close Panola Street Saturday May 25, 2012 until Sunday May 26, 2012 at noon. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**REQUEST BY ERIN RODGERS TO CLOSE MEMPHIS STREET ON OCTOBER 29TH
FOR KIDS FUN RUN**

Erin Rodgers with Positive Steps gave information on the Kids Fun Run. This will be a one mile run/walk for Kids, and along the way they will be picking up healthy snacks instead of the traditional Halloween candy. There will also be activities before and after the run/walk. They will start out on Memphis Street, turn on to Whitfield Drive and come back the same way.

Alderman Miller asked if the business would be notified, and also requested that it be posted before the run/walk that the road will be closed.

Erin Rodgers answered that she would do that.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the request by Erin Rodgers to close Memphis Street on October 29th for the Kids Fun Run. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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**OLE MISS SURVEY RESULTS FOR PARKS & RECREATION TO BE PRESENTED
BY ANNA PECHENIK**

Dewayne Williams introduced Anna Pechenik with Ole Miss.

Anna Pechenik presented information on the results of the survey.

Alderman Higdon asked Anna to clarify the participation of the survey, inside the City versus outside the City.

Anna Pechenik answered 25% lived outside the City limits and 70% lived inside the City.

Alderman Miller asked how many participants were online and how many filled out the paper survey.

Anna Pechenik answered that 575 was online and 24 were paper results.

Mayor Johnson asked what minimum number would they look for to make this a valid survey.

Anna Pechenik answered that they are very confident that this is a valid survey.

Alderman Lauderdale asked about the population used.

Anna Pechenik answered that they did not ask the population.

Edward Pidgeon spoke about the need to have a skate park. He has a petition with 250 signatures for a public skate park in Hernando.

Mrs. Dillinger also spoke about the need for a public skate park in Hernando. She stated that there wasn't a place for the kids to skate around here, and it would be a benefit to have a skate park in Hernando.

Matt Hawkins stated that he would like to see a skate park in Hernando also. He stated that he takes his three sons to other nearby cities to their skate parks, it would be nice if we had one here in Hernando to go to.

A question of was asked from the audience about what the next step should be, it was directed to Anna Pechenik.

Anna Pechenik stated that this data was not the end of the conversation, it was the beginning. People in the community should make suggestions, offer to help in any way they can. The information from the survey should be known, should be published.

Mayor Johnson stated that if anyone had any suggestions about funding these programs, to communicate that with us.

Alderman Miller stated that if the money and funds are not there, no matter how much we want it, we can't do it. We can't afford to keep up with other cities, we don't have the same tax base as other cities. We as a City have to provide the basic services first, such as fire and police protection.

Anna Pechenik added that in some of the open ended questions people stated that they take their children to other cities to play sports because their fields are better, their areas are better. That is money that could go into having better facilities, and as money leaves it is less available to the City.

Alderman Miller stated that we have to have the money to make improvements or build first.

Mayor Johnson stated that this is so valuable to us, because now when we do get the money to do something, now we will now where to direct it.

Scott Sarder asked if there was any relationship with the answers how to fund versus particular recreation services. He didn't know if it was where certain people would pay to do certain activates but not others.

Anna Pechenik answered that it was about even, but there wasn't a way to ask that on the survey.

Mayor Johnson thanked Anna Pechenik and Ole Miss for doing this survey for us.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON TO SIGN A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
ELDON LAWYER FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE DIRECTOR FOR THE
2011-2012 SEASON**

Alderman Tipton stated that there is an increase of \$10 per kid in the price

Dewayne Williams answered yes there is

Alderman Tipton asked is there is going to be an increase on the fee for the kids to play.

Dewayne Williams answered yes, there will be a \$5 increase per kid to play

Mayor Johnson stated that this program is a skills program, it is more in depth than other recreational leagues.

Dewayne Williams stated that this is still a recreational league. Also, that he hears many times from players and parents that they like our league better than surrounding leagues.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a service agreement with Eldon Lawyer for Youth Basketball League Director for the 2011-2012 season. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON TO SIGN A NEW RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH
PITNEY BOWES FOR POSTAGE MACHINE**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a new rental agreement with Pitney Bowes for postage machine. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, and Alderman Higdon.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

**APPROVE TO PURCHASE AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE HERNANDO HIGH
SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to approve to purchase a full page advertisement for the Hernando High School Basketball program, to support the whole Basketball program and promote the City of Hernando, to be paid out of the tourism fund. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman Tipton.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR JOHNSON TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF MATERIALS WITH DESOTO COUNTY**

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign the agreement for the purchase of materials with Desoto County. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman Tipton.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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CLOSED SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to go into closed session to discuss going in to executive session for Police Personnel. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POLICE PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to go into executive session for Police Personnel. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POLICE PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to come out of executive session for Police Personnel. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

AUTHORIZE TO PROMOTE

Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton that the Personnel Board recommends to promote Berry Pettigrew to Lieutenant at a pay of \$20.66 an hour, John Cotter to Lieutenant at a pay of \$20.66 an hour, Robert Rayborn to Patrol Captain at a pay of \$52,000 a year, and Shane Ellis to Assistant Chief at a pay of \$55,000 a year, per the Police Chief's recommendation. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Hobbs.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 18th day of October 2011.

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 SUBIA, CITY CLERK