# MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

February 25, 2016

State of Mississippi County of Madison

#### **Introduction and Attendance**

A Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Madison, Mississippi was held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016 in the Conference Room at Madison City Hall, 1004 Madison Avenue in Madison, Mississippi. Those present were Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler, Aldermen Ken Jacobs, Steve Hickok, Michael Hudgins, Guy Bowering, and Warren Strain, City Attorney John Hedglin, City Clerk/Director of Finance and Administration Susan Crandall, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Lisa Winstead. Aldermen Tawanna Tatum and Patricia Peeler were absent. Telephonic notice of the date, time, location and specific subject matter of business to be acted upon was given to each alderman by the City Clerk's office at least three hours prior to the time fixed for the meeting, pursuant to Miss. Code Section 21-3-21.

Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler called the meeting to order.

The Chief Deputy Clerk presented the Meeting Notice and fully executed Waiver of Notification. A copy of the Meeting Notice and Waiver of Notification is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibits A and B**, respectively.

## CLAIM FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, MARK BUCKLEY, 252 WOODLAND BROOK DRIVE - Approved

On January 21, 2016, Mark Buckley, of 252 Woodland Brook Drive in Crosscreek Subdivision, experienced property damage to his home due to sewer backup. A claim was filed with the City's insurance carrier and subsequently denied citing the MS Tort Claims Law. After lengthy discussions including the City Attorney, Mayor, Public Works Department, City Clerk and Mr. Buckley, it was recommended by the City Attorney that the Board, having determined to settle and compromise the claim at its previous meeting, consider approving a revised settlement offer to Mr. Buckley in the fixed amount of \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Alderman Hudgins to approve the settlement in the amount of exactly \$10,000.00. Alderman Hickok seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of approval. Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the motion carried. A copy of the Resolution and proposed settlement agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as composite **Exhibit C.** 

### **RESCIND RESIGNATION (RETIREMENT) OF RONNIE WINSTON - Approved**

Concerning the recent Board action of February 16, 2016 with regard to the resignation/retirement of Public Works employee Ronnie Winston, it was noted that Mr. Winston has requested that the Board consider reversing this action and allowing him to continue his employment with the City. A motion was made by Alderman Bowering to rescind this previous action as requested. Alderman Jacobs seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of approval. Mayor Hawkins declared the motion carried.

### **LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 2016-2017 – Approved**

Mr. Eric Elam of Elam Consulting, Inc. presented the proposals for the renewal of the City's liability insurance coverage. A summary of the proposals is attached hereto incorporated herein as **Exhibit D**. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Bowering to accept and adopt the proposal of Meyer & Rosenbaum and authorize Mr. Elam to finalize the process including any potential modifications and/or recommendations and to authorize the Mayor to sign all related documentation. Alderman Hickok seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval and Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the motion carried.

In addition, a motion was made by Alderman Strain to transfer the existing cyber insurance policy, currently held with Travelers insurance, under the newly approved proposal with Meyer & Rosenbaum, rather than adopting the cyber policy presented by Axis. Alderman Bowering seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous in favor of approval, and Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the motion approved.

There being no further business for discussion, Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the meeting adjourned.

Mary Hawkins Butler

Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk

Director of Finance and Administration