

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI**

September 7, 2021

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF MADISON**

INTRODUCTION AND ATTENDANCE

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Madison, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom at the Madison Justice Complex. Those present in the Courtroom were Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler, Aldermen Tawanna Tatum, Pat Peeler, Janie Jarvis, Paul Tankersley, Michael Hudgins, Guy Bowering and Sandra Strain, City Attorney Chelsea Brannon, City Clerk/Director of Finance and Administration Susan Crandall, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Lisa Winstead.

Mayor Hawkins Butler called the meeting to order and after a prayer led by Public Works Director Dexter Shelby and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Hudgins, the meeting proceeded as follows:

RECOGNITION OF KENNEDI SANDERS – GATORADE MISSISSIPPI TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 2020-2021

Mayor Hawkins Butler presented her with a Certificate of Recognition and complimented her on all her personal accomplishments and expressed great pride in her as a representative of the City of Madison. A copy of that Certificate is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**

ADMINISTRATION – CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVED

Concerning the Consent Agenda, Mayor Butler asked if there were any items which needed to be removed for discussion. There were no items removed and Alderman Strain made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept Meeting Minutes and Notices: - Exhibit B**
 - 1. Second Regular Board Meeting – August 17, 2021
 - 2. Notice of Work Session Location Change – September 3, 2021
- B. Approve Claims Docket – Exhibit C**
 - 1. Computer Checks
Checks: 131957-132124
 - 2. Manual Checks
Checks: 131949-131956
 - 3. Payroll Checks
Checks: 35235-35243; EFTs: 15490-15687, 08/27/2021
Manual/Disbursement Checks: 35244-35248, 08/27/2021
Checks: 35249-35252; EFTs: 15688-15696, 08/31/2021
- C. Accept the following departmental changes/documents per terms of the Status/Payroll Change Report on file in the Office of the City Clerk: - Exhibit D**
 - 1. Accept Oaths of Office for the following new employees:
 - Jared L. Barthel, Police Officer
 - Marquisha Donahue, Dispatcher/Deputy Court Clerk
 - Lauren E. Rymer, Police Officer
 - 2. Accept resignation of Jessie Chambers, Police Officer effective August 31, 2021
 - 3. Accept resignation of Dwight Fortenberry, Webster Animal Shelter Kennel Worker effective September 13, 2021

4. Accept termination of Lamarcus Plummer, Water Department Locate Tech effective August 20, 2021
 5. Accept resignation of Ashley Roberson, Dispatcher/Deputy Court Clerk effective August 27, 2021
 6. Authorization to hire Joshua Pepper as Part-Time/Seasonal Employee for the Parks Department
- D. Accept Depository Bid from Origin Bank for the City ARPA Funding money market account for the Fiscal Year 2022 – **Exhibit E**
 - E. Authorization for City Clerk to execute Customer Credit Application with Safe Fleet
 - F. Accept the following Affidavits of Publication: - **Exhibit F**
 1. Public Notice-Variance for Rear Yard Setback, 445 Kingsbridge Road (*Journal*)
 2. Public Notice – Lake Castle Development, LLC—Variances 1-10 (*Journal*)
 3. Request for Proposals-Contract Waste Hauler Services (*Herald*)
 4. Public Notice-Wind Dance Subdivision Project, Paved Roads, Drainage and Utility Improvements (*Herald & Journal*)
 - G. Adopt Resolutions Adjudicating Cost of Cleaning Certain Real Property for the following properties: - **Exhibit G**
 - Ash Tree Lane and North Azalea Drive, Lots 1-5
 - Galleria Parkway Parcels
 - Old Walgreens Building, Highway 51 and Main Street
 - H. Accept the following monthly departmental reports: - **Exhibit H**
 1. Administration & Finance – Financials, July 2021
 2. Police Department – July 2021
 - I. Approval of and authorization for Police Department to execute agreements with Guardian Applicant Investigative Platform and Stone, McElroy & Associates for completion of applicant screening – **Exhibit I**
 - J. Approval of and authorization to remove from Building & Permits inventory, (B1901) one Toshiba printer damaged beyond repair during Hurricane Ida, and authorize the purchase of a replacement printer from Advantage Business Systems under State Contract pricing – **Exhibit J**
 - K. Authorization to execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and the City of Madison and to submit request to transfer funds in connection with Senate Bill 2948 – **Exhibit K**
 - L. Ratify quote and award to Nature's Choice for emergency repair to control erosion at Hearn Creek – **Exhibit L**
 - M. Authorize one-year extension to agreement with NRCS – **Exhibit M**
 - N. Accept Finding of Continued Use for 1620 (Old) Mannsdale Road – **Exhibit N**
 - O. Approve contract with Dover, Kohl & Partners for town planning at Madison at Main - **Exhibit O**

Alderman Tatum seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the vote was unanimous in favor of approval. Mayor Butler declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – WIND DANCE SUBDIVISION PROJECT

Mayor Hawkins Butler opened the Public Hearing for discussion regarding Wind Dance Subdivision. Several members of the subdivision were present including Clinton Bailey, L. S. Bishop, Dale Brooks and Molly Corella. Discussion was held regarding special assessments as requested by the neighborhood. The decision was made to table the matter until the next Board meeting and the Public Hearing was declared closed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLEANING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 412 POST OAK COVE – Resolution Adopted

Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the Public Hearing opened regarding the condition of the property located at 412 Post Oak Cove and owned by Mr. Cassimino. Code Enforcement Officer Miriam Ethridge stated that the structure has recently been damaged by fire and is not currently secured. She explained that the owner has done some cleaning inside and out and there is a dumpster on the street. She also indicated that some boarding up done by the insurance company had been removed and the property needs to be boarded up again for security reasons.

Approximately eleven (11) residents of the subdivision were in attendance at the meeting. Several of them addressed the Mayor and Board as follows:

Ms. Beth Herzig resides at 404 Post Oak Cove and spoke for herself and on behalf of here father (408 Post Oak Cove) and neighbors (416 Post Oak Cove). She stated that the property has been neglected for far too long and the condition of it has become extremely hazardous to the neighborhood.

Mr. Alfred Katool, 550 Post Oak Place stated that the is a 27-year resident of Post Oak Subdivision and is very concerned about the condition of the property and its effect on values in the neighborhood and questions whether it would be feasible and/or cost effective to repair considering the costly foundation issues.

Mr. Silas Ross, 551 Post Oak Place stated that the is a 30-year resident of Post Oak Subdivision and is concerned about the condition of this property stating that he has seen rats and snakes in the area since the yard is net kept mowed and in good condition. He also expressed concern for Ms. Cassimino's well-being stating that he is not healthy and cannot safely stay alone.

Mr. Cassimino has lived in this home for 16 years. Upon conclusion of all comments and discussion, Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the Public Hearing closed. The motion was made to have the City Attorney draft a Resolution authorizing the Board to declare the property condemned and to take the appropriate measures to have the property cleaned and secured. The motion was made by Alderman Jarvis and seconded by Alderman Tatum. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval and Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit P**.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

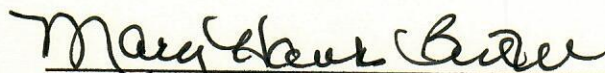
Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the Public Hearing opened for the proposed budget and tax levies for the upcoming fiscal year. There was no one present from the public to address and the matter. City Clerk/Finance Director Susan Crandall explained that the millage rate of 28.8 would remain the same for the upcoming budget year. With no further comments, Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the Public Hearing closed.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR THE REAL, PERSONAL, VEHICLE AND PUBLIC UTILITY PROPERTY FOR TAXES

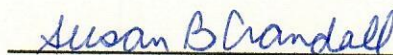
Alderman Bowering made the motion to approve the Resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Tankersley and unanimously approved. Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the motion carried. A copy of this Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit Q**.

Prior to declaring the meeting adjourned, Mayor Hawkins Butler was sure to recognize and welcome Julia Vanlake, a member of the Mayor's Youth Council to the meeting tonight.

With no further business for discussion, Mayor Hawkins Butler asked for a motion to declare the meeting adjourned. Alderman Strain made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Peeler and unanimously approved. Mayor Hawkins Butler declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.


Mary Hawkins Butler, Mayor

Attest:


Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk