



**Tuesday, January 16, 2024
4:00 PM**

**City Council
Tuesday Meeting Agenda**

**Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street**

Call to Order

Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation Agenda

Citizen's Forum

Agenda Adjustments: **Add Policy Item #18 at the request of the Administration as follows:**

18. 2024-58 Acknowledge the declaration of State of Local Emergency due to freezing weather and winter precipitation that occurred on January 15, 2024.

POLICY AGENDA

- 1. 2024-27** Approve the minutes for the January 2, 2024 meeting of the City Council.
- 2. 2024-17** Adopt an ordinance request to rezone properties made by Creed Group Communities, LLC, agent for RSCO Corporation, owner, and Donald Pulliam, owner. The request is to rezone property located between North 28th Avenue and Northwood Drive (US 49) from B-5 to R-3 in Ward 2, Forrest County.
- 3. 2024-16** Approve a preliminary plat for a major subdivision filed by Hunter Andrews, representative, and Jason Graham, owner. The property is known as "Hattiesburg Market Place", located along US Highway 98 in Lamar County, Ward 3.
- 4. 2024-40** Take from the Table to Approve or Deny a petition filed by Douglas Miller to appeal a decision by the Hattiesburg Planning Commission. The appeal is regarding the decision of the Director of Urban Development for a use designation for an entity as a "Group Care Facility." The Planning Commission recommended upholding the director's decision on November 15th, 2023.
- 5. 2024-32** Take from the Table to Adopt Resolution condemning the following property, 20 Broadacres Drive, as unclean and a menace to the health and safety of the community.
- 6. 2024-41** Adopt a Resolution declaring certain vehicles and equipment as surplus (per attached list) authorize the sale of said vehicles and equipment at auction, and removal of said vehicles and equipment from the inventory of the Parks and Recreation Department.

7. **2024-31** Adopt Resolution declaring a portion of property identified as Forrest County Parcel PPIN 9514 necessary for public use, establishing just compensation and Authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer to Denton B. Biglane and any and all interest holders in said property, and to acquire rights to the property from all interests holders, and generally Authorizing any and all proceedings necessary to acquire the aforementioned property pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 21-37-47, as amended.
8. **2024-23** Adopt an order to approve the sale of a personal service weapon to retiring Chief Peggy Sealy pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated 45-9-131.
9. **2024-28** Approve an agreement with Butler Snow, LLP to serve as Dissemination Agent for annual continuing disclosure requirements for the fiscal year 2023 per Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules and authorize the mayor to execute the same.
10. **2024-18** Approve issuance of a Right-of-Way Easement to Mississippi Power Company for the purpose of maintaining power lines and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
11. **2024-21** Approve Change Order No. 1 with Hemphill Construction Co. for the Water Plant #1 Rehab Phase II to increase the number of days for completion of the contract and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
12. **2024-30** Approve Practicum Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and the University of Southern Mississippi, College of Education & Human Sciences for services related to historical records in the Department of Transportation and Engineering.
13. **2024-39** Authorize the Mayor to execute a Rental Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and RJ Young for a copier located in the Municipal Court, for a period of 60 months at a cost of \$295.69 per month.
14. **2024-29** Acknowledge receipt of proposals for services related to the Broadway Drive and West Pine Street Master Plan and approve an agreement with Asakura Robinson and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
15. **2024-38** Ratify and confirm the Mayor's appointment of Michelle Shinall to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term beginning March 1, 2024 and ending March 1, 2030.
16. **2024-37** Ratify and confirm the Mayor's appointment of Roderick Nix (Ward 1) to the Hattiesburg Police Citizens Review Board to fill the unexpired term of Michelle Shinall, for a term beginning January 16, 2023 and ending December 7, 2025.
17. **2024-43** Adopt a Resolution appointing Hardy Sims as Police Chief for the City of Hattiesburg effective February 1, 2024.

ROUTINE AGENDA

1. **2024-19** Acknowledge receipt of the monthly budget report for the month ending December 31, 2023.
2. **2024-26** Acknowledge receipt of the annual valuation report covering the participation of the City of Hattiesburg in the Mississippi Retirement System for the period ending June 30, 2023.
3. **2024-20** Authorize the submission of grant application to the Department of Public Safety's FY2022 Project Safe Neighborhood for the Hattiesburg Police Department for the purchase of equipment with a total cost of \$46,966.00.
4. **2024-35** Approve and authorize publication of a request for proposals to provide professional services to author an updated Comprehensive Plan for the City of Hattiesburg.
5. **2024-42** Approve plans and specifications for the Restroom and Pavilion Improvements Project for Tatum Park; Authorize advertisement for bids for the same.
6. **2024-25** Approve the City's purchase of (1) one grave space, located in the North Half (N 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4), Lot # 33, Section 39, at Highland Cemetery. Minute Book# 2022- Page# 329, in the amount of \$175.00, from Barbara Miller, Authorize manual check for the same.
7. **2024-24** Approve the sale of grave spaces, per attached Memo's, Receipts and Deeds.
8. **2024-36** Approve claims docket for the period ending January 12, 2024.

In Memoriam:

- Mrs. Linda Diane Andrews Jeter Taylor
- Ms. Sally Mae Johnson
- Ms. Caresia "Ms. Honey" Croom

Meeting Adjourn