



- Call to Order
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- Presentation Agenda
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Approve a variance request made by Stacey and Doug Thompson, owners, to deviate from the minimum 5ft width sidewalk requirement to instead allow for a 0ft sidewalk for a proposed expansion located at 5165 Old Hwy 42 in Forrest County, Ward 2. The Board of Adjustments recommenced to deny on January 3rd, 2024.
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Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Precision Communications for tornado siren maintenance and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
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Approve Letter Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Doleac Electric Company, Inc., to provide annual generator maintenance and inspection at the Public Safety Complex.
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Approve Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Morris & McDaniel, Inc., to provide promotional testing for the Hattiesburg Police and Fire Departments as necessary, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
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Approve Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Festival South for advertisement sponsorship for the Film Expo, on March 2, 2024, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, in the amount of 2,500.00; authorize issuance of manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.
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Approve Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Dream of Hattiesburg Inc., for advertisement sponsorship for Night of Sweet Dreams, February 23, 2024, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, in the amount of 2,500.00; authorize issuance of manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.
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Approve Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Downtown Hattiesburg Association, a designated Mississippi Main Street Association member, to provide and promote economic growth and development of downtown Hattiesburg in accordance with Mississippi Code 21-19-44; authorize issuance of manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.
12.

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Authorize the acceptance of Community Heritage Preservation Grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in the amount of \$99,200. The City of Hattiesburg will provide a local match of \$24,800 for a total project cost of \$124,000 to be used for preservation and renovation of City Hall.
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Acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Department of Revenue granting and allowing ad valorem tax exemption to Kohler Company, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$79,691,444.00; adopt final order allowing the same.
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Acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations, LLC, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing on December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$9,227,246.00; adopt final order allowing same.
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Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Resinall Corporation, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$8,701,603.84; adopt the final order allowing same.

- 16. 2024-80 Acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Western Container Corporation, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing on December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$1,999,468.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
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- 18. 2024-79 Acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing on December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$823,391.00; adopt final order allowing the same.
- 19. 2024-75 Acknowledge receipt of a Letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Geen Bay Converting, Inc. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2022. With a true value of \$644,287.00, adopt final order allowing the same.
- 20. 2024-82 Acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Department of Revenue granting and allowing ad valorem tax exemption to York International for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing on December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$247,556.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
- 21. 2024-86 Acknowledge request of renewal letter of appropriation from The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and the Arts Institute of Mississippi for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and authorize manual check for the same as authorized by MS Code 39-15-1.
- 22. 2024-84 Acknowledge the Intergovernmental transfer of a K-9 (Belle) from the Hattiesburg Public School District and authorize said K-9 to be Placed on the Hattiesburg Police Department Inventory.
- 23. 2024-77 Ratify agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program Project No. 5319 for bank stabilization along areas of Gordon’s Creek.
- 24. 2024-74 Ratify and confirm the mayor's reappointment of Chad Dews to the Forrest County Industrial Park Commission for a term beginning February 6, 2024, and ending February 5, 2029

ROUTINE AGENDA

- 1. 2024-62 Acknowledge receipt of the two quote docket for the period of December 22, 2023 through January 26, 2024.
- 2. 2024-79 Acknowledge bids received on January 18, 2024 for One (1) or more Police Pursuit Package Vehicles for the Hattiesburg Police Department and accept the bid of Premier CDJR, as the best and lowest bid received at an amount of \$36,500.00 per vehicle.
- 3. 2024-77 Acknowledge receipt of proposals received on January 11, 2024, for Disaster Recovery Services and reject all proposals due to a technicality in the submission process; authorize re-advertisement for the same.
- 4. 2024-72 Ratification of the submitted grant application to the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund Program, to fund the construction of additional taxiways for hanger development at the Hattiesburg Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport.
- 5. 2024-80 Authorize submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural Business Development Grant for a feasibility study and business plan for outdoor recreation and ecotourism improvements to sections of Gordon’s Creek. The city will provide \$10,000 in matching funds.
- 6. 2024-69 Approve specifications and authorize publication of ditch and waterway herbicide spraying for the City of Hattiesburg.
- 7. 2024-65 Approve and Authorize publication of a Request for Proposals for Lead Abatement Contractor(s) for the LeadSafe Program
- 8. 2024-52 Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached Memo's, Receipts, and Deeds.
- 9. 2024-60 Approve claims docket for the period ending January 31, 2024.

In Memoriam:

- Mr. Aiden Benard Underwood
- Dr. Terrell Tisdale
- Ms. Doris M. Benton
- Ms. Mary L. Anderson
- Officer Kenya D. Galloway
- Mayor Thomas Mack (Tim) Waldrup
- Mrs. Betty King
- Mrs. Laura Williams

Meeting Adjourn

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the **regular meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 6, 2024**, in Council Chambers at City Hall; same being from a recessed meeting held on February 5, 2024.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2 (via teleconference); Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Dave Ware, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5. Others in attendance included Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy; City staff members; media; and the public. Absent: Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly.

Council President George Called the meeting to order.

Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The prayer was given by Sean Berch, Minister of Lucedale Church of Christ.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kermas Eaton.

Presentation Agenda

The PRESENTATION AGENDA came before the Council.

Mayor Barker presented a proclamation declaring February 5-9, 2024, Mississippi Arts Week.

There were no other presentations at this time.

Agenda Adjustments

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Remove Routine #2 at the request of the Administration.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

THE MATTER OF THE AGENDA ORDER came before the Council.

POLICY AGENDA

The POLICY AGENDA came before the Council.

1. **2024-83** Approve the minutes for the January 16, 2024 meeting of the City Council.

Attachments: 01-16-2024 Mins.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Approve the minutes for the January 16, 2024 meeting of the City Council.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

2. **2024-16**
[TABLED] Take from the Table; 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.

Attachments: Staff Summary - Hattiesburg Marketplace Major Subdivision
Marketplace Image Sheet
6214 HWY 98 - Hattiesburg MarketPlace - Lots 3 , 4, 5 - Commercial Development
Public Hearing App
Hattiesburg Marketplace Developement-Traffic Impact Study
Traffic Study Appendices combined
Hattiesburg Marketplace Developement-TIS Report App E v1.0

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Take from the Table a preliminary plat for a major subdivision known as "The Hattiesburg Market Place" located along US Highway 98.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Table the preliminary plat for a major subdivision known as "The Hattiesburg Market Place" located along US Highway 98 for further information until the next Council meeting (February 20, 2024).

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

3. **2024-61** Approve a conditional use request made by Casey Wilder, applicant, and agent for Home Depot, USA Inc., for an expansion of their existing operations to include the use of "machinery, tools/construction equipment, limited sales, and service" for the property located at 4100 O'ferral St, Ward 3, Lamar County.

Attachments: Staff Summary - 4100 OFerral St - Home Depo
4100 O'Ferral St - Public Hearing Application
Image Sheet - 4100 OFerral St
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A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Approve a conditional use request made by Casey Wilder, applicant, and agent for Home Depot, USA Inc., for an expansion of their existing operations to include the use of "machinery, tools/construction equipment, limited sales, and service" for the property located at 4100 O'ferral St.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

4. **2024-68**
[TABLED] Approve a variance request made by Stacey and Doug Thompson, owners, to deviate from the minimum 5ft width sidewalk requirement to instead allow for a 0ft sidewalk for a proposed expansion located at 5165 Old Hwy 42 in Forrest County, Ward 2. The Board of Adjustments recommenced to deny on January 3rd, 2024.

Attachments: Staff Summary - Nice Guys Auto Variance
Image Sheet - Nice Guys Auto
Application - Nice Guys 0 ft sidewalk
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A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to TABLE a variance request to deviate from the minimum 5ft width sidewalk requirement to instead allow for a 0ft sidewalk for a proposed expansion located at 5165 Old Hwy 42 until the next Council meeting (February 20, 2024).

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

5.

2024-78

Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Precision Communications for tornado siren maintenance and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- Attachments: Precision Communication Agreement

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Precision Communications for tornado siren maintenance and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

6.

2024-63

Approve Letter Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Doleac Electric Company, Inc., to provide annual generator maintenance and inspection at the Public Safety Complex.
- Attachments: Proposal Generator Maint Public Safety Complex

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Approve Letter Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Doleac Electric Company, Inc., to provide annual generator maintenance and inspection at the Public Safety Complex.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

7.

2024-64

Approve Contract Change Order No. 1 with J. W. Chain Contractors, LLC for the Jaycee Park Parking Lot Improvements project to adjust estimated quantities to actual quantities and reduce the contract amount to \$939,970.70 and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
- Attachments: Jaycee Park Parking Lot Summary Change Order No. 1

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Approve Contract Change Order No. 1 with J. W. Chain Contractors, LLC for the Jaycee Park Parking Lot Improvements project to adjust estimated quantities to actual quantities and reduce the contract amount to \$939,970.70 and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

8.

2024-66

Approve Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Morris & McDaniel, Inc., to provide promotional testing for the Hattiesburg Police and Fire Departments as necessary, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: Hattiesburg FIRE POLICE Testing Agreement 2024 2.6.24

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Approve Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Morris & McDaniel, Inc., to provide promotional testing for the Hattiesburg Police and Fire Departments as necessary, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

9. **2024-67** Approve Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Festival South for advertisement sponsorship for the Film Expo, on March 2, 2024, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, in the amount of 2,500.00; authorize issuance of manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.

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Attachments: Dream of Hattiesburg

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Approve Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Dream of Hattiesburg Inc., for advertisement sponsorship for Night of Sweet Dreams, February 23, 2024, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, in the amount of 2,500.00; authorize issuance of manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

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Nays: 0

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Attachments: 2024 DHA-COH MOA 2.6.24

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Approve Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Downtown Hattiesburg Association, a designated Mississippi Main Street Association member, to provide and promote economic growth and development of downtown Hattiesburg in accordance with Mississippi Code 21-19-44; authorize issuance of manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 12. 2024-76** Authorize the acceptance of Community Heritage Preservation Grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in the amount of \$99,200. The City of Hattiesburg will provide a local match of \$24,800 for a total project cost of \$124,000 to be used for preservation and renovation of City Hall.

Attachments: [MDAH CHPG Award Acceptance Letter](#)
[MDAH Community Heritage Preservation Grant - City Hall renovations](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Authorize the acceptance of Community Heritage Preservation Grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in the amount of \$99,200. The City of Hattiesburg will provide a local match of \$24,800 for a total project cost of \$124,000 to be used for preservation and renovation of City Hall.

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Attachments: [Kohler Co- Final Order- Letter](#)
[Kohler- Final Resolution](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to Acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Department of Revenue granting and allowing ad valorem tax exemption to Kohler Company, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$79,691,444.00; adopt final order allowing the same.

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Attachments: [GP- Final Order- Letter](#)
[GP- Final Order- Resolution](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Nicholas Brown to Acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations, LLC, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing on December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$9,227,246.00; adopt final order allowing same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

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Attachments: Resinall Final Order Letter
 Resinall Final Order Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Resinall Corporation, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$8,701,603.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

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Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

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Attachments: Western Container- Final Order Letter
 Western Container- Final Order Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Western Container Corporation, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing on December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$1,999,468.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.

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Attachments: MS Tank Company-Final Order Letter
 MS Tank Co -Final Order Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Mississippi Tank Company for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$932,075.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

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Attachments: Wis- Pak Co- Final Order Letter
 Wis-Pak Co- Final Order Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing on December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$823,391.00; adopt final order allowing the same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

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Nays: 0

19.

2024-75

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- Attachments:

[Green Bay- Final Order letter](#)

[Green Bay Final Resolution](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Acknowledge receipt of a Letter from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Green Bay Converting, Inc. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2022. With a true value of \$644,287.00, adopt final order allowing the same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

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Nays: 0

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2024-82

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- Attachments:

[York Int- Final Order Letter](#)

[York Int- Final Resolution](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Department of Revenue granting and allowing ad valorem tax exemption to York International for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing on December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$247,556.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

21.

2024-86

Acknowledge request of renewal letter of appropriation from The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and the Arts Institute of Mississippi for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and authorize manual check for the same as authorized by MS Code 39-15-1.
- Attachments:

[City Grant Renewal Letter 2023-2024 copy](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Acknowledge request of renewal letter of appropriation from The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and the Arts Institute of Mississippi for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and authorize manual check for the same as authorized by MS Code 39-15-1.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 22. **2024-84** Acknowledge the Intergovernmental transfer of a K-9 (Belle) from the Hattiesburg Public School District and authorize said K-9 to be Placed on the Hattiesburg Police Department Inventory.
- Attachments: K-9 Belle

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Acknowledge the Intergovernmental transfer of a K-9 (Belle) from the Hattiesburg Public School District and authorize said K-9 to be Placed on the Hattiesburg Police Department Inventory.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 23. **2024-77** Ratify agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program Project No. 5319 for bank stabilization along areas of Gordon’s Creek.
- Attachments: NRCS EWP Grant Agreement No. 5319

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Ratify agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program Project No. 5319 for bank stabilization along areas of Gordon’s Creek.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 24. **2024-74** Ratify and confirm the mayor's reappointment of Chad Dews to the Forrest County Industrial Park Commission for a term beginning February 6, 2024, and ending February 5, 2029
- Attachments: data sheet Ind Park Comm

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Ratify and confirm the mayor's reappointment of Chad Dews to the Forrest County Industrial Park Commission for a term beginning February 6, 2024, and ending February 5, 2029.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

ROUTINE AGENDA

THE ROUTINE AGENDA came before the Council.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the Routine Agenda, as amended.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

1. **2024-62** Acknowledge receipt of the two-quote docket for the period of December 22, 2023 through January 26, 2024.

 Attachments: February 2023 Attachment Agenda

2. **2024-79** Acknowledge bids received on January 18, 2024 for One (1) or more Police Pursuit Package Vehicles for the Hattiesburg Police Department and accept the bid of Premier CDJR, as the best and lowest bid received at an amount of \$36,500.00 per vehicle.

 Attachments: Bid Tabulation- Hattiesburg Police Pursuit Vehicles 1-18-24

3. **2024-77** Acknowledge receipt of proposals received on January 11, 2024, for Disaster Recovery Services and reject all proposals due to a technicality in the submission process; authorize re-advertisement for the same.

 Attachments: RFP - Disaster Recovery Management
 RFP- DRS

4. **2024-72** Ratification of the submitted grant application to the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund Program, to fund the construction of additional taxiways for hanger development at the Hattiesburg Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport.

 Attachments: Aerial Image of project site
 Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund Projects Application

5. **2024-80** Authorize submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural Business Development Grant for a feasibility study and business plan for outdoor recreation and ecotourism improvements to sections of Gordon's Creek. The city will provide \$10,000 in matching funds.

 Attachments: 508_RD_FS_RBS_RBDG-FactSheet
 GC-FeasibilityStudy_ScopeOfWork-DRAFT

6. **2024-69** Approve specifications and authorize publication of ditch and waterway herbicide spraying for the City of Hattiesburg.

 Attachments: Ditch Herbicide Services Spray Specifications
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS-Herbicide Spraying

7. **2024-65** Approve and Authorize publication of a Request for Proposals for Lead Abatement Contractor(s) for the LeadSafe Program.

 Attachments: CoH RFP-LEAD-ABATEMENT-CONTRACTORS 02152024

8. **2024-52** Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached Memo's, Receipts, and Deeds.

 Attachments: Memo's (02-06-2024)
 Receipts (02-06-2024)
 Deeds (02-06-2024)

9. **2024-60** Approve claims docket for the period ending January 31, 2024.

 Attachments: DOCKET 24.01.31
 DT 24.01.31

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware for the Council to enter closed session to determine the need to enter Executive Session at 5:21 p.m.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Council President George asked for the Chambers to be cleared at this time.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to enter Executive Session to discuss transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or expansion of a business, medical service, or an industry, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25 41 7 (j) at 5:23 p.m.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Council Member Delgado disconnected via teleconference at 5:23 p.m.

The City Attorney stepped out into the hall and announced that the Council has gone into Executive Session to discuss transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or expansion of a business, medical service, or an industry.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members Jeffrey George, Carter Carroll, Dave Ware and Nicholas Brown; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Planning Division Manager, Cory Long; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll exit Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 5:37 p.m.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Delgado

Council President George stated to the public that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

In Memoriam:

A MOTION was made by Council President George to Adjourn the meeting in memory of:

- Mr. Aiden Benard Underwood
- Dr. Terrell Tisdale
- Ms. Doris M. Benton
- Ms. Mary L. Anderson
- Officer Kenya D. Galloway
- Mayor Thomas Mack (Tim) Waldrup
- Mrs. Betty King
- Mrs. Laura Williams

Meeting Adjourn

Council President George declared the **meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m., this 6th day of February, 2024**, by unanimous consent, until the 20th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor