



Tuesday, October 7, 2025  
5:00 PM

City Council  
Tuesday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers  
200 Forrest Street

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## Call to Order

## Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

## Presentation Agenda

## Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda

- **Agenda Adjustments - Add to Routine Item #8, Addendum to the claims docket.**

1. **2025-879** Addendum to the claims docket, invoice payable to Hattiesburg Public Schools, in the amount of \$9,612.50.

## Approval of Minutes

1. **2025-862** Approve the minutes for the September 15 & 16, 2025 meetings of the City Council.

## POLICY AGENDA

1. **2025-663** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a conditional use request for an electronic reader board located at 748 W 4th Street (Forrest County, Ward 4).
2. **2025-665** Accept the Board of Adjustment's recommendation to approve variances requested for a sign located at 748 W 4th Street (Forrest County, Ward 4). The variances requested are:
  - A variance from the requirement of the minimum 200ft separation from the nearest lot line of any residential use to allow for 94 ft separation.
  - A variance from the requirement of a maximum of 40% of the sign as an electronic reader board to allow for 58%.

3.     **2025-856**     Approve the designation of Recognized Historic Landmark status for the building located at 1410 Adeline St. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to Approve on August 13, 2025.
  
4.     **2025-861**     Adopt a Resolution for final approval of the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for fiscal Year 2025-2026.
  
5.     **2025-833**     Adopt a Resolution appointing Justin Stewart as Municipal Court Prosecutor post 2, for the City of Hattiesburg.
  
6.     **2025-836**     Adopt a Resolution appointing Kristen Ward Ray as Municipal Court Prosecutor Pro-Tem, for the City of Hattiesburg.
  
7.     **2025-837**     Adopt a Resolution declaring equipment surplus (per attached list) and authorize the disposal of said equipment; authorize removal of equipment from the City inventory of the Hattiesburg Police Department.
  
8.     **2025-841**     Adopt a Resolution declaring Police Canine Mamba as surplus property, authorizing his removal from the Police Department's inventory, and approving his donation to his handler, Officer Christopher Sumrall.
  
9.     **2025-826**     Adopt a Resolution declaring Police Canine VooDoo as surplus property, authorizing his removal from the Police Department's inventory, and approving his donation to his handler, Sgt. Mitchell Fontaine.
  
10.    **2025-853**     Adopt a Resolution declaring certain vehicles (per attached list) as surplus and authorizing the sale of said vehicles at auction and removal of said vehicles from the city's inventory of the Mass Transit Division.
  
11.    **2025-827**     Adopt a Resolution declaring Police Canine Belle as surplus property, authorizing her removal from the Police Department's inventory, and approving her donation to her handler, Officer Dakota Spencer.
  
12.    **2025-844**     Adopt a Resolution setting Public Hearing on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, according to the provision of MS Code 1972, Section 21-19-11.
  
13.    **2025-845**     Adopt Resolutions adjudicating and directing the placement as an assessment for the cleanup costs and applicable penalties, not to exceed the values prescribed by State law, against the following properties.

14.    **2025-848**    Adopt a Nunc Pro Tunc Resolution previously approved on December 3, 2024 to reflect the corrected property description and authorize release of lien filed in relation to code enforcement clean-up assessment for property located at 124 Plantation Place.
  
15.    **2025-846**    Approve Release of Lien documents filed in relation to Code Enforcement clean-up assessments per attached memo, authorize the Mayor to execute and record the same.
  
16.    **2025-828**    Approve an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the University of Southern Mississippi to provide an Employee Education program for City of Hattiesburg employees and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
  
17.    **2025-829**    Approve the Engagement of Landry Lewis Germany Architects, P.A., to provide architectural services related to the Pine Street Parking Garage and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
  
18.    **2025-830**    Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hattiesburg and their Mississippi State Fire Academy, to administer the course Fire and Emergency Services Instructor and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
  
19.    **2025-834**    Approve a Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the Hattiesburg Public School District for advertisement sponsorship as outlined in the attached agreement, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, in the amount of 15,000.00, issuance of a manual check, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
  
20.    **2025-832**    Approve a Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the Hattiesburg Public School Athletic Tiger Booster Club for advertising as outlined in the attached agreement, in accordance with Mississippi Code § 17-3-1, in the amount of 10,000.00 issuance of a manual check and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
  
21.    **2025-850**    Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Hattiesburg and Mississippi Public Health Institute to place, operate, and maintain a Naloxone vending machine within the City of Hattiesburg and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
  
22.    **2025-852**    Approve Supplemental Agreement No.1 with Walters Construction Company Inc. for the Lincoln Rd Detention Pond Project to account for modified and added items with an increase of \$90,504.00 for a contract amount increase to \$4,881,948.00; Authorize the Mayor to execute the Supplemental Agreement in triplicate.

23. **2025-858** Declare repairs at Hattiesburg Water Plant #1 and Water Well #5 in the amount of \$45,335.50 as an emergency purchase due to damages caused by the motor failure that service water well #5 in accordance with MS Code 31-7-13.
24. **2025-859** Approve Engagement Letter with Hicks Law Firm in reference to Cause No. 25-cv-163.
25. **2025-863** Authorize and direct the City Attorney to file a Complaint in Forrest County Chancery Court requesting the Court to give direction as to the disposition of an unknown burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.
26. **2025-825** Ratify and confirm the Mayor's appointment of Ronda Norris (W4) to the Board of Adjustments for a term beginning October 8, 2025, and ending October 7, 2028.
27. **2025-855** Authorize acquisition of a permanent drainage easement on Forrest County Parcel PPIN 38768; Acknowledge receipt of Appraisal Report; Determine \$1,410 appraisal valuation as Just Compensation; Authorize Mayor to make Fair Market Value offer of \$1,410 and execute all documents to complete the transaction, including issuance of a manual check.
28. **2025-851** Authorize submission of grant application to Mississippi Forestry Commission for the Trees Across Mississippi grant program for up to \$40,000 to purchase and plant trees within the City of Hattiesburg; and authorize the Mayor to execute the same. The grant could require an 80/20 match.
29. **2025-854** Acknowledge bids received on September 18th, 2025 for Term Bid Item #2 - Repair & Rehabilitation of Streets for City of Hattiesburg and accept the bid of Warren Paving, Inc. as the only bid received.
30. **2025-849** Acknowledge acceptance of a grant award from the Fiscal Year 2026 Visit Hattiesburg Grant Program, in the amount of \$1,250, for the Art Venue Awareness-RSJ Community Arts Center.
31. **2025-840** Acknowledge acceptance of a grant award from the Fiscal Year 2026 Visit Hattiesburg Grant Program, in the amount of \$4,250 for Midnight on Front Street event.
32. **2025-858** Acknowledge acceptance of a grant award from the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$75,000 for the Hattiesburg Police Department.

**ROUTINE AGENDA**

1.     **2025-838**     Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket.
  
2.     **2025-839**     Acknowledge receipt of a donation from Forrest County in the amount of \$5,000.00 for National Night Out Against Crime.
  
3.     **2025-835**     Approve and Authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
  
4.     **2025-878**     - **Removed** -
  
5.     **2025-842**     Approve Specifications and Authorize Publication of Advertisement for Term Bids for Demolition and related services.
  
6.     **2025-843**     Approve Specifications and Authorize Publication of Advertisement for Term Bids for Lot Clearing/Grass Cutting and related services.
  
7.     **2025-847**     Approve the City's purchase of (4) four grave spaces, located in Section 38, Lot 112, the East Half (E1/2) of the at Highland Cemetery, Minute book# 2019 and page 283, in the amount of \$700.00 from Oliver Bryant, Authorize manual check for the same.
  
8.     **2025-865**     Approve claims docket for the period ending September 30, 2025.

**In Memoriam:**

- Mrs. Deborah J. Haralson
- Mr. Robert A. "Bob" Johnson
- Mr. Bradford Hagen Brian, Sr.
- Mr. Dennis Ray White
- Mr. Josh Morris
- Mr. George Richard "Dick" Munton, Jr.
- Mr. Hugh Bolton
- Dr. D.J. Kobs

**Meeting Adjourn**