

Published Agenda

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
5:00 PM

City Council
Tuesday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order**Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance****Presentation Agenda****Confirmation of the Agenda****Agenda Adjustments** - *Add to Routine Item #8, Addendum to the claims docket.*

R-8. 2025-879 Addendum to the claims docket, invoice payable to Hattiesburg Public Schools, in the amount of \$9,612.50.

Approval of Minutes

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POLICY AGENDA

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 - A variance from the requirement of a maximum of 40% of the sign as an electronic reader board to allow for 58%.
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- p. 483 **4. 2025-861** Adopt a Resolution for final approval of the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- p. 483 **5. 2025-833** Adopt a Resolution appointing Justin Stewart as Municipal Court Prosecutor post 2, for the City of Hattiesburg.
- p. 483 **6. 2025-836** Adopt a Resolution appointing Kristen Ward Ray as Municipal Court Prosecutor Pro-Tem, for the City of Hattiesburg.
- p. 484 **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.
- p. 484 **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.
- p. 484 **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.
- p. 484-485 **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.
- p. 485 **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.
- p. 485 **12. 2025-844** Adopt a Resolution setting Public Hearing on Monday, November 3rd, 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.
- p. 485 **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.
- p. 486 **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.

- p. 486 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.
- p. 486-487 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.
- p. 487 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.
- p. 487 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.
- p. 487-488 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.
- p. 488 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.
- p. 488 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.
- p. 488 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.
- p. 489 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.
- p. 489 24. 2025-859 Approve Engagement Letter with Hicks Law Firm in reference to Cause No. 25-cv-163.
- p. 489 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.
- p. 489 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.
- p. 489-490 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.
- p. 490 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.
- p. 490 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.
- p. 490-491 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.
- p. 491 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.
- p. 491 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

- p. 491 1. 2025-838 Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket.
- p. 491 2. 2025-839 Acknowledge receipt of a donation from Forrest County in the amount of \$5,000.00 for National Night Out Against Crime.
- p. 491 3. 2025-835 Approve and Authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
- p. 491 4. 2025-878 - Removed -
- p. 492 5. 2025-842 Approve Specifications and Authorize Publication of Advertisement for Term Bids for Demolition and related services.
- p. 492 6. 2025-843 Approve Specifications and Authorize Publication of Advertisement for Term Bids for Lot Clearing/Grass Cutting and related services.
- p. 492 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.
- p. 492 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.G. Kobs

Meeting Adjourn

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025**, in the **Council Chambers at City Hall**, *this being the reconvened session of the recessed meeting held on September 15, 2025.*

In attendance were Mayor Toby Barker (in at 5:06 p.m.) and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Eric Boney, Ward 2; LeAnn Vance, Ward 3; Dave Ware, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5.

Others in attendance were Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; City staff members; media; and the public.

Council President Ware Called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The prayer was given by *Randy Pope*.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by *Kermas Eaton*.

Presentation Agenda

The PRESENTATION AGENDA came before the Council.

There were no presentations at this time.

Agenda Adjustments:

THE MATTER OF THE AGENDA ORDER was before the Council.

Council President Ware whether there were any adjustments to the agenda.

The Clerk of Council responded in the affirmative and proceeded to read aloud the following adjustments:

R-8. 2025-879 Addendum to the claims docket, invoice payable to Hattiesburg Public Schools, in the amount of \$9,612.50.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **ADD** the addendum to the Claims Docket [Routine Item #8].

R-8. 2025-879 Addendum to the claims docket, invoice payable to Hattiesburg Public Schools, in the amount of \$9,612.50.

Attachment: Addendum to the claims docket

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Confirmation of the Agenda, as Amended

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **APPROVE** the agenda, *as amended*.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Approval of the Minutes

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

Attachments: [09-15-2025 AR Mins.](#)
[09-16-2025 Mins.](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **APPROVE** the minutes for the September 2 & 11, 2025 meetings of the City Council.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

POLCY AGENDA

THE **POLICY AGENDA** was then considered.

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).
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until next meeting
October 21, 2025

Attachments: [Item A Staff Report- 748 W 4th St- Annointed Word Ministries- Sign Conditional Use](#)
[A Image Sheet - Annointed Word Sign](#)
[748 W 4th Street- Sign HPC and BOA application -CC](#)
[Minutes- August 2025- HPC](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **TABLE** the conditional use request for an electronic reader board at 748 West 4th Street until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on October 21, 2025.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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:
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until next meeting
October 21, 2025

- 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%.

Attachments: [Item A - Staff Summary-748 W 4th St- Annointed Word Ministries- Residential Buffer](#)
[A Image Sheet - Annointed Word Sign](#)
[748 W 4th Street- Sign HPC and BOA application -CC](#)
[Minutes- August 2025- BOA](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **TABLE** the multiple variance requests for a sign located at 748 W 4th Street until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on October 21, 2025.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Alpine Snow presentation](#)
[Alpine Snow](#)
[Landmark Applic p1](#)
[Landmark Applic p2](#)
[Landmark Applic p3](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Vance and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **APPROVE** the designation of Recognized Historic Landmark status for the building located at 1410 Adeline St.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

4. **2025-861** Adopt a Resolution for final approval of the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for fiscal Year 2025-2026.
 [RES#2025-195]

Attachment: [MOTOR VEHICLE.DOC 2025-2026](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-195** for final approval of the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for fiscal

Year 2025-2026.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

5. **2025-833** Adopt a Resolution appointing Justin Stewart as Municipal Court Prosecutor post 2, for the City of Hattiesburg.
 [RES#2025-196]

Attachments: [Resume \(Stewart, Justin\)](#)
[Appointment of Prosecutor](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-196** appointing Justin Stewart as Municipal Court Prosecutor, Post 2, for the

City of Hattiesburg.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

6. **2025-836** Adopt a Resolution appointing Kristen Ward Ray as Municipal Court Prosecutor Pro-Tem, for the City of Hattiesburg.
 [RES#2025-197]

Attachments: [Appoint Prosecutor](#)
[Kristen Ward Ray Current Resume Fall 2025](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-197** appointing Kristen Ward Ray as Municipal Court Prosecutor Pro-Tem, for

the City of Hattiesburg.

Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 4 – George, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 1 – Boney

7. **2025-837**
[RES#2025-198] 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.
- Attachments: [Letter From Chief](#)
[Surplus List OCT 2025](#)
[Resolution-Surplus OCT 2025](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-198** declaring equipment surplus (per attached list), and authorizing the disposal of said equipment and removal of the equipment from the City inventory of the Hattiesburg Police Department.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

8. **2025-841**
[RES#2025-199] 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.
- Attachments: [Letter from Chief Sims](#)
[Medical Records](#)
[Resolution-Surplus K-9 Mamba Oct 2025](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-199** 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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

9. **2025-826**
[RES#2025-200] 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.
- Attachments: [Letter from Chief Sims](#)
[Resolution-Surplus K-9 VooDoo Oct 2025](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-200** 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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

10. **2025-853**
[RES#2025-201] 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.
- Attachments: [BUSES Reaching Useful Life 9-17-25](#)
[Resolution declaring vehicles surplus and authoring sale - Mass Transit Division](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-201** declaring certain vehicles (per attached list) as surplus and authorizing the sale of said vehicles at auction and the removal of said vehicles from the City's inventory of the Mass Transit Division.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 11. **2025-827** [RES#2025-202] 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.
Attachments: [Letter from Chief Sims](#)
[Resolution-Surplus K-9 Belle Oct 2025](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-202** 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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 12. **2025-810** [RES#2025-203] Adopt a Resolution setting Public Hearing on Monday, November 3rd, 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.
Attachment: [Request to Set Public Hearing –CE 10 07 2025](#)
[Set 10 07 2025 - Resolution Pages for Group 11 03 2025](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney to **ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-203** setting Public Hearing on *Monday, November 3rd, 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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 13. **2025-812** [RES#2025-204-210] 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.
Attachment: [Steven Adamson Resolution](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Boney and seconded by Council Vice President George to **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS #2025-204-210** 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.

| Resolution # | Owner: | Address: | PPIN: |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|-------|
| RES#2025-204 | Karen L Wells & James Robinson | 702 S 22nd Avenue | 13104 |
| RES#2025-205 | James Dwight & Monica Copeland | 307 Pauline Avenue | 23834 |
| RES#2025-206 | Gates Farms Attn: Norma Gates | 0 7th Street | 25849 |
| RES#2025-207 | Kamoi, LLC | 718 New Orleans Street | 25750 |
| RES#2025-208 | James Knight and Freedom Mortgage Corporation | 114 Brookwood Lane | 13364 |
| RES#2025-209 | Kathy M Brown-Williams & Shamina Jackson | 905 Monterrey Lane | 24417 |
| RES#2025-210 | Benito & Weixia Samia | 906 Short Columbia Street | 14286 |

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

14. **2025-848**
[RES#2025-211] 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.
- Attachments: Corrected 124 Plantation Place Nunc Pro Tunc
Exhibit A - Resolution 2024-248
Release of Lien Memo 10 07 2025 - Nunc Pro Tunc
124 Plantation Place - Release of Lien for NUNC PRO TUNC

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **ADOPT** a *Nunc Pro Tunc* **RESOLUTION #2025-211** previously approved on December 3, 2024 to reflect the corrected property description

and **AUTHORIZE** the release of lien filed in relation to code enforcement clean-up assessment for property located at **124 Plantation Place**.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

15. **2025-846** Approve Release of Lien documents filed in relation to Code Enforcement clean-up assessments per attached memo, and authorize the Mayor to execute and record the same.
- Attachments: Release of Lien Memo 10 07 2025
1. 6563 US Hwy 49 - Release of Lien
2. 1414 7th St - Release of Lien
3. 0 7th St PPIN 43392 - Release of Lien
4. 0 7th St PPIN 43393 - Release of Lien
5. 0 7th St PPIN 14410 - Release of Lien
6. 113 Saratoga Cir - Release of Lien
7. 1101 Scott St - Release of Lien
8. 217 W 7th St - Release of Lien
9. 403 Miller St - Release of Lien
10. 518 Southern Ave - Release of Lien
11. 1511 River Ave (1511 E Hardy St) - Release of Lien
12. 0 Oak St PPIN 20306 - Release of Lien
13. 718 Webster St - Release of Lien
14. 0 Alcorn Ave PPIN 22024 - Release of Lien
15. 102 Short Railroad St - Release of Lien
16. 3002 Raphael Dr - Release of Lien 1
17. 3002 Raphael Dr - Release of Lien 2
18. 3002 Raphael Dr - Release of Lien 3

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **APPROVE** the Release of Lien documents filed in relation to Code Enforcement clean-up assessments per attached memo,

and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute and record the same.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.
- Attachment: USM Continuing Employee Education Agreement 2025 (klm) 10.7.25

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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| 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. |
| | <u>Attachment:</u> | <u>Proposal 25-0911</u> |

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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| 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. |
| | <u>Attachment:</u> | <u>Hattiesburg Fire Instructor I Jan 2026</u> |

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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| 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. |
| | <u>Attachments:</u> | <u>Contractual Agreement Between City and HPSD</u> <u>Invoice COH25</u> |

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **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.

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.
Attachments: GRINER.invoice
Memo

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

24. **2025-859** Approve Engagement Letter with Hicks Law Firm in reference to Cause No. 25-cv-163.
Attachment: Pope, Randy 093025

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **APPROVE** Engagement Letter with Hicks Law Firm in reference to Cause No. 25-cv-163.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.
Attachment: Ronda Norris resume 2025
Board of Adjustments Appointment Data Sheet-BLK

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachment: Appraisal Report - PPIN 38768

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **AUTHORIZE** acquisition of a permanent drainage easement on Forrest County Parcel PPIN 38768;

ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of the Appraisal Report;

DETERMINE the appraised valuation of \$1,410 as just compensation;

and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to make a fair market value offer of \$1,410 and execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction, including issuance of a manual check.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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 requires an 80/20 match.
- Attachments:** Mississippi Forestry Commission Submission Manager - Trees Across MS 2025-26 Application Copy

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **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 requires an 80/20 match.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.
- Attachment:** Item 2 Repair and Rehab of Street exp 09.30.2026
Item 2 Memo to council 09.26.2025

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.
- Attachment:** Grant Agreement
Notification Letter Approvals COH Art Venue

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.
Attachment: Notification Letter Approvals COH Midnight on Front St Signed Agreement

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **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.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

32. **2025-910** Acknowledge acceptance of a grant award from the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$75,000 for the Hattiesburg Police Department.
Attachments: Grant Award Docs Signed
Grant Appendix Signed

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** acceptance of a grant award from the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$75,000 for the Hattiesburg Police Department.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

ROUTINE AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **APPROVE** the Routine Agenda, including the claims docket and the addendum.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

1. **2025-838** Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket.
Attachment: October 7, 2025 Agenda
2. **2025-839** Acknowledge receipt of a donation from Forrest County in the amount of \$5,000.00 for National Night Out Against Crime.
Attachment: Donation
3. **2025-835** Approve and Authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
Attachments: Invoice 301 MLK
Invoice 802 Northhill drive
4. **2025-878** - Removed -

- 5. **2025-842** Approve Specifications and Authorize Publication of Advertisement for Term Bids for Demolition and related services.
Attachments: [Notice to Bidders - Demolition 2026](#)
[Term Bid Document - Demolition 2026](#)
[Bid Form - Demolition 2026](#)
- 6. **2025-843** Approve Specifications and Authorize Publication of Advertisement for Term Bids for Lot Clearing/Grass Cutting and related services.
Attachments: [Notice to Bidders- Lot Clearing 2026](#)
[Term Bid Document - Lot Clearing 2026](#)
[Bid Form - Lot Clearing 2026](#)
- 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.
Attachment: [Documents- Bryant](#)
- 8. **2025-865** Approve claims docket for the period ending September 30, 2025.
Attachments: [DOCKET 25.0930](#)
[DT 25.09.30](#)

In Memoriam:

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

- 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.G. Kobs

Meeting Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, Council President Ware declared the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. on this 7th day of October 2025, by unanimous consent.

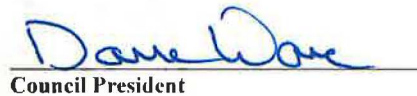
The next Council meeting had been duly scheduled for the 20th day of October 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:


APPROVE:

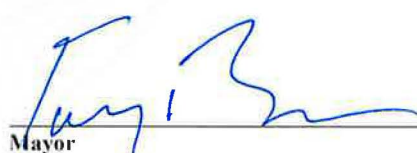

Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
