



**Monday, January 5, 2026
4:00 PM**

**City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda**

**Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street**

Call to Order

- **Agenda Adjustments - Add Policy Item #24 at the request of the Administration.**

- 24. 2026-2 Adopt a Resolution appointing Christopher Carr as Fire Chief for the City of Hattiesburg.**

Agenda Review

Citizens' Forum

Work Session

- 1. 2026-1 Code Enforcement Standard Operating Procedures, presented by Administration.**

Meeting Recess



Memorandum

To: Mayor Toby Barker and Members of City Council

From:

cc:

Date: Monday, January 5, 2026

Re: Adopt a Resolution appointing Christopher Carr as Fire Chief for the City of Hattiesburg.
File Number: 2026-2
Minute Book #

Summary

Recommendation Statement

Please place this on the January 5, 2026 City Council meeting for consideration.

RESOLUTION

APPOINTING FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF
FOR THE CITY OF HATTIESBURG

WHEREAS, Section 21-8-23 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as annotated and amended, provides that a department director shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and confirmed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council present and voting; and,

WHEREAS, Christopher Carr is appointed by the Mayor and is recognized by the Council as a qualified and proper person to fulfill the duties of Fire Chief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HATTIESBURG:

Section 1. That Christopher Carr be and is hereby confirmed to serve as Fire Chief to fulfill the duties as defined by Section 21-8-23 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as annotated and amended.

Section 2. That public interest and necessity requiring same, this Resolution shall become effective immediately.

The above and foregoing Resolution, having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Council member _____, seconded by Council member _____, and adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

YEAS:

NAYS:

The President thereby declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, this the 6th day of January, A.D., 2026.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 6th day of January, A.D., 2026.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Christopher B. Carr

4 East Yellowstone
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
(228) 493-1119

ATTENDED:

Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, MS 1997-99

University of Southern Mississippi - 1999-2001

-Graduated August, 2001

-Bachelor of Science in Education

EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Fire Chief – 2022-Present

Hattiesburg Fire Department

211 Ronie St.

Hattiesburg, MS 39401

- Responsibilities: Answers directly to the Fire Chief. Tasked with daily oversight of all fire department operations, overall management of 140 employees, daily/weekly fiscal management, make strategic, policy and budgetary recommendations to the Fire Chief and oversee implementation of any new plan, policy or directive coming from the Fire Chief or City of Hattiesburg.

Director of Training – 2018-2022

Hattiesburg Police and Fire Training Academy

53 Academy Dr.

Hattiesburg, MS 39401

- Responsibilities: Oversight for the Hattiesburg Fire Training Academy, manage department wide training for 130 personnel to maintain federal, state and departmental benchmarks, oversee at least 2 fire recruit classes per year, serve as hazardous materials coordinator for the City of Hattiesburg, maintain an equipment cache in excess of \$1 million on behalf of Mississippi Task Force 3.

Senior Instructor – 2009-2018

Mississippi State Fire Academy

#1 Fire Academy U.S.A.

Jackson, MS 39208

- Responsibilities: Coordinate/supervise course deliveries, scheduling of associate and contract instructors, operate fuel controls for all live fire simulations, develop, maintain, implement training programs, daily presentations of various course material, budget maintenance, provide instruction and safety support during live fire evolutions.

Staff Instructor – 2006-2009

Mississippi State Fire Academy

#1 Fire Academy U.S.A.

Jackson, MS 39208

- Responsibilities: Develop, maintain, implement-training programs, daily presentations of various course material, provide instruction and safety support during live fire evolutions.

Fire Chief – 2002-2006

City of Poplarville Fire and Rescue

200 Highway 26 East

Poplarville, MS 39470

- Responsibilities: Budget preparation and management, personnel management, payroll, grant research and preparation, oversight of daily operations, attending and teaching new and continuing education courses, purchasing, setting training objectives, writing and implementing policy.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Mississippi Fire Chief's Association

Mississippi Firefighter's Association

Mississippi Fire Instructors Association

Mississippi State Fire Academy Alumni Association

HONORS:

Firefighter of the Year 1998 – Poplarville Fire Department

Employee of the Quarter: Second Quarter of 2009 – Mississippi State Fire Academy

REFERENCES: Upon Request