

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI**

January 19, 2010

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Greenville, Mississippi met in regular session at City Hall at the hour of 4:00 P.M., Tuesday the 19th day of January, 2010 for the purpose of transacting such business as might properly come before it.

There were present the following officers and members of Council:

Mayor Heather Hudson

Councilmembers: **Kenneth Gines, Ann Hollowell, Carl McGee, Lee Owen, Errick Simmons and Betty Watkins**

Also Present:

**Cassandra McMiller, Secretary
Andy Alexander, City Attorney
Amelia D. Wicks, City Clerk
Lane Rodgers, Airport Director
Steve Osso, External Financial Consultant
Lee Gordon, Fire Chief
Milton Davenport, Fleet Manager**

**Teresa Kingdom, Human Resources Director
Lorenzo Anderson, Interim City Engineer
Gwanda Suber, Municipal Court Clerk
Brad Jones, Public Works Director
Charles Patterson, Police Chief
Pam Richards, Water/Utility Manager**

Mayor Heather Hudson introduced guest Minister Father Somers of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Greenville, Mississippi who gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Heather Hudson proceeded to the City Council Agenda Items and requested any additions or deletions to the Agenda.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, City Council removed item #13(b) from the agenda.

At the request of the City Clerk and on motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council removed item #9 from the agenda.

On motion by Councilman McGee, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, City Council added "Donation Request" to the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council added for Executive Session "Personnel Matter in the Police Department" to the agenda.

At the request of the Fire Chief and on motion by Councilwoman Watkins, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council added "Emergency Purchase in the Fire Department" to the agenda.

At the request of Councilman McGee and on motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council added "Discussion Regarding Department Head Review Process" to the agenda.

At the request of Councilman McGee and on motion by Councilwoman Watkins, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council added "Review of City Charter" to the agenda.

At the request of Councilman Gines and on motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, City Council added for Executive Session "Disciplinary Actions" to the agenda.

The following Departments presented monthly reports:

Airport	Human Resources Department
City Clerk's Office	Mayor's Office
Engineering Department	Municipal Court
Fire Department	Police Department
Fleet Department	Public Works Department
Water Department	

The External Financial Consultant presented the Revenue report for the month of December, 2009.

NO OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, City Council approved minutes of a regular City Council meeting held January 5, 2010.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, City Council approved minutes of a Joint Historic Preservation Commission meeting held January 12, 2010.

On substitute motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, City Council "received" minutes of a Joint Historic Preservation Commission meeting held January 12, 2010.

Mickey Watkins appeared before Council to discuss the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and to present an Addendum which provides available options with regard to the administration of the City's Benefit Plan.

Mr. Watkins advised Council Federal legislation implemented January 1, 2010 removed the limits that were placed on Nervous/Mental and Substance Abuse coverage. Based on the new legislation, the Addendum will allow the employees to receive the same coverage for mental health & addiction treatment as any other illness. As a "Self-Funding Insurance" Agency, the City has the option to continue its coverage and accept the new policy provision or remove the coverage in its totality. Mr. Watkins further advised Council if the City opts to accept the new policy provision, there is potential for claims to increase approximately 20% (\$30,000-\$50,000) per year.

Following discussions, Councilman McGee made a motion to continue Nervous/Mental and Substance Abuse coverage and accept the Addendum to the City's current benefit plan. Councilman Gines seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Watkins made a substitute motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell to maintain Nervous/Mental and Substance Abuse coverage as is until October, 2010.

ORDER # 10-030

ORDER: MAINTAINING BENEFIT COVERAGE AS IS WITH REGARD TO NERVOUSE/MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE UNTIL OCTOBER, 2010.

On motion by Councilwoman Watkins, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council maintained benefit coverage as is with regard to Nervous/Mental and Substance Abuse until October, 2010.

Mickey Watkins representing Fred Salvo Associates presented Council with an update on the employee group health plan performance for the first year as a "Self-Funded" plan.

NO OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN.

John Oglesby representing the Delta Conservation Demonstration Center (DCDC) appeared before Council regarding allowing Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative, Women in Ag the use of 23.15 acres of land rent free for a term of ten (10) years. Currently, the DCDC leases 616.5 acres of land from the City of Greenville and does not have the authority to allow partial use of their leased property for any purpose. Therefore, the Delta Conservation Demonstration Center request Council's consent to allow the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative, Women in Ag partial use of the leased property.

Following discussions, Council granted permission to allow Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative, Women in Ag interest in the leased premises of Delta Conservation Demonstration Center.

ORDER # 10-031

ORDER: GRANTING DELTA CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION CENTER AUTHORIZATION TO FURNISH 23.15 ACRES OF LAND LEASED FROM THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO SOUTHERN RURAL BLACK WOMEN'S INITIATIVE, WOMEN IN AG RENT FREE FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

On motion by Councilman McGee, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, City Council granted Delta Conservation Demonstration Center authorization to furnish 23.15 acres of land leased from the City of Greenville to Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative, Women in Ag rent free for a term of ten years commencing January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2019.

ORDER # 10-032

ORDER: AUTHORIZING THE EXTERNAL FINANCIAL CONSULTANT TO BEGAN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN STREET BOND PROCEEDS.

On motion by Councilwoman Weathers, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council authorized the External Financial Consultant to began the process of obtaining the previously approved Two Million Dollars in Street Bonds proceeds.

The Airport Director request Council's permission to purchase a crew cab truck for the Airport needed to transport the inmates. Since the request was denied during budget session, the Airport informed Council the additional \$3,600 in funds needed to purchase the crew cab has been generated through various Airport funds. In addition he is also requesting the additional monies required for the purchase be transferred into the General Fund.

ORDER # 10-033

ORDER: GRANTING THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE A CREW CAB TRUCK AND APPROVING THE REQUEST TO HAVE \$3,600 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO THE AIRPORT'S GENERAL FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, City Council granted the Airport Director permission to purchase a Crew Cab truck and approved the request to have \$ 3,600 in additional funds transferred to the Airport's General Fund Capital Expenditure account.

ORDER # 10-034

ORDER: GRANTING POLICE CHIEF PERMISSION TO HIRE TWO (2) DISPATCHERS AND ONE (1) HUMANE OFFICER.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council granted the Police Chief permission to hire two (2) dispatchers and one (1) humane officer.

The Public Works Director amended the travel request. Mr. Jones advised Council Johnny Peterson traveled to Jackson, not Willie Ellis.

ORDER # 10-035

ORDER: RATIFYING AMENDED TRAVEL/TRAINING REQUESTS FOR DAVID HANGAR AND JOHNNY PETERSON WHO TRAVELED TO JACKSON, MS JANUARY 13-17, 2010 TO ASSIST WITH EMERGENCY WATER PRESSURE ISSUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 629.56 EACH.

On motion by Councilman McGee, seconded by Councilman Gines with all members present voting AYE, City Council ratified amended travel/training requests for David Hangar and Johnny Peterson who traveled to Jackson, MS January 13-17, 2010 to assist with emergency water pressure issues in the amount of \$ 629.56 each.

The Public Works Director request removal of James Parks from the travel/training request to attend the Water Supply & Pollution Control Short Course in Jackson, MS February 7-12, 2010 in the amount of \$ 812.00.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, James Parks was removed from travel/training request.

ORDER # 10-036

ORDER: APPROVING TRAVEL/TRAINING REQUESTS TO TRAVEL TO NATCHEZ, MS TO ATTEND THE WATER SUPPLY & POLLUTION CONTROL COURSE FOR JESSE ROSS FEBRUARY 7-12, 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 812.00 AND ALBERT HOLMES AND BRENDA GALES FEBRUARY 8-10, 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 401.50 EACH.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, City Council approved travel/training requests to travel to Natchez, MS to attend the Water Supply & Pollution Control Short Course for Jesse Ross February 7-12, 2010 in the amount of \$ 812.00 and Albert Holmes and Brenda Gales February 8-10, 2010 in the amount of \$ 401.50 each.

ORDER # 10-037

ORDER: APPROVING PAY REQUESTS # 1 (PARTIAL) TO APAC OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE 2008 PHASE II STREET IMPROVEMENTS BOND ISSUE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 209,442.10.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, City Council approved pay requests # 1 (partial) to APAC of Mississippi for the 2008 Phase II Street Improvements Bond Issue in the amount of \$ 209,442.10.

ORDER # 10-038

ORDER: APPROVING DISBURSEMENT TO MWPCOA ON BEHALF OF CHARLES ROSENTHAL FOR WATER OPERATOR LICENSE TESTING FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 35.00. (TESTING FEE WAS OMITTED FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TRAVEL/TRAINING REQUEST)

On motion by Councilman McGee, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, City Council approved disbursement to MWPCOA on behalf of Charles Rosenthal for Water Operator license testing fee in the amount of \$ 35.00. (Testing fee was omitted from previously approved travel/training request.)

On motion by Councilwoman Watkins, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, the following invoices and refunds were added to the Claims Payable Docket:

Albert Holmes	\$ 5.00
Lowe's	\$ 21.93
Lawrence Printing	\$ 524.96
Datamatic. Ltd	\$ 387.81
Clarion Ledger	\$ 434.98
Delta Democrat Times	\$ 191.78
Emerus Construction	\$ 25.00
Mack Conner	\$ 350.00
Linda Meridith	\$ 1000.00
Jaketa Stanford	\$ 1000.00
TOTAL	\$ 3941.46

ORDER # 10-039

ORDER: APPROVING CLAIMS PAYABLE DOCKET PLUS MANUAL CHECK REPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 484,596.45 AFTER ADDITIONS.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, City Council approved the Claims Payable Docket plus Manual Check Report in the amount of \$ 484,596.45 after additions.

ORDER # 10-040

ORDER: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT:

General Ledger Account Number	Description	Current Revised Budget	(YTD Amt. Spent) Current Balance	Budget Increase (Reduction) Requested	Budget After Request
001.001.616	COUNCIL ADS/CONTRIBUTIONS	32,500.00	7,750.00	2,500.00	35,000.00
001.000.250	MUNICIPAL SURPLUS AID	-	-	(2,500.00)	(2,500.00)

` COUNCIL ORDER FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

General Ledger Account Number	Description	Current Revised Budget	(YTD Amt. Spent) Current Balance	Budget Increase (Reduction) Requested	Budget After Request
001.100.740	PD – VEHICLES	25,000.00	117,983.33	195,000.00	220,000.00
001.000.390	LOANS	2,000,000.00	-	195,000.00	2,195,000.00

LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE CARS

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, City Council approved the above budget amendments for the City Council and Police Department.

ORDER # 10-041

ORDER: APPROVING TRAVEL/TRAINING REQUESTS FOR JACK DAVIS AND ADRICK MCMILLER TO TRAVEL TO NATCHEZ, MS FEBRUARY 8-10, 2010 TO ATTEND THE WATER SUPPLY AND POLLUTION CONTROL SHORT COURSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 401.50 EACH.

On motion by Councilwoman Watkins, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, City Council approved travel/training requests for Jack Davis and Adrick McMiller to travel to Natchez, MS February 8-10, 2010 to attend the Water Supply and Pollution Control Short Course in the amount of \$ 401.50 each.

Councilwoman Watkins advised Council the City of Greenville will have the opportunity to host the Mississippi Valley State University/Notre Dame game on February 20, 2010 and the Jackson State University/Notre Dame game on February 21, 2010 at Legion Field. The MVSU Alumni Association (Washington County Chapter) is requesting Council to purchase a \$ 500.00 ad on behalf of the City of Greenville to appear in the program booklets.

Council entered discussion regarding the moratorium that was previously placed on all donation requests. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Gines made a motion to deny the request due to the moratorium currently placed on all donation requests. Councilwoman Hollowell seconded the motion.

ORDER # 10-042

ORDER: DENYING MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 500.00 DUE TO THE MORATORIUM CURRENTLY PLACED ON ALL FINANCIAL DONATION REQUESTS.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE except Councilman McGee who voted NAY, City Council denied Mississippi Valley State University Alumni Association's request for donation in the amount of \$ 500.00 due to the moratorium currently placed on all financial donation requests.

The Fire Chief advised Council the purifier at the main fire station went down and he is requesting permission to make an emergency purchase in the amount of \$ 23,176.48 to replace it. He stated the funds would come from the Fire Protection Fund.

ORDER # 10-043

ORDER: AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY PURIFIER PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 23,176.48 WITH FUNDS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, City Council authorized the Fire Chief to make an emergency purifier purchase in the amount of \$ 23,176.48 with funds to be taken from the Fire Protection Fund.

Councilman McGee questioned the process used to reappoint Department Heads. He request the Human Resources Committee make recommendations regarding performance reviews that set clear, measurable objectives/expectations that each Department Head must achieve/meet. Councilman McGee also recommends that performance reviews are conducted on each Department Head on an annual or quarterly basis prior to Department Head reappointments.

NO OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN.

Councilman McGee made a motion to add "Greenville Public School Board Nomination" to the agenda. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion.

Consider nomination to the Greenville Public School Board. Councilman McGee has lead nomination.

Councilman McGee nominated Dr. Loretta Shannon for reappointment.

Council was advised that Dr. Shannon's term does not expire until March 1, 2010. Council entered into discussions regarding the "process" that was being followed by not allowing interested persons the opportunity to submit an application and be heard. Council urged Councilman McGee to withdraw his nomination and encouraged him to be supportive of the community selection process.

Following discussions, Councilman Gines made a substitute motion seconded by Councilwoman Weathers to wait until the term expires to announce the School Board nomination with votes as follows:

AYE: Councilman Gines, Councilwoman Hollowell and Councilwoman Weathers
NAY: Councilman McGee, Councilman Simmons and Councilwoman Watkins

There being a tie vote, Mayor Hudson voted in the affirmative.

ORDER # 10-044

ORDER: AGREEING TO POSTPONE APPOINTMENT TO THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
UNTIL MARCH 1, 2010.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE except Councilman McGee, Councilman Simmons and Councilwoman Watkins who voted NAY, City Council agreed to postpone appointment to the Greenville Public School Board until March 1, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business coming before the City Council the meeting was adjourned.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

HEATHER MCTEER HUDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

AMELIA D. WICKS, CITY CLERK

