**MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI**

**June 18, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Greenville, Mississippi met in regular session at the Senior Citizens Civic Center at the hour of 4:00 P.M., Tuesday the 18th day of June for the purpose of transacting such business as might properly come before it.

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There were present the following officers and members of Council:

Mayor: John H. Cox, III

Council Members: Tommy L. Benson, III, Ann Hollowell, Errick Simmons, Betty Watkins and Carolyn Weathers

Also Present: Lorenzo Anderson, City Engineer Brad Jones, Public Works Director

Ruben Brown, Fire Chief Andrew Kaho, Asst. Police Chief

Greg Claus, Exec. Assistant Al Scarbrough, Info Technology Mgr.

Milton Davenport, Fleet Manager Oscar Smith, Jr., Parks and Rec. Dir

Shikaria Davis, Legal Secretary Amelia D. Wicks, City Clerk

Draylan Gant, Airport Director Carlon Williams, Planning/Zoning Dir.

D’Andre Williams, Housing Inspector

Absent: Councilwoman Lois Hawkins Teresa Kingdom, H.R. Director

Korey Adams, Water/Utility Mgr. Steve Osso, External Financial Cons.

Andy Alexander, City Attorney Gwanda Wilson, Municipal Court Clerk

Freddie Cannon, Police Chief

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Mayor Cox introduced Rev. Jarvis Ware of Zion Missionary Baptist Church who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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Mayor Cox proceeded to the City Council Agenda and requested any additions or deletions to the Agenda. The following items were added:

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council added, “Council to hear personnel issue in the Fire Department and Public Works Department for Executive Session,” to the Agenda.

On motion by Councilwoman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Benson with all members present voting AYE, Council added, “Council to hear personnel issue in the Police Department for Executive Session,” to the Agenda.

On motion by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council added, “Council to consider discussion of funding for grass cutting and lot cleaning,” to the Agenda.

On motion by Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council added, “Council to consider discussion of letter from Mr. Daniel Boggs of Greater Greenville Housing and Revitalization,” to the Agenda.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council added, “Council to consider discussion of travel/training request to MS Policy Conference in Tunica, MS from August 15-17, 2013,” to the Agenda.

On motion by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, Council added, “Council to consider approval of travel/training request for Brad Jones, Johnnie Sellers and Barry Arrington to attend the Collection System Operators Certification in Hernando, MS from July 15-17, 2013 in the amount of $725.00 each,” to the Agenda.

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The following monthly reports were presented:

1. Chamber and Economic Development Center
2. External Financial Consultant
3. Parks and Recreation
4. Water Utility Department
5. Police Department

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On motion by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, Council adopted minutes of a regular City Council meeting held June 4, 2013.

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On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, Council received minutes of a Joint Greenville/Washington County Historic Preservation Commission meeting held May 11, 2013.

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ORDER #13-382

ORDER: TABLING DISCUSSION ON CONSIDERATION FOR PLACEMENT OF A LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) SIGN ON WARD RECREATION CENTER PROPERTY.

Motion was entered by Councilwoman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, except Councilwoman Hollowell and Councilman Weathers who voted NAY, to change the wording for Agenda Item #4 from: “Authorizing the placement of a Light Emitting Diode (LED) sign on Ward Recreation Center property” to “Considering the placement of a Light Emitting Diode (LED) sign on Ward Recreation Center property”.

Following discussion, motion was entered by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, tabling discussion on the placement of a LED sign. It was noted the City currently has a parcel of the property up for sale and suggestion was made not to allow an encumbrance to be placed on the property possibly adversely affecting a potential sale.

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On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, Council adopted minutes of a Joint Human Resources/Insurance Committee meeting held on June 12, 2013.

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ORDER #13-383

ORDER: APPROVING COMPLIANCE WITH IRS EMPLOYER PROVIDED VEHICLE REGULATION §1.132-6(e)(2) BEGINNING WITH THE JULY 2013 PAYROLL.

On motion by Councilwoman Watkins, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council approved compliance.

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ORDER #13-384

ORDER: REMANDING TO THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MS. SHARON DIANE WRIGHT’S REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO LOCATE AN OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET AT 4009 HIGHWAY 82 EAST, ZONED C-4. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.)

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council remanded item to the Properties Committee.

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ORDER #13-385

ORDER: APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED I-SERIES SERVER FROM THE TOWN OF INDIANOLA, MS.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, Council accepted donated I-Series server.

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ORDER #13-386

ORDER: DECLARING PROPERTIES RECEIVED FROM THE MS SECRETARTY OF STATE’S OFFICE AS SURPLUS, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY USE.

617 Witherspoon Street

920 Melvin Street

509 Palermo Street

470, 474 Elizabeth Street

522 Cefalu Street

557, 559, 606 E. Union Street

1307 Old Leland Rd.

1307 Old Leland Rd. (#15900)

533, 551, 607 Sicily Street

529 Comfort Street Rear

534 Comfort Street

Pleasant Street (#15944)

524, 538 Pleasant Street

515, 519, 527, 546 Joy Street

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Benson with all members present voting AYE, Council declared properties as surplus.

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ORDER #13-387

ORDER: RECONSIDERING DECLARING TAX-FORFIETED PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND SENDING CONSIDERATION OF SUCH TO THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE.

On motion by Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, Council reconsidered declaring properties as surplus and sent item to the Properties Committee for discussion.

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ORDER #13-388

ORDER: APPROVING TRAVEL/TRAINING REQUEST FOR GWANDA WILSON TO ATTEND THE MISSISSIPPI COURT CLERK’S SUMMER PROGRAM FROM JULY 15-16, 2013 IN BILOXI, MS PURSUANT TO MCA §21-23-12 IN THE AMOUNT OF $657.00.

On motion by Councilwoman Weathers, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, Council approved request.

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ORDER # 13-389

ORDER: APPROVING TRAVEL/TRAINING REQUEST FOR JUSTIN GRAYSON TO ATTEND THE AIRCRAFT REFRESHER FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING IN JACKSON, MS ON JUNE 29, 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF $185.00.

On motion by Councilwoman Weathers, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, Council approved request.

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ORDER # 13-390

ORDER: APPROVING PAY REQUEST #5 TO CENTRAL ASPHALT IN THE AMOUNT OF $76,879.78 FOR WORKED PERFORMED UNDER GRANT #2011 CDBG-GV-350-199-01 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS NO. 9 TRIBUTARIES PROJECT (100% GRANT FUNDED).

On motion by Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council approved pay request.

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ORDER #13-391

ORDER: APPROVING PAY REQUEST #2183 IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,492.50 TO AVIS CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR WORK PERFORMED ON THE BROADWAY AVENUE RELOCATION OF WATER LINES PROJECT AND ALLOWING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ADVISE IF THE CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR $6,500 CHARGED FOR *“TIME FOR EXTRA* *DEPTH*” NOT LISTED IN THE CONTRACT.

Motion was entered by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Simmons approving pay request in the amount of $36,792.50. Substitute motion was entered by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council removed $6,500 billed as time for extra depth at the request of the City Engineer and approved remaining invoice in the amount of $30,492.50.

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ORDER #13-392

ORDER: AWARDING BIDS FOR AIRPORT APRON SLAB REPLACEMENT-PHASE II UNDER MDOT PROJECT #MM-0027-0513 TO SIMMONS EROSION CONTROL, THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF $181,950.00.

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| **Vendor** | **Mobilization** | **Concrete**  **Removal** | **Base Course Installation** | **Concrete Installation** | **Total** |
| Simmons Erosion Control, Inc.  Lake, MS | $17,500.00 | $29,150.00 | $48,400.00 | $86,900.00 | $181,950.00 |
| American Field Service Corp.  Madison, MS | $25,000.00 | $35,167.00 | $56,595.00 | $91,828.00 | $208,590.00 |
| Gary Vaughn Construction  Leland, MS | $100,000.00 | $48,000.00 | $50,000.00 | $50,000.00 | $248,000.00 |
| McBride Co., LLC  Batesville, MS | $99,030.00 | $22,000.00 | $59,400.00 | $86,790.00 | $267,220.00 |
| Sullivan Enterprises, Inc.  Magee, MS | $35,400.00 | $149,996.00 | $45,100.00 | $139,700.00 | $370,196.00 |

On motion by Councilwoman Weathers, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, Council awarded bid.

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ORDER # 13-393

ORDER: Approving aCCOUNTS Payable CLAIMS Docket IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $584,628.72.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, Council approved the Accounts Payable Docket.

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Councilwoman Watkins voiced concern regarding a letter received from Mr. Daniel Boggs. Council approved placement for temporary housing during the May 7, 2013 Council meeting for Ms. Bessie Simmons to be placed at 841 Johnson Street for a period of one (1) year as long as the hardship exists. Councilwoman Watkins and Ms. Simmons were of the impression Greater Greenville Housing will assist with purchasing a FEMA Katrina Cottage, Mr. Boggs letter stated otherwise. Discussion will be held between Greater Greenville Housing, Ms. Simmons, and a representative from Congressman Thompson’s office. No action taken.

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ORDER #13-394

ORDER: APPROVING TRAVEL/TRAINING REQUEST FOR BRAD JONES, JOHNNIE SELLERS AND BARRY ARRINGTON TO ATTEND THE COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATORS CERTIFICATION IN HERNANDO, MS FROM JULY 15-17, 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF $725.00 EACH.

On motion by Councilwoman Weathers, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, Council approved requests.

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Councilwoman Watkins informed Council that citizens are complaining about overgrown lots regarding grass cutting of the lots. Director Williams stated that there are no funds left in her Departments budget for additional lot cutting. Citizens are being encouraged to be proactive and spray along fence lines. As well, neighbors should come together to find means to maintain overgrown lots. No action taken.

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Councilman Simmons informed the Council about the Mississippi Policy Conference in Tunica, MS from August 15-17, 2013. The Conference gives community leaders the opportunity to join in discussions with members of Congress. Seminars will be held to bring clarity on issues which impact and affect minority communities. No action taken.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL OF

GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

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JOHN H. COX, III, MAYOR

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AMELIA D. WICKS, CITY CLERK