

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

January 4, 2011

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 4th day of January, 2011 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 McTeer-Hudson

Council Members: **Kenneth L. Gines, Ann Hollowell, Carl McGee, Errick Simmons, Betty Watkins and Carolyn Weathers**

Also Present:

Andy Alexander, City Attorney	Milton Davenport, Fleet Director
Amelia D. Wicks, City Clerk	Lorenzo Anderson, City Engineer
Lynette A. Smith, Legal Secretary	Teresa Kingdom, Human Resources Director
Lee Gordon, Fire Chief	Lane Rodgers, Airport Director
Freddie Cannon, Interim Police Chief	Pam Richards, Water/Utility Manager
Carlton Williams, Planning/Zoning Director	Brad Jones, Public Works Director
Al Scarbrough, Information Technology Director	Gwanda Wilson, Municipal Court Clerk

Mayor Hudson introduced Pastor Pamela Richards of Walking in Love Ministries of Greenville, MS who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, Council added potential litigation for Executive Session to the agenda.

On motion by Councilwoman Weathers, seconded by Councilman Gines with all members present voting AYE, Council moved item #4, "Council to consider nominating Councilman Carl McGee to the position of Vice-Mayor for the 2011 calendar year", to item #1 on the agenda.

Mayor Hudson presented Councilman Gines with a token of appreciation for the hard work and dedication displayed during his three-year term as Vice-Mayor.

ORDER# 11-001

ORDER: APPOINTING COUNCILMAN CARL MCGEE TO THE POSITION OF VICE-MAYOR FOR THE 2011 CALENDAR YEAR.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, Council appointed Councilman McGee to the position of Vice-Mayor for the 2011 calendar year.

The following departments presented monthly reports:

- (a) Airport
- (b) City Clerk's Office
- (c) Engineering Department
- (d) Fleet Department
- (e) Fire Department
- (f) Human Resources
- (g) Municipal Court
- (h) Police Department
- (i) Public Works Department

Information Technology, Mayor's Office, Planning and Water/Utilities will present at the next regular Council meeting.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Gines with all members present voting AYE, Council approved the minutes of a Regular City Council meeting held December 21, 2010.

On motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Watkins with all members present voting AYE, Council approved the minutes of a Special City Council meeting held December 20, 2010.

COUNCILMAN SIMMONS ARRIVES

Council heard from Dr. Bill Brozovich along with Atty. Phil Mansour, President of the Delta Sportsplex Foundation, Atty. Britt Virden, Vice President, and citizen Coach Elijah Moore concerning a proposed Sportsplex. The Sportsplex will be located on a 93-100 acre lot behind the Convention Center. Washington County owns the land and has agreed to a lease.

The complex will encompass league teams for 7-14 year olds as well as health and fitness classes along with other athletics. It is expected to generate millions of dollars in revenue for the City of Greenville.

Dr. Brozovich, Atty. Mansour and Atty. Virden are requesting Council's support in the form of a resolution supporting a 2% tax on all hotels located within the county.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FOR THE ENACTMENT OF LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION PERMITTING AND AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TO IMPOSE A TWO PERCENT (2%) DAILY ROOM TAX ON ALL HOTELS AND MOTELS LOCATED AND DOING BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT AND HELP FUND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPORTS COMPLEX FOR THE YOUTH OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi and the Washington County Mississippi Convention & Visitors Bureau have supported the creation, development and establishment of a sports complex in Washington County, Mississippi, to provide athletic facilities for baseball, soccer and other sports activities for the benefit of the youth of Washington County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, these entities have each passed Resolutions requesting local and private legislation authorizing the imposition by the County of a two percent (2%) daily room tax on all hotels and motels located and doing business in Washington County, and have requested that the City of Greenville support this requested legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Greenville, Mississippi believes that the creation and establishment of such a sports complex will enhance the quality of life and improve the health of the youth of Greenville, Mississippi and will also significantly attract tourism to the City of Greenville by providing facilities for local, regional and state athletic tournaments and events; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Greenville, Mississippi supports the creation, development and establishment of the sports complex in question;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greenville, Mississippi, acting by and through its City Council, hereby requests that the Mississippi State Legislature pass and approve a local and private Bill permitting and authorizing Washington County, Mississippi to impose a two percent (2%) daily room tax on all hotels and motels located and doing business in Washington County, Mississippi to support and help fund the establishment of the sports complex for the youth of Washington County, Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded forthwith to the Mississippi State Legislature for review, consideration and approval.

RESOLVED, this 4th day of January, 2011.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI**

BY: _____
Heather McTeer Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amelia D. Wicks, City Clerk

Councilman McGee motioned to adopt a resolution of support with an addendum to add 1% for the City of Greenville to benefit park facilities. Motion dies for lack of a second.

On substitute motion by Councilwoman Hollowell, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, except Councilman McGee who voted NAY, Council adopted a resolution of support with the same guidelines as adopted by Washington County and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

ORDER # 11-002

ORDER: APPROVING THE TRAVEL/TRAINING REQUEST OF RUBEN BROWN, JAMES BUGGS, DONALD CLAY AND DARRYL MOULDER TO TRAVEL TO PEARL, MS TO ATTEND THE FIRE OFFICER 1021-I-II COURSE AT THE MS STATE FIRE ACADEMY FROM JANUARY 17-27, 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184.00 EACH.

On motion by Councilwoman Weathers, seconded by Councilman Gines with all members present voting AYE, Council approved the travel/training.

ORDER #11-003

ORDER: APPROVING THE TRAVEL/TRAINING OF MAYOR HUDSON AND COUNCIL FOR MILEAGE FOR TRAVEL TO JACKSON, MS TO ATTEND THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE FROM JANUARY 25-27, 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142.80 EACH.

On motion by Councilwoman Weathers, seconded by Councilman Simmons with all members present voting AYE, Council approved the travel/training.

ORDER# 11-004

ORDER: APPROVING THE PAY REQUEST TO RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASED UNDER THE 2006-CKWX0459 METHAMPHETAMINE GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$130.93. (100% GRANT FUNDED)

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, Council approved the pay request.

ORDER# 11-005

ORDER: APPROVING PAY REQUEST TO OFFICE DEPOT FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASED UNDER THE 2006-CKWX0459 METHAMPHETAMINE GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$598.14. (100% GRANT FUNDED)

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Hollowell with all members present voting AYE, Council approved the pay request.

ORDER # 11-006

ORDER: APPROVING CLAIMS PAYABLE DOCKET IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$394,580.18.

On motion by Councilman Gines, seconded by Councilwoman Weathers with all members present voting AYE, Council approved the Claims Docket.

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