

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 1, 2011
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven, Mississippi met in Regular Session on the 1st day of November, 2011 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at City Hall.

Present were:

Greg Guy	Alderman At Large
Lorine Cady	Alderman, Ward 1
Ronnie Hale	Alderman, Ward 2
George Payne	Alderman, Ward 3
William Brooks	Alderman, Ward 4
Ricky Jobes	Alderman, Ward 5

Alderman Payne was present via-telecommunication and Alderman Huling was absent. Also present was Sheila Heath, City Clerk, Chris Wilson, City Administrator, Mark Sorrell, City Attorney and Whitney Choat-Cook, City Planning Director. Approximately twenty (20) other people were present.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order. Alderman Cady led in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Payton Abston with Boy Scout. Next, a motion was made by Alderman Cady to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2011 with any corrections, deletions, or additions necessary. Motion seconded by Alderman Guy. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S AGENDA

Mr. Cal Franklin, VP of Government Affairs of ADSI stated that ADSI is moving into the area and just wanted to introduce his company to this Board. ADSI picks up road side garbage.

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL INDUCTION FOR NEW MEMBER

Mayor Davis swore in Jarod Grem to the Mayor's Youth Council.

RESOLUTION TO CLEAN PRIVATE PROPERTY

RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO CLEAN PRIVATE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Southaven, Mississippi, have received numerous complaints regarding the parcel of land located at the following address, to-wit: **8614 Greenway Road**, to the effect that the said parcel of land has been neglected whereby **the grass height is in**

violation and there exist other unsafe conditions and that the parcel of land in the present condition is deemed to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), the governing authorities of the City of Southaven, Mississippi, provided the owners of the above described parcel of land with notice of the condition of their respective parcel of land and further provided them with notice of a hearing before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on **Tuesday, November 1, 2011**, by United States mail and by posting said notice, to determine whether or not the said parcel of land were in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

WHEREAS, none of the owners of the above described parcel of land appeared at the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on **Tuesday, November 1, 2011**, to voice objection or to offer a defense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Southaven, Mississippi, that the above described parcel of land located at: **8614 Greenway Road** is deemed in the existing condition to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Southaven shall, if the owners of the above described parcel of land do not do so themselves, immediately proceed to clean the respective parcel of land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting weeds and grass and removing rubbish and other debris.

Following the reading of this Resolution, it was introduced by Alderman Guy and seconded by Alderman Cady. The Resolution was then put to a roll call vote and the results were as follows, to-wit:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Greg Guy	YEA
Alderman Lorine Cady	YEA
Alderman Ronnie Hale	YEA
Alderman George Payne	YEA
Alderman William Brooks	YEA
Alderman Ricky Jobs	YEA
Alderman Randall T. Huling	ABSENT

The Resolution, having received a majority vote of all Aldermen present, was declared adopted on this, the **1st day of November, 2011**.

PLANNING AGENDA

Item #1: Application by BRW Company for subdivision approval Division of Lot 1C, See "A" Flower Creek Subdivision on the north side of Goodman Road between Elmore Road and Swinnea Road. Alderman Guy made the motion to approved Item 1 as presented to this Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brooks. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Davis presented the personnel docket.

Personnel Docket
11/1/2011

Payroll Additions

Name	Position	Department	Date of Hire	Rate of Pay
Nadalyn Criner	Dispatcher I	Police	10/24/2011	\$16.83
Seth Kern	Police Officer II	Police	10/28/2011	\$18.21

Payroll Deletions

Name	Position	Department	Termination Date	Rate of Pay
Michael Layson	Police Officer III	Police	10/25/2011 - resignation	\$19.04

Damian Coleman	Seasonal Laborer	Parks	10/24/2011 - seasonal employment ended	\$7.50
Keenyn Marable	Seasonal Laborer	Parks	10/24/2011 - seasonal employment ended	\$7.50
Cody Vinson	Seasonal Laborer	Parks	10/24/2011 - seasonal employment ended	\$7.50
Darius Harris	Seasonal Laborer	Parks	10/24/2011 - seasonal employment ended	\$7.50

Alderman Cady made the motion to approve the personnel docket as presented to this Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hale. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis asked to reappoint Chris Shelton as the City of Southaven representative to the seat of Commissioners under the DeSoto County 911 Board. Alderman Guy made the motion to appoint Chris Shelton as the City's representative to the DeSoto County 911 Board as presented to this Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brooks. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis reported on the purchase of Sensus Radio Read and Flex Net transmitters for water meters. He stated that this will be a Sole Source vendor due to the proprietary technology and the Sensus equipment to read the meters. Alderman Cady made the motion to use H D Supple as the sole source supplier for the Sensus radio read and flex net transmitters, as presented to this Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hale. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis reported that the Fire Chief, Ron White recommends that the Board allow Mayor Davis to sign a contract for the EMS billing services with AMB. Alderman Cady made the motion to allow Mayor Davis to sign the contract with AMB for the ambulance billing / collector. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brooks. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis reported that after AMB sends out a bill to collect the fees, you have to have a bad debt collection agency. The City does not pay for this service because the State allows the collection agency to collect a fee for collecting the debt. It is the recommendation to allow Mayor Davis, with the advice of the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with a company for this service. At this point, the Chief is looking at about three companies. Alderman Brooks made the motion to allow Mayor Davis to enter into an agreement with a bad debt collection company. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hale. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis reported that the City needs to bring our ambulance fees up to where we can maximize our Medicare – Medicaid reimbursement. He reported that we are losing several hundred thousand dollars a year because we are not charging the maximum amount. The average fee increase is \$25.00 and the maximum fee will increase \$100.00, and this is for the highest

level of care when EMS are transporting someone. Alderman Hale made the motion to accept the new fee chart as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brooks. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis reported on the upcoming holidays for the City. He stated that the Governor has declared the holiday schedule. Mayor Davis reported that the City Holidays are as follows:

Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24 th and Friday November 25, 2011
Christmas	Friday, December 23 rd and Monday, December 26, 2011
New Years	Monday, January 2, 2012

Alderman Brooks made the motion to approve the holiday schedule as presented to this Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Guy. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Insurance Committee:

Alderman Jobs reported on the City's health insurance. Also present to speak on this is Mark Merritte and Rex Haynes. Mayor Davis reported that Aetna will increase 3.9% per employee. The City did receive a quote from Blue Cross and Blue Shield and it was higher for dependent coverage. Mayor reported on the current health fund and employees. 70% of the employees do have the health fund left over, and this will help employees with the deductible for next year. After a discussion, Alderman Jobs made the motion to stay with Aetna. Motion was seconded by Alderman Guy. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Parks Committee:

Alderman Guy reported that the Parks Committee met. Alderman Guy made the motion to allow Mayor Davis to negotiate some park land deal for the parks expansion with the "Penny for Your Parks". Motion was seconded by Alderman Cady. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Alderman Guy made the motion to appoint Brian Bullard with Urban Arch Associates as the Parks architect for the Parks projects. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jobs. After a short discussion, motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY'S LEGAL UPDATE

No Attorney's Legal Update

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

PROGRESS REPORTS:

No Progress Reports

CLAIMS DOCKET:

A motion was made by Alderman Jobs to approve the Claims Docket of November 1, 2011, including demand checks and payroll in the amount of \$1,057,836.64. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hale. There was no discussion, the motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Excluding voucher numbers:

171902, 171944, 172134, 172135, 172136, 172139, 172142, 172147.

Roll call was as follows:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Guy	YEA
Alderman Cady	YEA
Alderman Hale	YEA
Alderman Payne	YEA
Alderman Brooks	YEA
Alderman Jobs	YEA
Alderman Huling	ABSENT

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, the Mayor declared that the motion was carried and approved for payment on this the 1st day of November, 2011.

PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION

Next, motion was made by Alderman Guy, to move for a closed determination of the issue on whether or not to declare an Executive Session. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously. Alderman Guy made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Economic Development, Potential Litigation and Personnel. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brooks. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Mayor Davis called the meeting back to order.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Guy to adjourn. Motion

**seconded by Alderman Cady. Motion was put to a vote and passed
unanimously, November 1, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.**

**Charles G. Davis,
Mayor**

Sheila Heath, City Clerk