

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 06, 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 6th day of December, 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
Randall Huling, Jr.	Alderman, Ward 6

Also present was Sheila Heath, City Clerk, Chris Wilson, City Administrator, Mark Sorrell, City Attorney and Whitney Choat-Cook, City Planning Director. Approximately twenty five (25) other people were present.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order. Alderman Guy led in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Brooks. Next, a motion was made by Alderman Guy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 2011 with any corrections, deletions, or additions necessary. Motion seconded by Alderman Hale. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S AGENDA

No one on the Citizen's Agenda

PLANNING AGENDA

Item #1 Application by Anthony Hayes for a conditional use permit to allow a motor vehicle repair shop to be located at 8640 Highway 51 North, on the north side of Whitworth Drive, east of Highway 51. Mrs. Choat-Cook stated that this is an existing motor vehicle repair shop building. They are required to have a shared site proof fence with the abutting property. Planning Commission did vote unanimously in favor of this. Alderman Brooks made the motion to approve the conditional use as presented to this Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Huling. After a short discussion, motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Davis stated that the City has asked MDOT to install mass lights at I-55 & Church Road. He stated that they have agreed to do this as long as we maintain the lights. Alderman Guy made the motion to enter into an agreement with MDOT that the City will maintain these lights. Motion was seconded by Alderman Payne. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis reported on the real estate contract to purchase the 10 acres for the Senior Adult Building and Park Expansion, north of Fire Station 4 on Getwell. The price is \$1.95 million dollars. The appraisal came in at \$2.6 million dollars. He stated that he recommends that the City go ahead and enter into an agreement to purchase this land. Alderman Guy made the motion to sign the contract to purchase the 10 acres of land. Motion was seconded by Alderman Huling. Mayor Davis opened the floor for discussion. Mayor Davis reported that the contract calls to close the deal sometime mid next year (2012). Alderman Jobs stated that it would be better to wait until mid year before this is voted on. He feels like we need to know how much the City will bring in from the 1% tax. He recommends that we not approve the purchase of the land now. Alderman Hale stated that he was under the understanding that the City would collect the first year of tax before we would make the first step. Alderman Jobs asked for a roll call:

Roll call was as follows:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Guy	YEA
Alderman Cady	Absent
Alderman Hale	NAY
Alderman Payne	YEA
Alderman Brooks	YEA
Alderman Jobs	NAY
Alderman Huling	YEA

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, the Mayor declared that the motion was carried and approved on this the 6th day of December, 2011.

Next, Mayor Davis reported that he needs the permission of this Board to sponsor the Crystal Ball in the amount of \$5,000.00. Alderman Guy made the motion to sponsor the Crystal Ball at \$5,000.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Huling. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis asked permission to spend money from Tourism fund for the following events:

Christmas reception at Snowden
Christmas lunch at City Hall
Secret Santa

Alderman Huling made the motion to allow Mayor Davis to spend money from the tourism fund and demand checks for the events. Motion was seconded by Alderman Guy. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Davis presented the Personnel Docket.

Personnel Docket 12/7/2011

<u>Payroll Additions</u>				
Name	Position	Department	Date of Hire	Rate of Pay
Todd Mullen	IT Tech	IT	12/7/2011	\$15.76
James Dean Morris	Laborer	Parks	11/21/2011	\$10.25
Larry Mayfield	Laborer	Parks	11/21/2011	\$10.25

Alderman Huling made the motion to approve the Personnel Docket as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brooks. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Brooks reported that the Sanitation committee will meet Tuesday, December 13, 2011 in the conference room on the 4th floor at 11 am.

CITY ATTORNEY'S LEGAL UPDATE

No Attorney's Legal Update

OLD BUSINESS:

Alderman Hale asked for an update on Northwest Drive. He asked Whitney Choat-Cook, Planning Director, what the cost estimate will be for this project. Mayor Davis stated that it will be approximately \$200,000.00 and that we are still within budget on this project.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Alderman Guy told the Board that he has received a packet from the State Auditor's Office and he intended to have the packet ready today but was unable to do so. He stated that he will make the necessary copies and get them to each of the Alderman.

Alderman Cady entered the meeting

CLAIMS DOCKET:

A motion was made by Alderman Jobs to approve the Claims Docket of December 6, 2011, including demand checks and payroll in the amount of

\$2,718,693.94. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cady. Mayor opened the floor for discussion.

Alderman Hale asked Mayor Davis how much longer we intend to ask the Munis consultant to come since we have hired a CPA. Mayor Davis stated that it would be approximately a 12 month training process.

Next, Alderman Hale asked what the Media Source invoices were for. Mayor Davis stated that they go and check all the news, spoken or video and send the City a CD with this information reported on. There was no other discussion, the motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Excluding voucher numbers:

173085, 173100, 173167, 173461, 173533, 173537, 173538, 173593.

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	YEA

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, the Mayor declared that the motion was carried and approved for payment on this the 6th day of December, 2011.

PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION

No Personnel and Litigation

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Cady to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Payne. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, December 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**Charles G. Davis,
Mayor**

Sheila Heath, City Clerk

