



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
COUNCIL CHAMBER BUILDING
& VIA FACEBOOK
March 22, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Call Meeting to Order

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call by City Clerk

Approval of Minutes

Welcome Visitors

- Presentation by Catherine McPhate of Natchez Children's Services/Pinwheels on the Bluff to observe Child Abuse Awareness Month

Other City Business

Unfinished Business

County Business

Department Directors' Reports

1. James Johnston, Community Development
 - **Policies & Procedures for Procurement Using Federal Grant Awards
State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

Staff, with the assistance of Brian C. Smith, consulting attorney w/Watkins & Eager, developed the provided 'policies & procedures' as a requirement for utilizing the awarded State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for small purchase procurements, procurement of professional services, goods & services, contracts for public construction, etc. This policy incorporates required federal and state procurement requirements, the recently-approved micro-purchase and small purchase procedures for professional services and a written code of conduct. Staff is requesting a motion to approve the present Policies & Procedures for Procurement Using Federal Grant Awards.
 - **Advertisement for General Contractors
Raising of Silver Street**

Staff, along w/Volkert Engineering, the City's consulting engineering firm, is requesting a motion to advertise and receive bids from general contractors for the Raising of Silver Street in conjunction with the construction of the American Cruise Line ramp.



- **Natchez Drainage Initiative**

Staff is requesting a motion to solicit proposals for engineering services to assess, prioritize and determine the feasibility of multiple drainage sites as identified by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, noting the sites will then be used to develop a comprehensive drainage study that can be used by the City to present to state and/or federal agencies for funding assistance to eliminate and/or mitigate the identified drainage problems.

- **Reroofing of Natchez City Hall**

- **2020 Community Heritage Preservation Grant**

- **MS Department of Archives & History**

- Staff is requesting a motion to contact MDAH staff requesting permission to determine if the balance of funds remaining from this project may be utilized to repair & paint the damaged/discolored ceilings, paint upstairs & downstairs corridors, paint doors and door casings, stairwell & banister, foyer, etc. In addition, the City will also seek permission to replace the flooring in the first floor corridor and replace/repair subflooring as necessary, in addition to re-carpeting the upstairs corridor.

- Estimated costs total \$88,000.00

2. Sanora Cole, Parks and Recreation Director

- Contract approval for Pavilion Rentals
- Update on parks and playgrounds/ programming
- Approval to hire consultant for baseball field upgrades

City Officials' Reports

- Alderwoman Hall
- Alderwoman Irving
- Alderman Frazier
- Alderman Davis
- Alderwoman Smith
- Alderman Dillard

City Clerk's Report

- Request for approval of the 2nd March 2022 Claims Docket
- Request for approval of the 2nd March 2022 Mini Claims Docket
- Retroactive approval of the following inter-fund transfers:
 - On March 18, 2022 from 001 General Fund 2 to 135 Visitors Center Fund in the amount of \$1,500.00 to cover the docket expenses – recurring invoice for chairs & carpet at the convention center has been changed and will now be paid from the General Fund.

City Attorney's Report

- Miscellaneous



Mayor's Report

- Recognition of Ms. Thelma Newsome in honor of 15 years of service as a board member of the Natchez-Adams School District
- Discussion of Dilapidated Properties
- EOLA update
- Discussion of Juneteenth 2022
- Discussion of Recreational Renewal
- Discussion of Flower Baskets and other beautification measures
- Update on Discussion of Homes for Heroes; Veteran's Museum and Clothing Bank
- Mudbug Festival Update
- Natchez Water Update
- Miscellaneous Updates

Executive Session
Personnel
Litigation

Adjourn