

**City of Natchez
Minutes
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

Board Secretary, Denise Bell

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Silent Prayer
- 3. Moment of Silence in remembrance of Kappi Stahlman
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance
- 5. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Present:

- Mayor Darryl V. Grennell
- Alderwoman Joyce Arceneaux- Mathis
- Alderman Frazier
- Alderwoman Sarah Carter-Smith
- Alderwoman Felicia Irving
- Alderman Davis
- Alderman Dan Dillard

Also Present:

- City Clerk, Servia Fortenberry
- Attorney, Robert Latham

1. Approve Minutes

Order #67:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to approve the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held Tuesday, August 27, 2019 with editorial changes. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #68:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to approve the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held Tuesday, February 11, 2020 with editorial changes. The vote carried unanimously.

2. Public Hearing-Nuisance Properties-Anita Smith

Order #69:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Carter-Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to open public hearing. The vote carried unanimously.

3. Nuisance Lots Liens

Ward 1. Canal St N 508: \$1,035.00; Canal St N 512: \$1,070.00; Joiner St 11: \$445.00; Maple St 731: \$1,530.00; Maple St 733: \$2,575.00; Monroe St 714: \$765.00; Pearl St N 712: \$1,527.00; Rankin St 612: \$515.00; Rankin St N 810: \$515.00; Woodlawn Ave E 38: \$445.00

Ward 2. Dr. Martin L King N 1024: \$1,495.00; Louisiana St 101: \$515.00; Louisiana St 103: \$515.00.

Ward 4. Bryne Alley 22: \$565.00; Caddo St 3: \$1,110.00; Concord Ave S: \$445.00; Dr. Martin L King N 1136: \$680.00; Dr. Martin L king 1139: \$1,500.00; Lincoln St 3: \$565.00; Minor St 19: \$765.00; Minor St 21: \$545.00; Minor St 29: \$1,280.0; Minor St 36: \$765.00; Minor St 51: \$2,060.00; Woodlawn Ave E 25: \$1,080.00

Ward 5. Oakland Dr. 126: \$2,060.00

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis to close Public Hearing. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #70:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis for staff to re-inspect and prepare a lien on nuisance properties at the tax collector's office. The vote carried unanimously.

4. Unfinished Business

Order #71:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis to allow the Mayor to sign the contract from LS & Associates on excess loss coverage insurance. The vote carried unanimously.

5. Department Director's Reports

Chief Walter Armstrong- Natchez Police Department

Order #72:02/20

- **Discuss Grant Award**

Alderwoman Mathis made a request to look at this Fiscal Year's budget to consider moving money to one side to keep storage of cameras.

Order #73:02/20

6. James Johnston-Community Development

A motion made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to budget and transfer \$10,500.00 for Downtown Farmer's Market for FY 20. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #74:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to supply \$10,500.00 for Farmer's Market from residual monies left from Entergy monies to help underwrite the director of the Farmer's Market

7. City Clerk, Servia Fortenberry

Order #75:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis, to approve the Municipal Claim Docket. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #76:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Frazier, to approve the Mini Claim Docket. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #77:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving, to consider adopting the State's Per diem and Travel rate. The vote carried unanimously.

8. Mayor's Report

Order #78:02/20

A motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to hire Eddie Burke as a contract employee for the City of Natchez as the Farmer's Market Director. The vote carried unanimously.

The Mayor announced that he is putting together a Task Force in an effort to be proactive against the coronavirus pandemic.

Order #79:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Frazier to approve travel for any member of the Board, including the Mayor, to attend the Viking Announcement Meeting to be held in New Orleans on April 7, 2020. The vote carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session

Order #80:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis, to return to executive session. The vote carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis, to return to open session. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #81:02/20

10. A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis, to instruct the City Attorney to contact David Wilburn and refer him to the Planning Committee regarding chemicals in soil, law suit and testing water for chemicals. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #82:02/20

11. A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis, to instruct the City Attorney to contact the Honeycutt's to inform them that the City is standing by its agreement. The vote carried unanimously.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis, to adjourn the February 25, 2020 Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m. The vote carried unanimously.



 DARRYL V. GRENNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK

