

City of Natchez
Minutes
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Regular Board Meeting (Virtual/Teleconference)

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 **11:00 AM** **Virtual/Teleconference**

Board Secretary, Denise Bell

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Moment of Silent Prayer
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Roll Call by City Clerk:
 - Present: Mayor Darryl V. Grennell
 - Alderwoman Mathis
 - Alderman Frazier
 - Alderwoman Smith
 - Alderwoman Irving
 - Alderman Davis
 - Alderman Dillard

Also Present: Attorney, Robert Latham

Welcome Visitors

#170:05/20

Melvin Davis-Safety Supervisor of Natchez-Adams School District

- **STOP School Violent Grant**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the STOP School Violent Grant.

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

The vote carried unanimously.

#171:05/20

Amos James-President of Natchez-Adams School District Board of Trustees

- Requiring reappointment of NASD Board of Trustees

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to approve the reappointment of Amos James to the NASD Board of Trustees

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

The vote carried unanimously.

Tress Hess-PPM Consultants

- Discussed the Brownfield Grant

#172:05/20

County Business

- Ricky Gray-extension of curfew from 11 P.M. to 5 A.M.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to modify the curfew to extend the hours from 11 P.M to 5 A.M.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

#173:05/20

Department Director's

Fay Minor-Recreation Department

- **Approval to Award Grass Cutting Contract**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to award the grass cutting contract to U.S. Lawn Services in the amount of \$28,212.63 annually, with a monthly fee of \$2,351.05.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

#174:05/20

Sabrena Bartley-Transit/Sr. Center

- **Discussed funds made available with the MS Dept. of Transportation-Public Transit Division.**

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to allow Sabrina Bartley, Executive Director of Transit/Sr. Center authorization to apply for the MS Dept. of Transportation, the 5311 Rural Cares Fund for Natchez Transit System, with authorization from the Mayor, the City Attorney, the City Clerk, and the Director to sign all necessary documentation associated with the application.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

#175:05/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to amend the main motion of applying for the MS Dept. of Transportation, the 5311 Rural Cares Fund for Natchez Transit System, to include addendums approved by the City Attorney.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

Vote on Main Motion as amended to allow Sabrina Bartley, Executive Director of Transit/Sr. Center authorization to apply for the MS Dept. of Transportation, the 5311 Rural Cares Fund for Natchez Transit System, to include addendums approved by the City Attorney and further authorize the Mayor, the City Attorney, the City Clerk, and the Executive Director of Transit/Sr. Center, to sign all necessary documentation associated with the application.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

#176:05/20

James Johnston-Community Development

Natchez Railroad at Grade Safety Improvement Program

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Natchez Railroad is requesting the mayor & board of alderman accept the low bid of Clear River Construction Company in the amount of \$390,621.10 for the placement of the Passive Warning Signs portion of the At-Grade Safety Project (Task 4.0) that was originally advertised on or about March 19, 2020 w/bids due on May 6, 2020. Note – we had originally budgeted \$424,160.00 for this activity. The letter of recommendation, bid tab, proofs of publication will all be made a part of the city's minutes.

Note that seven (7) companies requested copies of the plans but only one (1) company submitted a bid.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, second by Alderman Davis.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

#177:05/20

Citywide Water Improvement Project

2018 CDBG Public Facilities and SRF

Staff is requesting a motion to approve payment for the following invoice from our consulting engineer –

| Vendor | Invoice # | Amount |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|
| WGK | 49970 | \$14,700.00 |

Note – Natchez Water Works pays the consultants invoices via the SRF.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, second by Alderman Davis.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

In addition, earlier this year the board granted permission for staff to hold the required 'second' public hearing. With this said a 'virtual' public hearing has been set up for 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 w/a copy of the hearing notice and call-in information provided.

Pop-Up Farmers Market on North Broadway

If you have not had an opportunity to go by the 'pop-up market on Saturday mornings, do so. We have been experiencing good crowds, with vendors historically selling out before noon.

Chief Armstrong-Police Department

- Reduction in calls
- Problems with curfew violations

#178:05/20

Rico Gianni-Planning & Zoning

- Discussion revisions of the Sidewalk Cafe

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to revise current regulations for a sidewalk café within the City Code of Ordinance with the requirement to purchase additional liability insurance, waive license fees, and provide waiver of segregation.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

#179:05/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Dillard to declare an emergency so that the ordinance will go into effect immediately.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

#180:05/20

City Official's Report

Alderman Dan Dillard-Ward 6

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to freeze all hiring except for the Natchez Police Department, which includes new hires, part-time, and seasonal hiring. Freeze all expenditures listed as miscellaneous, professional services, and contract services on the Budget Status Report. Freeze all travel and no purchase of vehicles or large purchases.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

#181:05/20

City Clerk's Report

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the Claims Docket.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving: not participating in voting process

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote passed by majority.

#182:05/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Dillard to approve the Mini Claims Docket.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving: not participating in voting process

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote passed by majority.

#183:05/20

City Attorney's Report-Bob Latham

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to adopt the State of Mississippi' Executive Order #1478 Section A allowing the Tennis Court to open with exception of league playing. Golf will also be allowed to open with only 1 person per cart unless family members. Barber shops and salons will also be allowed to open immediately with proper precautions, with approval of assess fines for curfew violations.

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously

Mayor's Report

#184:05/20

Close Determination

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving for closed determination

Alderwoman Mathis

Alderman Frazier

Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Irving

Alderman Davis

Alderman Dillard

The vote carried unanimously.

Enter into Executive Session

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel and potential sale or lease of property.

- Alderwoman Mathis: Aye
- Alderman Frazier: Aye
- Alderwoman Smith: Aye
- Alderwoman Irving: Aye
- Alderman Davis: Aye
- Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Dillard, to return to Open Session.

- Alderwoman Mathis: Aye
- Alderman Frazier: Aye
- Alderwoman Smith: Aye
- Alderwoman Irving: Aye
- Alderman Davis: Aye
- Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

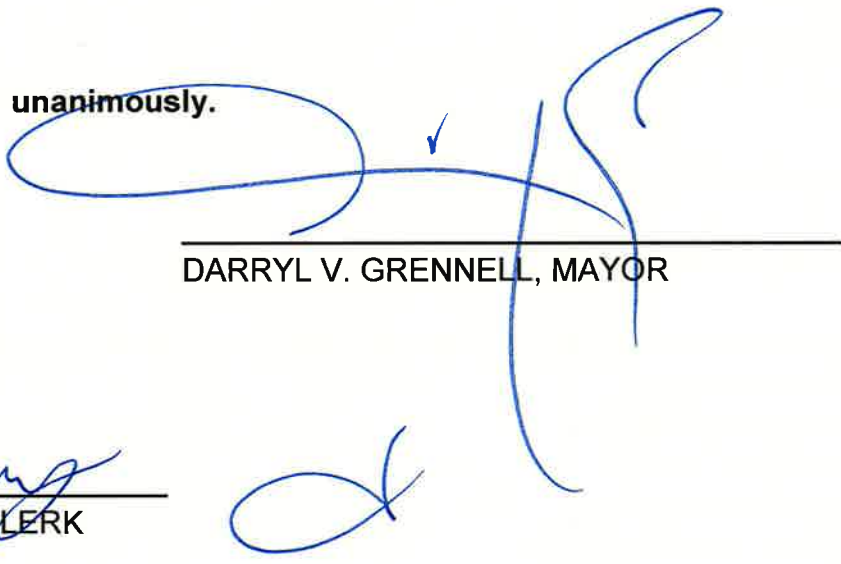
Justin Dollar-Director, Public Works

Adjourn

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2020.

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

The vote carried unanimously.



DARRYL V. GRENNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK