

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:00 AM Virtual/Teleconference

Board Secretary, Denise Bell

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer: Sabrena Bartley
3. Moment of Silence for individuals who has passed away due to COVID-19
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. 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, Bob Latham

#121:04/20

Approve Minutes

Motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to defer approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2020

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

The vote carried unanimously

#122:04/20

Motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to defer approval of Special Call Meeting Minutes-March 26, 2020

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

The vote carried unanimously.

#123:04/20

Department Director's Report

James Johnston

Citywide Water Improvement Project

MDA CDBG PF and MSDH SRF

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

Vendor	Invoice #	Amount
Greenbriar DSLP	#3	\$256,782.15
WGK	49924	\$ 24,500.00
		\$281,282.15

NOTE that Engineering fees are being paid by Natchez Water Works via the State Revolving Loan and NOT by the 2018 CDBG PF!

NOTE that this is the third pay estimate from our contractor for this project. The City's CDBG PF will pay 41.3485% of invoices from the contractor, less the cost of several generators that are included (in this project) because generators are not eligible under the CDBG PF Program. Hence the City's portion of this invoice totals \$102,216.82 while Natchez Water Works via the SRF will pay the balance of the invoice.

#124:04/20

Staff is requesting a motion to prepare and submit the necessary reimbursement documents to MDA for these requested funds AND to authorize the City Clerk, when the reimbursement is received, to issue a check in the same amount to Natchez Water Works so that the contractor may be paid.

Motion by Alderman Dillard, second by Alderman Davis

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#125:04/20

Cleaning of Illegal Dumpsites

MS Dept. of Environmental Quality

The three (3) selected illegal dumpsites have been cleaned by G. Rayborn Construction and his invoice is on the docket. Staff is requesting a motion to allow the mayor to sign the *Release of Claims* and to submit the necessary documents to allow the City to be reimbursed by MDEQ.

Motion by Alderman Davis, second by Alderwoman Irving

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#126:04/20

Canal Street Emergency Road & Bridge Repair

HB 1, 2018 Session of the MS Legislature

An invoice from Key, LLC totaling \$285,850.00 is on today's docket for payment. It is the initial and final construction invoice for this project per JKS. Recall the City had to pledge an additional \$62,350.00 to award this contract but due to an over-estimation of quantities the cost of the work performed came in below the executed contract amount of \$312,350.00. With this said the City will only need \$35,071.00 in additional funds for this bridge repair project!

Motion by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderwoman Irving

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#127:04/20

2020 Affordable Housing Program**Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas**

A copy of the MOA between Mrs. Gertrude Young and the City of Natchez was provided w/your respective packets this past week. Staff is requesting approval of the provided MOA per AHP requirements for the 'empowerment service' for inclusion in the city's two (2) applications.

Motion by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderman Davis

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

Note – this MOA will only move forward SHOULD our AHP applications are awarded, with funds being provided by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas.

#128:04/20

Energy Efficiency Improvements**Schneider Electric Company**

The following invoice was received after the docket deadline (plus was lost in the mail). It is Invoice #4, totaling \$86,188.70 and of note, the board already approved Invoice #5. Balance in the account is \$84,210.75 (AFTER paying this invoice).

Motion by Alderwoman Smith, second by Alderman Davis

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#129:04/20

Natchez Railroad at Grade Safety Improvement Program**2016 TIGER**

Staff is requesting a motion to allow the Natchez Railroad to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide the design and construction services necessary to upgrade the automatic warning devices at nine (9) location in Adams, Franklin & Lawrence County.

Motion by Alderman Davis, second by Alderwoman Mathis

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#130:04/20

Chief Walter Armstrong-Natchez Police Department**City policy on Hazardous Duty Pay**

Recommendation was made to give charge to the City Clerk and Department Directors (Fire, Police, and Public Works) to provide the Board with numbers for Hazardous pay.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#131:04/20

Step Raises

A motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to reinstate step raises for the Natchez Police Department.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

#132:04/20

K-9 Funding

A motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderman Dillard to approve the residual funding needed for K-9.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

#133:04/20

Pending employments

A motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderman Davis to allow the Police Department's Chief to employ six additional employees to begin training in June.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

City Clerk's Report

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve Claims Docket. After further un-readiness:

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to amend the main motion to exclude payment to Natchez Economic Development until further research.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

#135:04/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to amend the main motion to exclude payment to Natchez Armstrong Library until further research.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

#136:04/20

A motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve Claims Docket excluding the payment to Natchez, Inc. and Natchez Armstrong Library.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#137:04/20

A motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve Mini-Docket.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: not participation in voting process

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote passed majority

#138:04/20

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve agreement with Springbrook for data fix and bank reconciliations in the amount of \$4,056.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

City Attorney's Report

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the Mayor to sign the Amendment to the Health Plan.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#140:04/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Dillard to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement to suspend work on the North Natchez Project for 60 days, until June 14, 2020.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#141:04/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve to reinstate and extend the Stay Home Order.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#142: 4/20

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve the Mayor and Board to accept the quit claims deeds on Old Prentiss Hwy W.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report**Larry Gardner's aspect on City of Natchez Primary Election**

#143:04/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to receive more clarification in writing from the Secretary of State's Office on moving the Primary Election to June 2, 2020 and runoff to June 23, 2020 and General Election on July 14, 2020 and defer adoption until the Special Call Meeting.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#144:04/20

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

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

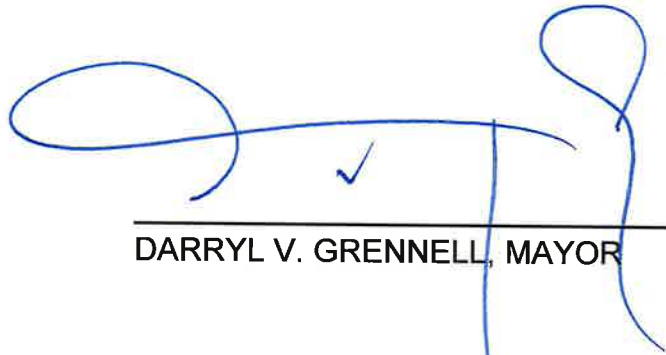
The vote carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to close Regular Board Meeting April 14, 2020 in remembrance of Jerry Cain, Vivian Collie-Taylor, Terry Washington, and Rev. Kejuan Bates.

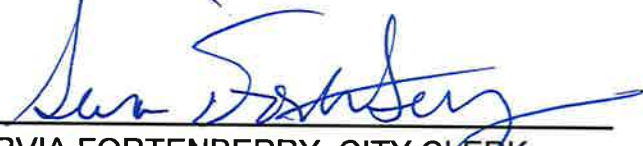
- Alderwoman Mathis: Aye
- Alderman Frazier: Aye
- Alderwoman Smith: Aye
- Alderwoman Irving: Aye
- Alderman Davis: Aye
- Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.



DARRYL V. GRENNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK



