

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

Tuesday, July 14, 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
Alderman Dillard

Also Present: Attorney, Bob Latham

Absent: Alderwoman Irving
Alderman Davis

#255:07/20

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to approve **Regular Board Meeting minutes held Tuesday, May 26, 2020.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to add editorial changes to **Tuesday May 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#256:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to approve **Regular Board Meeting minutes held Tuesday, June 9, 2020.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#257:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to defer Special Call Board Meeting minutes held Tuesday, May 19, 2020, until the next Board Meeting.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

Welcome Visitors

Kathleen Bond, Natchez National Historical Park

- Update on the City donations at the Natchez Visitor Center & Forks of the Road

Robert Pernell

- Update on census count for Adams County

#258:07/20

Unfinished Business

- **Dan Dillard-Vacancy at Public Works**

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to allow the Public Works director to advertise and hire four additional employees including a laborer, a CDL driver, and labor workers, at \$16,489 plus benefits for the remainder two months of the fiscal year.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Nay

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote passed by majority

#259:07/20

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to use the additional monies from the \$30,000 for Summer Youth Program, to hire additional seasonal employees for the Public Works Department.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Nay

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote passed by majority

#260:07/20

Department Director's

Justin Dollar-Public Works

- Discussion about MDOT Highway grass on Lynda Lee Dr. and Dr. Martin Luther King (Lynda Lee Dr. to City Limits).
- Allow the Mayor to execute documents for the Watershed Project.

Roll Call by City Clerk due to calls dropped

All are present

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Dillard to allow the Mayor to execute the documents for the Watershed Project for the Bluff Area.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#261:07/20

James Johnston

Citywide Water Improvement Project

CDBG PF & SRF

Staff is requesting a motion to approve payment for the following invoice(s) from our consulting engineer and contractor –

Vendor	Invoice #	Amount
Greenbriar DSLP	6	\$64,131.65
WGK	50089	<u>\$ 9,800.00</u>
Total		\$ 73,931.65

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Dillard

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#262:07/20

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

NOTE – this is the sixth (6th) 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 \$24,930.91 while Natchez Water Works portion, paid via the SRF will pay the balance of the invoice.

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 (\$24,930.91) to Natchez Water Works so that the contractor may be paid.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Frazier.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#263:07/20

Natchez Aquatic Center Pool Upgrades

Land & Water Conservation Fund

MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks

At a previous mayor & board of alderman meeting staff was given permission to seek construction bids for the above-referenced project. Due to the uncertainty of sales tax revenues at this time, an *executive decision* was made by Mayor Grennell on Monday, July 6, 2020 to terminate the bid process at this time. Staff will present this request to the board in FY21. Staff is *requesting a motion to affirm this decision*.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#264:07/20

In addition, the mayor & board did not approve the recently presented Project Modification Agreement from the MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks for the additional pool upgrades – automatic chlorinator, concrete pool deck expansion, permanent bleachers, lockers and cubbies, increasing the Total Project Agreement from \$268,940.00 to \$345,168.00. If it is the desire of the mayor & board, this agreement will also be held until FY 2021.

Note – the amendment to approve Waycaster & Associates, Inc. amended professional services agreement from \$17,894.00 to \$23,060.00 that incorporates the increased scope of work will also be held until FY2021.

Targeted Brownfield Assessment (TBA)

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Staff is requesting a motion to allow the mayor to sign the presented Access Authorization Agreement to allow the Environmental Protection Agency, its officers, employees, contractors and other authorized representatives access to the Titan Tire site as it pertains to the City of Natchez Targeted Brownfield Assessment (TBA) application as authorized by the mayor & board on June 9, 2020 to determine how much (more) investigation is needed and establish cleanup options and cost estimates for the former tire manufacturing facility.

The motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

#265:07/20

City Clerk's Report-Servia Fortenberry

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

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

#266:07/20

A motion made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Frazier to approve the Mini Claims Docket.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dan: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

#267:07/20

Bob Latham - City Attorney

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Dillard to designate Adams County City Auditorium to be used as Adams County Courthouse.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#268:07/20

Closed Determination

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderman Frazier to proceed into closed determination.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#269:07/20

Executive Session

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderman Davis to **enter into Executive Session.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

#270:07/20

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Dillard, to **return to Open Session. The vote carried unanimously.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dan Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

Bob Latham-City Attorney

#271:07/20

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderman Frazier to allow **Chris Kelly with Grin Law Firm to file a suit involving transferring certain parts of Forks of the Road to be transferred to the National Park Services.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Abstain

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously

#272:07/20

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to allow the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute leases with the **Natchez Visitor's Center between the City of Natchez and NCPC, and with the City of Natchez and Visitor's service.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Abstain

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote passed by majority.

#273:07/20

A motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderman Dillard to engage in surveying services to **determine an exact location of certain NCPC property.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Abstain

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote passed by majority.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to close the Regular Board Meeting July 14, 2020 in memory of G. Easterling.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Dan Dillard: Aye

The vote carried unanimously.

DARRYL V. GRENELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK

