

**City of Natchez  
Organizational Meeting  
Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Inauguration & Organizational Meeting**

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**Friday, July 24, 2020**

**10:00 AM**

**Natchez Bandstand, The Bluff**

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**Board Secretary, Denise Bell**

**The Mayor and Board of Aldermen Inauguration Program:**

**Call to Order:** Servia Fortenberry, City Clerk

- **Opening Prayer-**Pastor Ruby Mallory
- **Welcome-** The Honorable Sarah Carter Smith, Alderwoman, Ward 3
- **Pledge of Allegiance-**  
The Honorable Billie Joe Frazier, Alderman, Ward 2  
The Honorable Ben Davis, Alderman, Ward 5
- **The National Anthem-** Jessica Hawkins, Vocalist; Kejuan Hawkins, Music
- **Greeting-** Caroline Curtis Deason
- **Remarks & Introduction** of Alderpersons and Municipal Judge  
The Honorable Darryl V. Grennell, Former Mayor
- **Remarks-**  
The Honorable Valencia Hall, Alderwoman- Ward 1  
The Honorable Felicia Bridgewater-Irving, Alderwoman- Ward 4  
The Honorable Dan Dillard, Alderman, Alderman- Ward 6
- **Oaths of Office:** Mayor Dan M. Gibson, Aldermen, Municipal Judge Lisa Dale
- **Mayor Inaugural Address-** The Honorable Dan M. Gibson
- **Inaugural Prayer-** The Rev. Dr. Joan Gandy, First Presbyterian Church

**Recess Meeting**

**2:00 P.M. – Recessed Meeting Minutes**

**Reconvene Organizational Meeting**

**Natchez Convention Center**

**#284:07/20**

**Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to appoint Alderman Dan Dillard as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

**The vote carried unanimously.**

**#285:07/20**

**Appointment of Officers:**

- **City Attorney**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to appoint Bryan Callaway as City Attorney.

Alderwoman Hall: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Nay

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried.**

#286:07/20

- **City Clerk**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to re-appoint Servia Fortenberry as City Clerk.

**The vote carried unanimously.**

#287:07/20

- **Deputy City Clerks**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to re-appoint Denise Bell, Pam Patterson, and Rebekah Turner as Deputy Clerks.

**The vote carried unanimously.**

#288:07/20

- **City Auditor**

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderman Davis to re-appoint Silas Simmons, LLP as City Auditor.

**The vote carried unanimously**

#289:07/20

- **Municipal Judge Pro Tempore**

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to appoint Nakita Banks as Municipal Judge Pro Tempore.

There came consideration for **further discussion**. After further discussion, a motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Frazier to **table** appointing Nakita Bank as Municipal Judge Pro Tempore.

Alderwoman Hall: Nay

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Nay

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Nay

Alderman Dillard: Nay

**Motion failed.**

**There came for consideration a vote on the original motion** by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to appoint Nakita Banks as Municipal Judge Pro Tempore.

Alderwoman Hall: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Nay

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Abstain

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried.**

#290:07/20

- **City Prosecutor**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to appoint Tim Cotton as Municipal Court City Prosecutor.

Alderwoman Hall: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Nay

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried.**

#291:07/20

- **Municipal Court Clerk**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Hall to re-appoint Charlene Green as Municipal Court Clerk

**The vote carried unanimously**

#292:07/20

- **Municipal Deputy Clerk**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to re-appoint Velma Williams as Municipal Deputy Court Clerk. **The vote carried unanimously**

**Administration of Oath to new appointed officers - Judge Lisa Dale**

**Comments by Elected Officials.**

#293:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to allow citizen comments. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#294:07/20

**Adoption of Bank Resolutions**

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Hall to adopt Bank Resolutions with Home Bank. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#295:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to adopt Bank Resolutions with Home Bank for Municipal Court. **The vote carried unanimously.**

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to adjourn the Organizational Meeting of July 24, 2020. **The vote carried unanimously.**



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DAN M. GIBSON, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**



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SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK

