

REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, was held in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Mayor Pro Tempore Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis at the meeting which was opened with prayer by Reverend Leroy White.

<u>Mayor & Board Present</u>	<u>Elected Officials Absent</u>	<u>City Officials & Department</u>
	Larry L. "Butch" Brown Mayor	Donnie Holloway, City Clerk Hyde Carby, City Attorney Temple Hendricks, Board Sec David Gardner Chief Danny White Fire Chief Oliver Stewart Frankie Legaux Curtis Norton Justin Dollar
Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis Alderwoman, Ward 1		
James "Ricky" Gray, Jr. Alderman, Ward 2		
Sarah Carter Smith Alderwoman, Ward 3		
Ernest "Tony" Fields Alderman, Ward 4		
	Mark Fortenbery Alderman, Ward 5	
Daniel Dillard Alderman, Ward 6		

MINUTES APPROVED

With a quorum present, a motion was made by Alderman Fields to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Finance and Regular Meetings of February 4, 2014, and the Finance and Regular Meetings of February 11, 2014, and adopt upon legal review. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gray and carried unanimously.

VISITORS WELCOME

Reverend Leroy White, working in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office, appeared to promote Voter ID registration. There are currently 530 people in Adams County that do not have one form of photo ID. The Circuit Clerk is able to take photos to provide ID. The SOS will be providing transportation to the Circuit Clerk's office to obtain a photo ID which can be set up by calling 601-446-6326.

Dr. Ruth Nichols, Alcorn, and Chris Hinton, Natchez Inc., reported that the APEX center has purchased new equipment with a MDA \$10,000.00 grant. Another entrepreneur class will be starting in August and they're in the process of creating a website. Natchez is working to become a certified entrepreneur friendly city and Dr. Nichols will meet with HR professionals from the Miss-Lou in April to determine the educational needs of our work force. Chris Hinton will be leaving to join MML.

Alderman Gray said Randy Myers, the animal control officer, cannot write citations which is causing a burden on the two code enforcement officers. Mr. Carby is to check into what can be done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS

David Gardner, Engineering Department

Mr. Gardner asked, as there will not be a BOA meeting on March 11th, that the BOA authorize an ad hoc committee to receive and read aloud the annual bids on March 11th at 11:00am. The ad hoc committee would review the bids and prepare a recommendation for the March 25th BOA meeting. He

recommend that the ad hoc committee be made up of Meg Freeman and Donnie Holloway and anyone else the Board felt should take part.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard for an ad hoc committee composed of Donnie Holloway and Meg Freeman receive the annual general supply bids and present their recommendation to the BOA on March 25th. A second was made by Alderman Fortenbery. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, with a second by Alderman Fortenbery, for Mr. Gardner to advertise for the final closeout of the Natchez Regional Transit Facility. The motion carried unanimously.

Curtis Norton, Traffic Department

Mr. Norton reported that traffic had been closed at Canal and Main due to work being done. Since placing insurance coverage on the highway light poles, claims have been submitted for 5 or 6 hit and run poles.

Homeowners have submitted all required paperwork for speed calming devices on South Union and Old Washington Road.

Alderman Dillard made a motion that \$20,000.00 be appropriated from the annual casino lease fund for this fiscal year for the installation of no less than 10 speed humps as identified along Old Washington Road (7) and South Union Street (3). A second was made by Alderwoman Carter Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Alderman Gray:

- expressed his sympathy to the Mayor of Jackson's family
- voiced his concern for raw sewage in the Cambridge Heights area. Mr. Gardner said that Cambridge Heights had been having trouble with their lift station and he will address
- asked Mr. Dollar to see about cleaning out ditches on Birdwood.
- asked Chief White to check into businesses accepting stolen property. Chief White responded that most of the time businesses don't know that the property was stolen—Mr. Gray said that some property in the past obviously belonged to the City of Natchez.
- asked that PD beef up patrols due to domestic violence issues in the city—Chief White responded the patrols had been beefed up but the violence is inside the house therefore PD can only react.
- advised that city jobs need job titles and descriptions. He expressed that it wasn't fair to place additional job duties on employees and not increase their salaries
- a resident on Daisy Street had expressed concern that her water hydrant doesn't work. He asked Chief Stewart to check the hydrant.
- had received a call from 61 Minor and the residents needs sand or dirt placed in his cistern. Mr. Dollar replied that PW had attempted a delivery that morning but the dump truck became stuck. PW will handle when the weather permits.
- asked the City to support the Natchez High Lady Bulldogs

Alderwoman Carter Smith attended a meeting last night with the CEO of Entergy about business retention in MS, economic development in the state as well as offering small business incentives such as waiving deposits. The City will continue to work with companies to clean up utility lines and she reminded Frankie Legaux to have the new Development Code address that new development will have all utilities underground.

Alderman Fields thanked Justin Dollar and Public Works for handling requests promptly and professionally and asked that PW and Waste Pro advertise what debris each entity will handle. He advised Code Enforcement Officer Anita Smith that he'd received a call on 714 Monroe and he'll review photos of the property with her. Zion Church had honored Mrs. Francine Presley, organist, on Sunday.

Alderman Dillard discussed with Anita Smith two properties in Ward 6 which are nuisances due to debris in the yards. Mrs. Smith said that citations will be issued tomorrow.

Alderman Dillard asked that the notes that he prepared regarding issues with the January budget report be made a copy of the minutes.

103 Public Properties

p. ? R30 \$29,457 Transfer from which other Fund

p. ? Fund Expense Sub Totals \$8,246 does not match docket

185 Martin School MDAH-Grant 2011 NOT Budgeted

p. 87 E10 \$28,720 Contract Services Incorrect YTD amount
\$10,900 has been paid out of the Isaac Fund towards this work.
\$27,812 has been paid out of the Gustav Fund towards this work.
\$38,312 has been paid toward this work to date.

109 Casino Annual Lease Payment

p. 42 E49 -\$114,000 Inter Fund Loan Repayment
This appears to be the repayment of a loan made to Pay Roll. But why does it
show up as additional revenue making the fund balance \$1,114,000?

p. 42 E09 \$303,110 Contract Services
This is the exact amount of the first street overlay program and should be debited
against last year's budget NOT this year's budget.

p. 42 E10 \$2,997.50 City Project #601-13 what is this for?

p. 42 R25 \$1,000,000 Incorrect
\$727,504 FY 2012-13 ending balance according to statements B&K 10/01/12
\$303,000 spent for street overlay \$200,000 will be spent on micro-sealing.
\$424,000 balance to be brought forward.

126-342-637 Recreation

p. 61 E09 \$69,936 YTD Amount In Excess of Budget
The Budget amount is \$65,000 for contract services. The Clerk appears to be
Overpaying this vendor by \$4,936. This has been brought up before.
Why is the Clerk OVERPAYING this vendor in excess of the Budget?

301 Colonnade Renovation Incorrect Budget Amount

p. 102 R10 \$750,000 Federal Funds
This is an incorrect amount. Total project will not exceed \$350,000.

302 Community Development

p. 103 E09 \$20,610 Miscellaneous Restricted Fund
This is a restricted Fund. No monies can be expended, transferred or
Loaned without an approval from the Board and the funding entity.
This payment was for a van for the Traffic Department and was should have
Been repaid by now.

337 Transit Regional Construction

p. 10 R23 \$27,862 Miscellaneous Where did this come from
This project is closed out. So where is this money coming from?

p. 109 E09 \$26,671 Prof Services does not match docket
The invoice is from SSR and should be charged against either the Colonnades or
Depot project. In any case this has nothing to do with the Transit Facility.

340 Highland Blvd Bypass Lift

p. 110 R10 \$2,114.33 Where did this come from
p. 100 E30 \$1,114.96 Transfer To which fund & why?
Why is the Clerk receiving and transfer monies out of a fund that should belong to
Water Works?

501 Unemployment Compensation

p. 112 E07 \$12,367 NOT Budgeted
Why didn't the Clerk Budget

604 Tax Fund

p. 112 R01 \$222 YTD

\$5,000,000 UNDER Budget

This fund was budgeted at \$5,277,159 but has only collected \$222 to date?

Alderman's Docket of Claims April 14, 2014

Vendor 359104 Claim# 3,470

Transfer \$35,349 from Fund 185 M Martin MDAH to 329 N Natchez Drainage

Why is the Clerk transferring monies out of one Restricted Capital Improvements Fund, that wasn't Budgeted, into another Restricted Capital Improvements Fund that wasn't Budgeted either? How does this in any way "clean up the GL"?

END OF REVIEW QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, with a second by Alderman Gray, that the notes that Alderman Dillard had prepared and presented regarding the January budget report be spread on the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, with a second by Alderman Fields, that Mr. Carby be authorized to request original copies of the bank statements from Britton and Koontz for the period of 9-1-13 to 2-1-14, to be submitted to Britton and Koontz no later than the next BOA meeting, for funds:

109 Casino Annual Lease Payment Fund

167 Hurricane Gustav

168 Hurricane Isaac

300 Capital Improvements

302 Community Development

329 North Natchez Drainage

333 Historic Natchez Trails

337 Regional Transit Facility

The motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK

None

CITY ATTORNEY

Alderwoman Carter Smith advised that she'd received a couple of complaints about people parking on sidewalks. She said that she would meet with Chief White after the meeting to discuss.

Mayor Pro Tempore Arceneaux-Mathis recognized Anita Smith, Code Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Smith presented a list of properties that had gone through environmental court; the owner couldn't be located so a citation couldn't be served--the properties will now be published in the paper. Once published, the properties will be adjudicated before the BOA.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NUISANCE ABATEMENT**

*To The Owner/Manager/Caretaker
Of The Following Properties And
Parcels Located In The City of
Natchez, Mississippi*

PUBLISH DATE

*Slack Albert Duane
Parcel # 13-7-27
9 Beaumont Street*

Slack Albert Duane

*Parcel # 13-7-25
13 & 15 Beaumont Street*

*Shirley Critterdon
Parcel # 13-8-43
26 Beaumont Street*

*Clifford Ford
Parcel # 13-8-44
28 Beaumont Street*

*Wesley Shante
Parcel # 13-7-7
41 Beaumont Street*

*Turner Roosevelt
Parcel # 7-3-10
508 Canal Street*

*Robert Gordon Est
Parcel # 18-2-21
1215 Daisy Street*

*Bradley Mamie
Parcel # 17-1-56
1228 Daisy Street*

*Leroy Young
Parcel # 18-2-8
1241 Daisy Street*

*Pittmon Cynthia etal
Parcel # 33-2-1
165 Fletcher Street*

*Shepard Mark L Mock
Parcel # 25-3-11
17 Henderson Street*

*McGowan Jack T & Baby R King
Parcel # 25-3-12
19 Henderson Street*

*Mock Eddie Estelle
Parcel # 17-1-39
577 Inez Street*

*Willie McNeal
Parcel # 17-1-35A
573 Inez Street*

*Brown Doretha
Parcel # 34-6-3
301 Johnson Street*

*Tucker Leroy
Parcel # 34-6-4
307 Johnson Street*

*Thompson Theodore
Parcel # 34-6-5
308 Johnson Street*

Young Marie James

*Parcel # 464-3-2
110 Joiner Street*

*Maranda Woods c/o Latoya Reed
Parcel # 23-4-3
11 Lincoln Street*

*Claudia Hawkins Smith
Parcel # 90-3-3
108 Louisiana Ave*

*Lonnie Johnson
Parcel # 10-3-14
620 Maple Street*

*Moore Riley & Roberta D
Parcel # 10-3-16
624 Maple Street*

*Camco Investments LLC
Parcel # 10-3-21
634 Maple Street*

*Rice Lee O
Parcel # 10-2-7
645 Maple Street*

*Williams Audrey C
Parcel # 92-1-59
87 Marblestone Road*

*Montgomery David
Parcel # 63-2-22
25 Marin Avenue*

*Cornelius Williams
Parcel # 13-7-45
840 Martin L King Street*

*Marvilia M Robinson
Parcel # 9-1-1
728 Martin L King Street*

*Semo Green
Parcel # 19-1-3
1126 Dr. Martin L King North*

*Alberta Davis
Parcel # 17-2-28
113 McIntyre Blvd*

*Johnson Mose L &
Clamehus Johnson
Parcel # 41-102A-68
118 McIntyre Blvd*

*John Risen, Beatrice Jones & Steffond P Jones
Parcel # 90-3-30
111 Merrio Street*

*Robert Carter Jr. ET AL
Parcel # 90-3-20
114 Merrio Street*

*Augusta Cardine
Parcel # 17-4-1
116 Merrio Street*

*Roosevelt Turner Jr.
Parcel # 8-9-2
714 Monroe Street*

*Shawyn Mars
Parcel #12-4-1
826 Myrtle Ave*

*Hawkin Fannie c/o
Claudia Hawkins Smith
Parcel # 28-2-16
40 Oak Street East*

*June R Vanderson
Parcel # 27-4-29
47 East Oak Street*

*S & S Properties LLC
Parcel # 28-2-10
58 Oak Street East*

*Hawkins S N & Katie A
Parcel # 28-2-7
66 Oak Street East*

*Wade Emma C EST
c/o Fannie Rose Wade
Parcel # 27-6-5
92 Oak Street East*

*Mitchell Katie est
Parcel # 64-9-4
14 October Street*

*Lee Mae Bell
Parcel # 64-6-16
11 Oscar Street*

*Fred Williams
Parcel # 15-9-15
115 Parker Street*

*Thomas Miller
Parcel # 10-1-1
724 Pearl Street*

*Samuel Williams
Parcel # 28-2-57
4 Pintard Street*

*Lyles Nicole c/o
Tyrone M Baldwin
Parcel # 64-8-3
12 Pogo Street*

*Drew Etta c/o James Drew
Parcel # 64-8-4
14 Pogo Street*

Tolbert Charlie, Linda & Terry

*Parcel # 64-8-6
18 Pogo Street*

*Charlie & LaFrannie Nichols
Parcel # 12-1-12
207 St Mary Street*

*Frances Geter
Parcel # 8-8-12
414 Rankin Street North*

*George Marshall
Parcel # 8-1-1
505 Rankin Street North*

*Oberlin Oleta ET AL
Parcel # 9-1-8
715 Rankin Street North*

*Hawkins Walter
Parcel # 90-3-8
1202 Reed Street*

*Swell Curley Ann Barnnon etal
Parcel # 90-3-9
1204 Reed Street*

*Paige Robert Louis Sr
Parcel # 17-6-8
583 Stiers Lane West*

*Gregory & Gloria J Jackson
Parcel # 34-4-11
1411 Sunset Blvd*

*Barnes Rodger L
Parcel # 17-1-104
1223 Texas Street*

*Washington Queen Annie
Parcel # 89-2-89
1442 Watkins Street*

*McShane Mary E ET AL
Parcel # 27-8-16
19 Williams Street*

*Janny S Hein
Parcel # 43-2-3
124 Woods Ave*

*Turner Roosevelt
Parcel # 64-9-13
15 Zoa Street*

*Turner Roosevelt Sr.
Parcel # 64-10-1
26 Zoa Street*

As allowed by Mississippi Statute 21-19-11, the City of Natchez is notifying you by this legal notice that a hearing will be held before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen & Alderwoman at 6:00 PM. Tuesday DATE OF BOARD MEETING to determine if your property, herein described, is in such a state of uncleanliness; as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. You may attend the hearing to offer

evidence or testimony to assist the Mayor and Board of Aldermen & Alderwoman in making a fair determination on this matter.

If at this hearing the Mayor and Board of Aldermen & Alderwoman determines this property to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen & Alderwoman may order the property cleaned and adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning the property with a \$ 1500.00 or 25% penalty whichever is higher as a lien and civil debt on the property.

Mr. Carby had received documents from Tony Gaylor on all debt so options can be discussed regarding debt refinancing. He should have all the paperwork in place by the next meeting.

Mr. Carby had been working to update the charter to make the city clerk and the municipal judge positions appointed. He asked that the BOA set aside some time so that they can provide input.

The regular meeting that was scheduled for March 11th had previously been moved to March 4th. Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting had been moved to Thursday, March 13th. It will be a morning meeting.

Mr. Carby asked the BOA to consider holding a joint meeting with the NWW Board to discuss Engineering. Mr. Carby will reach out to Mr. Gardner to find a meeting time.

A former employee had been awarded unemployment benefits and the City had until March 6th to file an appeal with the Circuit Court. The employee was discharged for pleading guilty to a felony. The state has said that the employment can be terminated for misconduct and not receive unemployment benefits—the existence of a guilty plea was not communicated effectively to the judge hearing the case and therefore conduct was not determined to be related to the job and the benefits were awarded. If not appealed, the city will be paying benefits to an employee that pled guilty to a felony while paying for an additional employee to fill that position. Maximum benefits will be \$230.00 for 26 weeks.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard for the city to not file an appeal. A second was made by Alderman Fields. It was clarified to Alderwoman Carter Smith that the employee was terminated as he plead guilty to a felony. Mr. Carby said that the thinking is that an employee has been so compromised that he can't perform his job. Alderman Gray asked who was to handle this as was not handled correctly—Mr. Carby said that it was up to the BOA to decide who would handle. Mr. Carby said his understanding that the City Clerk and the Mayor have handled in the past—he's not handled a case since he'd been in his position at City Attorney.

The motion carried with Alderwoman Carter Smith voting nay.

Alderman Gray said that he needed information on Dan Alexander to submit to MDOT to get a sign in Mr. Alexander's honor placed on the highway.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, with a second by Alderwoman Carter Smith, to reschedule the first meeting of the month from March 4th to Thursday, March 13th. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tempore Arceneaux-Mathis asked Mr. Dollar to have the street sweeper clean Gardner Street and check into limbs which are in overhead lines at 930 N. Union. Mr. Dollar said that he would meet with her after the meeting to discuss the street behind the Children's Home. She also recognized the contributions of Mrs. Presley to the music community in Natchez. The Mayor Pro Tempore commented on the wonderful events held during the NLCC and read the Municipal Court report for January with gross receipts of \$72,074.87.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Gray asked that the meeting be closed in memory of the Mayor of Jackson. Mayor Pro Tempore Arceneaux-Mathis asked that a letter of thanks from the MS Association of School Superintendents be made a part of the minutes.

A motion was made by Alderman Fields and seconded by Alderman Gray to adjourn the meeting of February 25, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Larry L. "Butch" Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donnie Holloway, City Clerk