

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 9, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, was held in the City Council Chamber at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2007. Mayor Phillip C. West presided at the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Colonel Erle Drane.

<b>MAYOR &amp; BOARD PRESENT</b>	<b>CITY OFFICIALS &amp; DEPARTMENT HEADS</b>
<b>Phillip C. West</b> Mayor	Donnie Holloway, City Clerk Everett Sanders, City Attorney Darlene D. Williams, Dep. City Clerk Sabrena Barrley, Director Senior Center Brett Brinegar, Grants Coordinator Paul Dawes, Inspection Official Rick Freeman, Traffic Department David Gardner, Water Superintendent Patricia Gibson, Personnel Director Temple Hendricks, Mayor's Secretary Ron Ivey, Public Works Director Paul Johnson, Fire Chief Darlene F. Jones, Comm Dev. Director Mike Mullins, Police Chief Eric Smith, Public Works Administrator Dennis Story, Planning Director Ralph Tedder, Recreation Director Wilbert Whitley, Recreation Dept. Natchez Democrat
<b>Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis</b> Alderwoman, Ward 1	
<b>J. "Ricky" Gray, Jr.</b> Alderman, Ward 2	
<b>Bob Pollard</b> Alderman, Ward 3	
<b>Theodore West</b> Alderman, Ward 4	
<b>David Massey</b> Alderman, Ward 5	
<b>Jake Middleton</b> Alderman, Ward 6	

**MINUTES APPROVED**

**A motion was made by Alderman Pollard to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2006 and approve as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Massey. The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Alderman West to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the recessed meeting of December 18, 2006 and approve as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Massey. The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Aldermen Pollard and seconded by Alderman West to go out of order to recognize the Trinity Saints Football Team and Coaches for winning the State Championship.**

Mayor West recognized the Trinity Saints Football team for the 2006 winning season of

13 - 2. The Trinity Episcopal Saints became the Mississippi Private School Association Class A State Football Champions. Mayor West said he was proud to be present during the championship game. He noted that Steven Ridley and Taylor Hinson were selected to play on the All-Star team. Steven Ridley will attend LSU in the fall on a football scholarship.

Mayor West and the Board of Aldermen presented certificates to the coaching staff and players of the Trinity Saints football team.

Alderman Massey said he had the privilege of running the sidelines for 25 years and watched and observed the coaching staff. He said he never doubted that Coach King would be successful. Alderman Massey said Coach King has always been a competitor and he has taken the Trinity Saints to a different level.

Alderman Gray said he also attended the championship game and congratulated the Trinity Saints on a great year. He said the coaching staff is working from a great play book which includes combination of plays from North Natchez, South Natchez, ACCS, and Cathedral. Alderman Gray thanked the group for an awesome job.

Alderman Pollard said he has a lot invested in Trinity and he is proud to be a part of the Trinity Family.

Mayor West said he did not think he would see the day that his running back record would be broken by Steven Ridley. He congratulated Steven Ridley again.

Coach King thanked Mayor West for inviting the group to the meeting and being recognized. He said it was an honor and privilege to coach the football team. Coach King said he is proud to represent the City of Natchez. He said Natchez is the most fantastic city within the State of Mississippi. Coach King said he would like to see the team grow and attend college and return to Natchez and produce winners for the community.

#### **ATTACHMENT OF CERTIFICATE and LIST OF NAMES**

Mayor West requested a motion to return to the regular order of business.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Pollard to return to the regular order of business. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **BIDS**

Mayor West asked if there were bids submitted for the City Depositor and the Security for the Visitors Center. He asked that the bids be opened at this time.

#### **City Depository**

Mayor West said three bids were submitted and read the cover sheet for each submitted.

United Mississippi Bank  
AmSouth Bank  
B&K Bank

Mayor West requested a motion to take the bids under advisement.

**A motion was made by Alderman West to take the bids under advisement for the City Depository. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **ATTACHMENT**

#### **Security - Visitors Center**

Mayor West noted that there were two bids submitted for security at the Visitors Center.

Riverton Security Agency  
Foot Guard Services

Mayor West requested a motion to take the bids under advisement.

**A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded by Alderman West to take the bids under advisement. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **ATTACHMENT**

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

Mayor West welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

#### **a. Business of the Month — INSPIRATIONAL BOOKSTORE**

Mayor West said Inspirational Bookstore, 18 Kelly Street, is owned and operated by Linda Nelson, and began its operation in November, 1994 and currently has three (3) employees. During the years the company has grown significantly with their rapidly changing technology. Mayor West said recently a POS System was installed with a customer database that enables employees to create a customer mailing list at the touch of a button. In addition, Mrs. Nelson is developing a store catalog that will be completed in the coming months. The future plans include the selling of products via the Internet and the increase of the music department within the store. Mayor West said the employees of Inspirational Bookstore are most proud of their ready access to more than 50 publishers that offer more than one million titles/products and hundreds of in-stock items. Inspirational Bookstore is one of the very few Christian bookstores in the immediate area.

Mayor West congratulated Mrs. Linda Nelson, Inspirational Bookstore for being chosen the January Business of the Month.

Alderman Pollard read the certificate to be presented to Mrs. Nelson.

Mrs. Linda Nelson was present to accept the award.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **b. Attorney Walter Brown - Hotel Option**

Mayor West recognized Attorney Walter Brown.

Attorney Walter Brown was present to make a report on the hotel development. He said during the Christmas holidays the city received the exercise of option by Mr. Bauer with Broadway Hospitality, LLC. Attorney Brown asked the Mayor and Board to set the date of January 31, 2007 for the closing of the transaction. Attorney Brown asked that it be placed on the minutes of the Board recognizing that the option has been exercised and the disclosure of information required by the option development agreement as to the cost of the project, which is in excess of \$11 million dollars. The plans have been submitted, the names of the investors are reflected in the disclosure statement, and Compass Bank of Mobile will be the lead bank with local participation.

Attorney Brown asked the board to approve the protocol between the City of Natchez and Broadway Hospitality, LLC. He said it has been in the option development agreement that there be a protocol to provide that any convention booked would be honored by the hotel as long as they were book one year in advance. Attorney Brown said it would be required that the hotel hold the blocked rooms until such time as they could be released. He said the purpose is to make sure there are hotel rooms available for conventions in Natchez. He said the protocol would also require that the parking lot be used for convention visitors and hotel patrons before made available to the general public.

Attorney Brown said the original agreement provided for the development of a 120 room hotel and has since been modified due to the need following Katrina and also in anticipation of the requests for extended stay or executive suites and there would be 18 oversized rooms. He said this reduced the number of rooms from 120 to 119. He said that this is a deviation from what was in the original agreement, and it should be approved by the board as well.

Attorney Brown asked that the board adopt in one motion the acknowledgment of the receipt of the information, the filing and approval of the protocol.

Mayor West requested a motion.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Aldermen Pollard to approve the receipt of the information as submitted, the filing and approval of the protocol between the City of Natchez and Broadway Hospitality, LLC.; to set the date of January 31, 2007 for the closing of the transaction. The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Alderman West to change the date of the regular meeting**

**from Tuesday, January 23, 2007 to Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with the 4:30 p.m. finance meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Middleton. The motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Brown said the check will be provided at that time in the amount of \$471,900.00.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

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c. **Universal Missions, Inc.**  
**No representative present.**

d. **Raymond Murray -- Carpenter Apartments**

Mayor West recognized Mr. Raymond Murray.

Mr. Murray thanked the Mayor and Board for allowing him to speak on behalf of Ms. Judy Nelson.

#### **Attachment**

Mayor West thanked Mr. Murray for the comments and said the board will address the concerns as soon as they possibly can.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

##### **NATCHEZ POLICE DEPARTMENT, Chief Mike Mullins**

Chief Mullins introduce five new officers hired with the Natchez Police Department.

1. Ernest Clemons
2. Nikki Johnson-Pierce
3. Felicia Fleming
4. Adam Kirk
5. Hunter Parker

Chief Mullins said Officer Clemons, Pierce, and Fleming will report to the Police Academy on Monday, January 15, 2007. He said Officer Kirk was certified when hired and Officer Parker recently completed the academy. Chief Mullins said all were born and raised in Natchez. Chief Mullins said he is proud to have the officers as part of the Natchez Police Department.

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderman Pollard welcomed the five officers to the Police Department

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis introduced Officers Clemons as her adoptive son who graduated from Alcorn State University.

Alderman West said he is glad to see the five officers from Natchez and this is very positive for the community. He said this shows that we want our own to come back and work in the City of Natchez.

Alderman Gray said there are familiar faces in the group and he is glad to have them on board.

Mayor West thanked Chief Mullins for the introduction of the new officers.

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER, Sabrena Bartley, Director**

Mrs. Bartley stated that she would like to thank the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the City of Natchez on behalf of 510 senior citizens, senior veterans of Adams County, Mississippi for the efforts shown during the holiday season. Mrs. Bartley said because of the efforts of all in the community she was able to provide 56 gifts to senior veterans, provided 200 fruit baskets, 154 gifts to seniors in the building and provided extra Christmas meals to the community. Mrs. Bartley said there was a Christmas party at the center with 247 seniors who attended on that day.

Mrs. Bartley presented the Senior Services Contract for aging services for the period of October 1, 2006 - September 30, 2007.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

#### **GRANTS COORDINATOR, Brett Brinegar, Director**

Ms. Brinegar noted that she started the application for reimbursement on the oldest DEQ grant. She said it should be closed out by January 30, 2007. The reimbursement will be provided for equipment rental, and load tickets. Ms. Brinegar said there is one grant pending that is not started which is located in Ward 2 in the amount of \$20,000. She said the Public Works Department will start the clean-up on the project in February. Ms. Brinegar asked all Aldermen to look over their wards prior to the spring application deadline for DEQ and identify dumpsites that should be cleaned. She said the locations will be included in the spring application.

Ms. Brinegar said the Millennium Trail designation signs erected at Forks of the Road.

These signs commemorate the addition of the site to the 2000 Millennium Trail, which acknowledges important historical sites throughout the nation. She thanked Rick Freeman for a great job in designing the signs and getting them up quickly. Ms. Brinegar said Mr. Boxley asked that the signs be installed and presented a certificate that indicated that the site was on the Millennium Trail. She said within six weeks the signs were designed and installed.

Ms. Brinegar said the members of the community will meet January 9, 2007 at NAPAC at 5:30 pm to continue discussions regarding the updating and expansion of the City's African American Heritage Brochure. The public is invited to attend. She said the group reviewed copies of the brochure and will provide information for additional sites.

Ms. Brinegar said thanks to Mayor West she is the Chairperson of the Community Alliance Group. There will be an annual membership meeting at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 17 at the Convention Center. The Community Alliance is open to all residents of Natchez and Adams County--there are no membership dues. We're asking the public to attend, if possible, and bring ideas and topics for discussion for our annual project. Ms. Brinegar said last year, the Alliance raised funds and completed renovation of the Veteran's Memorial at Memorial Park. This was a very successful project and we're looking forward to hearing ideas from the public for 2007.

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis requested an explanation about DEQ and asked if the grants could be used for items other than dump site clean up.

Ms. Brinegar said there are different programs. She said the application submitted on a regular basis is for Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup. She said it is not limited to clean-up. On the Cottage Farm site a fence will be installed to keep trespassers from redumping trash. She said there are grants for education, major clean-up projects which would address land fills.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis noted that she rode through Ward 1 with Mr. Ivey when he was hired by the city and last week she and Mr. Story did the same. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if the grant could possibly be used at the location of the pond in Beverly Hills Subdivision. She said she received several call from residents who are concerned with the West Nile virus and with Spring around the corner. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said Mr. Ivey was looking into funds on the State and Federal level on trying to do something with the pond.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked that Ms. Brinegar meet with Mr. Ivey and Mr. Story to look at the site and find a solution. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said the subdivision has nice homes but the pond is the first thing you see when you enter the area.

Ms. Brinegar said there is a mosquito ratification program that may provide funds through DEQ. She said she will look for other resources.

Alderman Pollard asked if the DEQ grants are for public and private land.

Ms. Brinegar said the DEQ grants can be used for public and private land although DEQ would prefer that the grants are used for illegal dumpsites. She said they can be used in some cases for private property. Ms. Brinegar said they have to be very site specific when private property is involved.

#### **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, David Gardner, Director/Water Superintendent**

Mr. Gardner said several meetings ago, approval was granted to advertise to receive proposals for engineering services on the Second Phase of the Traffic Sign Inventory. He said the proposals will be received today, January 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.. Mr. Gardner requested approval of a committee to receive the bids to include Donnie Holloway, Rick Freeman, Aldermen West, Mayor West, and Tony Moon. Mr. Gardner said the bids will be received and a meeting will be held to review and make a selection.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Pollard to approve the committee of Donnie Holloway, Rick Freeman, Alderman West, Mayor West, and Tony Moon to receive the bids and make a selection to be presented for approval. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Gardner said at the next meeting he will present the selection of the engineer to the board. He asked that the board authorize the advertisement for bids on the material for the project. Mr. Gardner said the project funds are being provided by the state. He said the project should not cost anything other than the time to make the signs. He said the materials for the project will be a large amount needed for the project.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Pollard to authorize the advertisement for bids on the material for Phase Two of the Sign Inventory project. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT, Dennis Story, City Planner**

Mr. Story presented orders to be approved for grass violations. He read the list of locations for approval. Mr. Story requested approval of the orders to be cleaned and adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning with a 25% penalty as a lien and civil debt on the property.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman West to approve the orders to be cleaned and adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning with a 25% penalty as a lien and civil debt on the property. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Mr. Story noted that he traveled through Ward 1 with Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and Anita Smith, Code Enforcement Officer. He said he met Alderman Gray and Alderman Pollard, although he would like to meet with all Aldermen and discuss any situations they may have in their wards. Mr. Story said this would be good for the Planning Department.

## **INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, Paul Dawes, Building Official**

Mr. Dawes presented the Inspection Department financial report for December, 2006.

Alderman West asked if the report included the number of new constructions in the community.

Mr. Dawes said there were no permits for new construction.

## **ATTACHMENT**

## **PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, Patricia Gibson, Director**

Mrs. Gibson submitted the November, 2006 and December, 2006 personnel report .

## **ATTACHMENT**

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, Eric Smith, Administrative Director**

Mr. Smith submitted the December, 2006 monthly report for the department.

## **ATTACHMENT**

## **MUNICIPAL COURT, Jim Blough, Judge**

Judge Blough submitted the December, 2006 financial report for the department.

## **ATTACHMENT**

## **OFFICIAL REPORTS**

### **ALDERWOMAN ARCENEAUX-MATHIS**

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis noted that she toured Ward 1 with Mr. Story and Ms. Smith. She said they reviewed all areas except Government Fleet Road, and plan to do that later. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis stated that she and Mr. Story discussed the needs of Ward I with the major topic being Marblestone. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked that Mr. Story, Ms. Brinegar and Mr. Gardner set up a meeting to proceed with the lobbying effort to keep the 1.6 million dollars alive for Natchez and follow through with the next stage of what will be done in the Marblestone area.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said the Beverly Hills Subdivision was visited and she would like to see something done with the pond at the entrance. She asked that the department heads get together and discuss the situation.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said the Natchez College area is extremely dark and there should be additional lighting placed on the site or on the street. She said the property owners should be contacted and told that additional lighting is necessary on the site. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if the city could provide street lights closer to the site to eliminate the unsafe area.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if there was a problem with the lights on the bridge crossing into Vidalia. She said she noticed the motion light at the entrance of the bridge from Natchez although there is a very dark area in the center of the bridge. She asked if this dangerous situation could be looked into by Mr. Dawes.

### **ALDERMAN GRAY**

Alderman Gray wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Alderman Gray presented the December, 2006 monthly report for the Natchez Fire Department.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Alderman Gray said on Friday, December 29, 2006 there was a scheduled public hearing to discuss the housing development proposed for the Oriole Terrace neighborhood. He said a gentleman with the development was present on that date to hold a public hearing and the area residents were notified by flyers in the neighborhood. Alderman Gray said several of the neighborhood residents showed up only to find that the City Hall Council Chamber was locked and the gentleman was standing on the sidewalk discussing the proposal. Alderman Gray said the residents were tricked into attending the meeting that was called a public hearing. He said the individual proceeded with the discussion without explaining why the meeting was being held. This was an illegal public hearing therefore he mailed a notice to the area residents informing them of the proposal.

Alderman Gray said he would like the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to realize that there are several subdivisions in Ward 2 situated on dump sites. He asked that the minutes reflect that he is opposed to the development of a housing unit in the area of Oriole Terrace.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Alderman Gray stated that the Blight Ordinance is in place and funds have been appropriated to address the situation. He said there is a large number of delapidated structures within Ward 2 that should be addressed. Alderman Gray questioned the process to be used to determine which area will be addressed first. He said there is a property on Claiborne Street that is endangering the adjacent property. He asked the Building Official to visit the site and make a determination.

Mr. Dawes said he is familiar with the property and he is in the process of contacting the property owner. He said all certified mail was returned unclaimed.

Alderman Gray asked the City Attorney to establish procedures to deal with the demolition of the properties in situations where the property owners refuse to respond.

Mayor West said there are certain allowances in place if the situation is an emergency or is endangering the health or welfare of the adjacent property. He said this could be one way to address the situation. Mayor West requested comments from Mr. Dawes.

Mr. Dawes said if the property is in eminent danger of collapse the city can step in and make an emergency decision regarding demolition. He said there is material falling from the Claiborne Street structure but it is not in any immediate danger of falling on the adjacent property. Mr. Dawes said there were emergency decisions made in other cases where the building had partially collapsed.

Mayor West said a special meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 to discuss several items. He requested additional information from Mr. Dawes regarding the condition of the structure and if an emergency decision is necessary. Mayor West said there are funds in the budget for these properties. Mayor West asked that Mr. Dawes and Mr. Story meet to identify and inventory the worst cases within the community and report to the board. He said this would assist in determining the cost involved and the need to proceed with action. Mayor West said all things will be factored into the process and the funds will be determined in a way to have the greatest impact on the community.

Alderman Gray said he and Ms. Anita Smith, Code Enforcement Official visited the dump site in West Stiers Lane only to find that there had been trash recently dumped. Alderman Gray asked Ms. Brinegar to research and find out if DEQ funds can be used to purchase two cameras to be placed at the beginning of West Stiers Lane and the end to catch dumpers going in

and out. Alderman Gray said he and Ms. Smith went onto the property looking for information to identify the person responsible for the trash. He said if a name was found he was going to contact the police department to make an arrest.

Ms. Brinegar said she will look into the purchase of cameras with DEQ funds.

Alderman Gray said he received a copy of the evaluation form to be used for Department Heads and asked that the Aldermen review the form. He said if there are changes to be made they should discuss them with the Personnel Director. Alderman Gray said he would like to have the evaluation form adopted in the near future.

Alderman Gray said the Mayor and Board of Aldermen along with the community should forget what has happened in the past and start the 2007 year off with a bang and look forward to moving Natchez forward. He said everyone should work together in making Natchez, Mississippi a better city. Alderman Gray thanked his constituents for attending the meeting. He said the NAACP Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2007 and there are tickets available.

Alderman Gray ended his report with a prayer.

#### **ALDERMAN POLLARD**

Alderman Pollard said as Chairperson of the Tourism Committee he provided a copy of the Southeast Get Away Guide for the board to review. He said the most recent publication featured Natchez and the great sunset. Alderman Pollard said the 2007 State Road map also features Natchez.

Alderman Pollard said he noticed that several signs around town have been damaged and asked Rick Freeman step up the efforts to get the signs repaired. He said either the poles are bent or the signs are hanging off the pole.

Mr. Freeman said he will address the issue of damaged signs.

#### **ALDERMAN WEST**

Alderman West complimented Sabrena Bartley on the great job that is being done at the Senior Center. He asked that everyone go by and visit the center.

Alderman West said in reference to the housing development in the Mascagni area. He said he was contacted concerning the development and it is understood that the project was moved from the area of the contaminated site. Alderman West said the new site is several acres down from the original site. He said the board should be hearing something about the new site soon. Alderman West said he did not give the developer a commitment on whether he would support the proposal and suggested that he meet with the area residents before moving forward.

Alderman Gray asked if the development was being moved out of Ward 2.

Alderman West said the proposed development site is located in Ward 4.

#### **ALDERMAN MASSEY**

Alderman Massey thanked the Public Works Directors for the report they submitted to the Mayor and Board. He said it was very informative.

#### **ALDERMAN MIDDLETON**

Alderman Middleton congratulated the Trinity Saints on the State Championship.

#### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Mr. Holloway requested approval of the docket, #1796 - 2513 with an amendment to include the Gaming Taxes to the County in the amount of \$34,900.

Alderman Middleton asked if the docket was reviewed by the City Attorney.

Attorney Sanders said he reviewed the docket.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Massey to approve the docket # 1796 - 2513 with the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Holloway requested permission to have Gary Valentine review the bids for the City Depository due to a conflict. He said a recommendation will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman West to authorize Gary Valentine to review the bids submitted for the City Depository and present a recommendation to the board. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Sanders noted that the City is in the process of preparing an agreement with The Lane Company regarding the Option Lease Development Agreement. He said they requested that the City of Natchez authorize them to go onto the property and conduct test so that the process will not be retarded during the negotiation period. Attorney Sanders said an agreement was presented to grant access for the inspection of the real property. He said the document was reviewed and amended. Attorney Sanders recommended approval of the final agreement.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Pollard to approve the agreement granting The Lane Group access for the inspection of the real property located at Roth Hill. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **ATTACHMENT**

Attorney Sanders presented a letter dated January 3, 2007 from Bond Counsel, Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC regarding the filing of the continued disclosure requirement with respect to bond issues. Attorney Sanders said the disclosure involves several bonds handled by counsel. Attorney Sanders recommended approval of the filing of the disclosure as required.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Massey to authorize Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens, & Cannada to prepare and submit the Continuing Disclosure Information Statement in connection with the Bonds. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **ATTACHMENT**

Attorney Sanders asked that two ordinances be re-adopted by the Board of Aldermen. He asked that the board go out of the regular order of business to discuss the ordinances. Attorney Sanders said both ordinances were recommended by the Natchez Metropolitan Planning Commission and due to an error in publication the ordinances must be re-adopted.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Pollard to go out of the regular order of business for the adoption of ordinances. The motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Sanders said the first is for the Private Driveway and Street Ordinance. An

Ordinance to prescribe, regulate, or mandate private driveway and private street design, construction and use for ingress and egress within the City of Natchez; and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Pollard to approve the Private Driveway and Street Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Sanders said the second is an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include Regulations for Townhouses, Patio Homes and/or Zero Lot Line Dwellings.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Massey to approve the amendment to the Natchez Zoning Ordinance to include Regulations for Townhouses, Patio Homes and/or Zero Lot Line Dwellings. The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Massey to return to the regular order of business. The motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Sanders said the next item is the contract between the City of Natchez and Waste Management for the solid waste disposal. Attorney Sanders said the contract was reviewed and amended and his recommendation is for approval.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Pollard to accept the contract between the City of Natchez and Waste Management for the solid waste disposal. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Attorney Sanders noted that he reviewed the request submitted by Pro Life Natchez-Adams County for the display of flags on the Bluff for fourteen (14 ) days, January 14 - 28, 2007. He said the recommendation to the Board is for approval.

Mayor West recommended comments.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Gray to approve the fourteen (14) day display as requested by Pro Life Natchez-Adams County. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor West asked that the Board of Aldermen adopt the designation of the City of Natchez as a Certified Local Government community for the purpose of Archives and History in terms of maintaining its Historic Preservation. Mayor West asked that Dennis Story, Planning Director be authorized as the designated individual to represent the City of Natchez.

**A motion was made by Alderman Gray and seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis to adopt the designation of the City of Natchez as a Certified Local Government community for the purpose of maintaining its Historic Preservation and authorize Dennis Story, Planning Director as the representative. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ATTACHMENT**

Mayor West requested authorization for the City of Natchez to enter into a contract with Dennis Story for the position of the Planning Director as agreed upon.

**A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Alderman West to authorize the approval of the contract between the City of Natchez and Dennis Story as Planning Director. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor West noted that there will be a Special Call Meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss two executive session items regarding contracts and litigations.

Mayor West said the next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2006 at 6:00 p.m with the 4:30 finance meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Alderman West to adjourn the regular meeting of January 9, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.**

**PHILLIP C. WEST, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**DONNIE HOLLOWAY, CITY CLERK**