

REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 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 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Mayor Larry L. "Butch" Brown presided at the meeting which was opened with prayer by Reverend Jim Sanders.

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

MINUTES

None

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Moreton's Flowerland

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Mayor Brown reported that 66 privilege licenses were issued/renewed for January for a total of \$8,539.06 in revenues. 11 non-licensees were brought into compliance and two new businesses were issued a license.

Mayor Brown presented the Fire Department's Annual Report. 418 calls were made by the Natchez Fire Department last year with 59% inside and 41% outside the city. He expressed the need that alarm service calls be addressed.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis to approve docket #1528-1862. It was seconded by Alderman Fields. Discussion, Alderman Dillard asked what department the 2004 Dodge Caravan was for. Mr. Holloway replied that it was for Traffic. \$10,000.00 for aerial photography is part of the GIS program.

Alderman Dillard stated that in the monthly report for January he still had questions regarding miscellaneous expenditures in the Isaac fund and a new expenditure \$10,900.00 which had shown up for Gustav this month. His interest was that it was not in the approved budget and didn't appear in any of the dockets. (Page 181 of monthly report & bottom of page 80). Mayor Brown asked Mr. Holloway to respond to the question and provide a copy to the BOA.

Alderman Gray asked about AT & T which was on page 40 of the docket. Mr. Holloway responded that it was a T-1 line coming into City Hall and it was a one-time charge but he'd get back to the BOA.

All voted aye except Alderman Dillard who voted nay.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Dan Dillard advised that looking at budget report as of January, \$5000.00 more had been spent than what was budgeted for public properties.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Carby reported that the three year lease had been finalized between Yamaha and the City after worked out that Yamaha would pay the ad valorem taxes.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard to approve a three year lease with Yamaha for 50 golf carts and one range cart in the amount of \$3,470.00 per month for the carts and \$162.70 per month for the range cart. Alderman Fortenbery seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The BOA had agreed to an extension of the current grass cutting agreements with Jeffrey Ross at the current rates. The extension covers streets and parks and state highway ROWs and MDOT properties. When MDOT turns over the flyover property, the city will take over that mowing also which will be added to the Ross contract.

A motion was made by Alderman Fields, with a second by Alderman Dillard, to renew the contracts with Jeffrey Ross for grass cutting for the streets and parks and a contract for the state highway ROWs and MDOT properties. During discussion, Mr. Gardner replied to Mayor Brown that MDOT hasn't paid as MDOT wants an MOU signed with the city stating that the city will take over additional duties of maintenance on Liberty Road. Mayor Brown asked Mr. Gardner and Mr. Dollar to work on the figures and the three will contact Albert White, MDOT.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard to approve a resolution to memorialize in the minutes the transactions involving the TIF for the Holiday Inn Express. A second was made by Alderman Fields.

Roll call:

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis	aye
Alderman Gray	aye
Alderwoman Carter Smith	aye
Alderman Fields	aye
Alderman Fortenbery	aye
Alderman Dillard	aye

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderman Fortenbery, to allow the sale of the land parcel at Choctaw to take place contingent upon the average of the two appraisals not being above the sales price.

Roll call:

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis	aye
Alderman Gray	aye
Alderwoman Carter Smith	aye
Alderman Fields	aye
Alderman Fortenbery	aye

Alderman Dillard

aye

The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown reported that the city had been asked to be a sponsor for Catholic Charities' luncheon on March 21st. It was decided that the city would donate \$200.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, with a second by Alderman Gray, for the Mayor to issue a check for \$200.00 to Catholic Charities for their luncheon on March 21st. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown advised that he'd received confirmation that a US Conference of Mayors regional meeting that was normally scheduled for New Orleans will be held in Natchez in 2016. He'd scheduled meetings to meet with the Chairman of the NPS, Secretaries of Interior, Navy and HUD, two senators and a congressman during his upcoming visit to DC. He asked for approval for James Johnston to travel to DC to primarily participate in meetings with HUD and the Department of the Interior.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray, seconded by Alderman Dillard, for travel to be approved for James Johnston to travel to DC during the last week in February. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Dillard said that a group consisting of the accounting staff, Alderman Carter Smith, Mayor, City Clerk, Alderwoman Arceneaux, himself met with the intent of making the monthly reports more user friendly.

He had questions about the approved budget. In the year- to- date, as of this January, \$8.6M had been received but \$11.3M had been expended so the city isn't in its full revenue cycle.

Sarah said that she'd requested the meeting as Springbrook can be better utilized and clearer monthly statements provided for the BOA. CPA and assistant will have the dockets and budget reports by Thursdays and they're setting up a time when the BOA can ask questions, such as by noon on Mondays. Mayor Brown pointed out that this was the first time the budget pages have been numbered consecutively.

Alderwoman Carter Smith asked Mr. Holloway if the accountants said that some time expenditures go to "miscellaneous". Alderman Dillard said the Isaac fund is \$27,000.00 miscellaneous charge—answer was for MM Roof. He said MM has its own fund so should've been put into the separate MM fund--the transfers are not the issues. The transfers that caught his attention were special revenue funds. Alderman Dillard said that the BOA was hoping to see a schedule of transfers with these dockets as well as inter-fund loans.

Mayor Brown reported that ad valorem of \$1.5 M has been paid to the city. He would be going to Jackson that night and would be meeting with the Governor and his staff tomorrow.

Alderman Gray said that it was brought to his attention that a couple of streets had requested a speed hump. The Traffic Committee will discuss at the next finance meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

RECESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis, seconded by Alderman Gray, to recess the Regular Meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Fields, seconded by Alderman Fortenbery, to adjourn the meeting of February 11, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Larry L. "Butch" Brown
Mayor

ATTEST:

Donnie Holloway, City Clerk