

## REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 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 4, 2014. Mayor Larry L. "Butch" Brown presided at the meeting which was opened with prayer by Reverend Jim Sanders.

<u>Mayor &amp; Board Present</u>	<u>Elected Officials Absent</u>	<u>City Officials &amp; Department</u>
Larry "Butch" Brown Mayor		Donnie Holloway, City Clerk Hyde Carby, City Attorney Temple Hendricks, Board Sec
Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis Alderwoman, Ward 1		James Johnston Fire Chief Oliver Stewart Curtis Norton
James "Ricky" Gray, Jr. Alderman, Ward 2		Frankie Legaux Justin Dollar Sabrena Bartley Chief Danny White
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 Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Finance and Regular Meetings of January 14, 2014, and adopt the minutes upon corrections and upon legal review.** Upon discussion Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said that she had asked that the legislators be asked to come to Natchez in October and November. Alderman Gray said in his motion for a meeting to be held with MDOT, Metro Narcotics, et al, he stated that all BOA members are invited to attend. **The motion was seconded by Alderman Fortenbery and carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Alderman Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis, with a second by Alderman Fortenbery, to go out of the regular order of business for a public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.**

### PUBLIC HEARING

Frankie Legaux, City Planner, presented the rezoning application for 44 Melrose Avenue:

Agenda Memorandum

To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

From: Frankie Legaux, AICP, Director of Planning and Zoning

Date: January 30, 2014 For Meeting Date: February 4, 2014

Item: Application PC 14-1, Ronald Riches for Riches Family Holdings LLC, 44 Melrose Avenue, Map #45-101D-34: Rezoning from R-1 Single Family Residential to B-2 General Business.

Location: 44 Melrose Avenue

Background: The applicant is requesting a rezoning from R-1 Single Family Residential to B-2 General Business District.

Staff Findings: The property abuts B-2 zoned property (Monmouth Plantation) and the intended use is for offices for Monmouth. (See attached map). The B-2 zoning district provides for business located on major thoroughfares.

All legal notices required by the Natchez Development Code and the statutory laws of the State of Mississippi have been duly published and made in the time and manner required by law. This case was heard by the Planning Commission on January 16, 2013. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning to be used as offices for Monmouth.

Chapter 7 of the Development Code states that the Board of Aldermen shall consider whether to approve or deny the proposed rezoning based on the following criteria:

1. Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

STAFF COMMENT: This rezoning will also require a change in the Future Land Use Map. The Comprehensive Plan indicates the Future Land Use to be "Low Density Residential." Low Density Residential areas are "recognizable subdivisions with lot sizes generally 1,100 square feet or greater." (p.84) The Comprehensive Plan identifies "Office Commercial" as restricted or limited commercial to include offices of all types (p.85) Staff considers this Future Land Use as most similar to the proposed use.

The Comprehensive Plan states that proposed rezonings may be approved if the applicant's property falls on or adjacent to a district having the same zoning classification. (p.51). This rezoning would not be considered "spot zoning" because it is not an isolated district unrelated to adjacent districts as the property abuts land zoned B-2.

2. Changes that have occurred in the area since the Plan and Zoning Ordinance were adopted which warrant the requested zone OR that here was a mistake in the original zoning of the property.

STAFF COMMENT: Nodes and arterial streets are where you expect commercial activity to take place. The Comprehensive Plan defines principal arterials as streets that serve the major centers of activity. This property lies just south of commercial node that had developed around the intersection of 3 principal arterial streets, Main & State Street Extension, Melrose Avenue and Liberty Road. The Comprehensive Plan states the "Office Commercial uses shall be used as a transition between single-family residential uses and more intense uses." There is no indication that there was a mistake in the original zoning. Staff believes that the development of the commercial node at the intersection has generated a gradual change in uses in the area.

3. City utilities and sewer can accommodate the uses allowable in the requested zone.

STAFF COMMENT: City utilities and sewer already serve the site.

4. The allowable uses in the requested zone will not adversely affect the character of the area and result in a decrease of property values.

STAFF COMMENT: The B-2 zoning district allows businesses which provide goods and services to residents of the community. The property abuts Monmouth Plantation which is zoned B-2. The Riches Family Holdings LLC owns the abutting property to the south, as well as one of the properties on the north side.

5. There is a need for additional land within the City to be zoned in the classification which is requested.

STAFF COMMENT: The Comprehensive Plan states that 446 acres in 1998 was used for "Office Commercial" and "Indoor Commercial" uses. The projected space needs by 2020 for office and indoor commercial uses is estimated to be 659 acres.

Potential Motion: I move to recommend approval of Application PC-14-1 to change the future land use map to "Office Commercial" and the zoning from R-1 Single Family Residential to B-2 General Business to be used for offices for Monmouth with the condition that all applicable permits shall be obtained.

Mrs. Legaux reported that no comments had been received regarding the rezoning.

Nancy Reuther, co-owner of Monmouth, advised that access to the property being rezoned would be via the laundry room area. The space is needed for office space.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Carter Smith, with a second by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis, to go out of the public hearing and return to the regular order of business. The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Alderman Dillard to approve Application PC 14-1 to change the future land use map to "Office Commercial" and the zoning from R-1 Single Family Residence to B-2 General Business to be used for offices for Monmouth with the condition that all applicable permits shall be obtained. Alderman Fields seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Brown and the BOA congratulated Monmouth on being four diamond rated by AAA and for being in business 33 consecutive years.

## AWARD BIDS

Mr. Carby reported that Courtesy Golf had provided the lowest and best bid. Alderman Fortenbery advised that he'd spoken to Greg Brooking and they discussed the good quality of Yamaha carts and the City is getting a better product for a lower price. Mr. Carby replied that the savings were significant.

**A motion by Alderman Fortenbery that the bid for 50 golf carts and a range cart be awarded to Courtesy Golf (Yamaha brand).** Discussion was that the motion should include the name of the company, just not the brand. **The motion was seconded by Alderman Dillard and carried unanimously.**

## VISITORS WELCOMED

Tate Hobdy appeared and stated that the Recreation Commission was asked three weeks ago to look at the viability of Duncan Park. The Recreation Commission's consensus was that until a Recreation Director was hired, there wasn't a point to look. Alderman Fortenbery said that his motion had been for the Recreation Commission to bring back a fee structure.

Alderman Gray said his concern was that basketball isn't addressed. Mr. Hobdy pointed out that there are areas that can be developed for basketball. However, until a Recreation Director is hired there isn't anyone who can facilitate funding for the courts, therefore no reason to address the issue. Mayor Brown said that legislation is in place that allows the city to utilize the public school system's gyms. The school has embraced that, has taken action, but one question is security and location to use. The school board is concerned with security as is the BOA; the school district's part of their commitment to the recreation program is for the school to provide facilities and utilities for basketball. There is no provision for adult basketball, only for children, at the schools. Mr. Hobdy said when the bean field location was discussed, basketball courts were a part of the design.

Alderman Gray asked what would happen to the city using the school's gyms if the state takes over the public schools. Mayor Brown said the legislature passed legislation for the city to use the public schools' facilities but it has to be worked out with the local schools. Mayor Brown said he didn't know if another entity takes over schools, if it would negate the previous agreement. Morgantown is the first school that the school district suggested as it has controlled access to the gym. Alderman Gray advised that that he didn't want the people in this community to be without a place to play basketball. Mayor Brown listed parks that have basketball courts--Alderman Field said that they need indoor basketball courts.

Mr. Hobdy said that BREC had set up a 501 c 3 which ran parallel to their recreation department so they can raise money. Alderman Gray asked if Margaret Martin gym is for sale—Mayor Brown replied that it is but the staff has again been hired that has run the program in the past. Alderman Gray said that he would be getting a petition together regarding the sale of MM gym.

**A motion was made by Alderman Fortenbery that the city authorize the Recreation Commission to hire a Director of Recreation to run the city's recreation program and oversee the city's recreation budget, less that amount designated for the golf program, with this budget being used in conjunction with Adams County's financial participation, to improve existing facilities and construct new facilities, including a swimming pool, and operate the recreation program with Adams County paying the director's salary and providing a vehicle for his/her use and based on the understanding that the city and county will agree as to each party's financial contribution to recreation. A second was made by Alderman Fields.**

Upon discussion Alderman Gray asked for clarification that the county would be paying the Recreation Director's salary and providing a car. It was clarified to Mr. Hobdy that the golf course is not included in the Duncan Park recreation plan—Mr. Hobdy said at some point, golf needs to be included. Alderman Fortenbery said he thinks that the BOA agrees about golf but progress is being made today. Alderman Fields advised that he was glad that the motion included a swimming pool and he hoped that the Commission would address Alderman Gray's concerns.

Alderman Gray said that he was 100% for recreation but he was concerned that the new Director would get rid of current city employees—Alderwoman Carter Smith pointed out that if an employee is doing a good job, the Recreation Director would want to keep that employee. Mayor Brown advised that this motion reflects the school system's participation per the Interlocal Agreement. Alderman Dillard said he had a wish list of four tennis courts and new tennis facility for Duncan Park.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Larry Hooper appeared asking for a commitment of support from the city for YouthBuild and access to a city owned building. The program is a job training program which would meet 8:00-12:00, M-F, and in the evenings will work in the community doing construction. YouthBuild will work in areas geared towards low income housing. The previous program had a 90% graduation rate. As we approach 3C, their students will help play a role in beautifying the city. Alderman Gray said, to ease some of the BOA's minds, if the program is set up the same way as before, an auditor will be coming down to check that funds are spent appropriately. Alderman Fortenbery would like to add that he doesn't have a problem with the program and the use of Council Chambers but he'd like YouthBuild to pay the city rent, utilities and reimburse for any damage that occurs—he suggested that Mr. Carby figure out what rent and utilities would be. Mayor Brown advised that it was discussed earlier that YouthBuild's budget allows for minimal rent.

**A motion was made by Alderman Gray, with a second by Alderman Fortenbery, for the City to provide a letter of support for the grant application for YouthBuild as presented by Larry Hopper.** Upon discussion Alderman Fields said that there is someone in the school district that identifies people who would qualify for YouthBuild.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Michael Walker asked that the BOA approve the video service agreement between the city and AT&T which would allow AT&T to begin providing Uverse.

**A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis, for the city to enter into an agreement with AT&T Uverse.** During discussion, Alderwoman Carter Smith stated that she wants AT&T Uverse in the area but there 's a difference in revenues that CableOne has.

**A roll call was called for:**

<b>Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Alderman Gray</b>	<b>nay</b>
<b>Alderwoman Carter Smith</b>	<b>nay</b>
<b>Alderman Fields</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Alderman Fortenbery</b>	<b>nay</b>
<b>Alderman Dillard</b>	<b>aye</b>

**The vote was tied and Mayor Brown provided the tie breaking vote—he voted aye.**

**The motion carried.**

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS**

##### *Chief Danny White, Police Department*

Chief White presented his January report and advised that he'd decided not to close the MS River Bridge during the recent snow/ice event as there had only been one accident on the bridge. Alderwoman Carter Smith thanked the Police Department and citizens. Alderman Gray thanked the Police Department and Public Works. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis commended the county as when driving returning from Jackson, once she turned onto 84 into Adams County, she saw the sheriff's department and the highways were clean—the first roads she saw with salt were in Adams County.

Alderwoman Carter Smith asked if the city can address people being able to drive the main streets, such a Main Street and MLK, if Natchez has another ice storm. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked that the city look at upcoming events and consider getting rock salt. She encouraged vendors to put down rock salt.

##### *James Johnston, Planning Department*

2013 TAP –Rehabilitation of Yazoo & MS Valley Railroad Depot

The MDOT has concurred with the city's request to enter into a contract with SSR to provide professional services for the rehab of the old railroad depot. Permission is being requested to execute the contract with SSR and allow the mayor to sign the contract.

**A motion was made by Alderman Fortenbery, with a second by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis, to allow the execution of the contract with SSR and allow the mayor to sign the contract. The motion carried unanimously.**

After execution of the contract with SSR a Notice to Proceed letter will be prepared and issued to SSR with copy to the MDOT.

*Oliver Stewart, Fire Department*

Chief Stewart presented his January 2014 report. There were 25 calls in the City (49%) and 26 calls (51%) outside the city. Adams County assisted on 13 calls. Mayor Brown said this is the highest number of calls taken outside the city limits that he'd seen. In the Interlocal Agreement with the county, there's a penalty if the calls outside the city limits doesn't go down. Chief Stewart replied that the county has been exceeding 30% for all last year. Mayor Brown asked that Chief Stewart discuss this issue with the coordinators. Chief Stewart replied that volunteers can't fight a fire as not trained--can only bring water.

*Justin Dollar, Public Works*

Mr. Dollar reported that last week Public Works had been keeping the roads open and then cleaning the sand up. He commended the employees at the Public Works Department and said that it took a total team effort. Magnolia Bluffs Casino scrapped Roth Hill Road and the city opened up D.A. Biglane. The problem was that the city ran out of sand and the roads became too icy for the employees to get more. 5 highway light poles were hit during the snow and ice storm. Mr. Dollar replied to Alderman Fortenbery that he doubted that MDOT will come pick up their rocks on the road as it's slag which is supposed degrade also MDOT has only one street sweeper-one sweeper for 13 counties.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis reported that Mrs. Minor had appeared earlier about the bridge on Old Providence. Mr. Dollar said that he'd inspected the bridge in question with the county. The issue is more of erosion at the drainage site, not the bridge—it's a natural drainage. The ditch up the hill has some leaves that the city can clean out—perhaps PW can provide her dirt. Mayor Brown replied, as he stated earlier, if county won't cooperate on road and bridge fund then the bridge could be taken out as only three residences on the road.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked Mr. Dollar to look at the street off Elm, behind the Children's Home; Atmos did some work and tore up the area. Cars have been stuck in the street so Mr. Dollar is going to follow up.

Alderwoman Carter Smith extended a thank you from Community Hospital to Public Works.

Alderman Gray said that he'd seen Atmos, on Grant Street, putting rocks in mud holes and leaving the holes in that condition. Mr. Dollar said he'll follow up with Atmos.

*Sabrena Bartley, Senior Citizens Center & Natchez Transit*

Mrs. Bartley reported that her staff will move into the new Regional Transit Facility when IT has completed the installation. FTA was at the facility today and they approved all the documents that Mrs. Bartley had submitted. The Regional Transit Facility was completed \$22,000.00 under budget. The Natchez Senior Center was closed during the ice event but Natchez Transit remained open--the dialysis center didn't have time to close on the first day; her employees were taking people at 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. to dialysis. Mrs. Bartley commended her employees who showed up for work during the ice event and transported those that required medical treatments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Alderman Dillard asked that two documents be spread on the minutes:

Questions asked of Mr. Holloway by Alderman Dillard by e-mail on 1-15-14:

Page101 R10 Federal Funds YTD \$100,000  
Please identify funding agency and project name

Page 101 R10 Sub Totals: \$273,500

Does not match approved budget amount of \$523,500. Why?

Page 102 E30 Transfer to ? \$175,182  
Please identify "transfer to" fund and why

Questions asked of Mr. Holloway by Alderman Dillard in e-mail dated 1-22-14:

Fund 168 Hurricane Isaac page 81 E09 Misc.  
YTD \$27,812 not in budget page 3

Fund 185 MDAH Grant 2011 page 91 E10 Contract Services  
YTD \$28,720 not in budget page 4

Fund 300 Capital Improvement Page 101 Budget Amount  
\$454,782 not as approved in budget (\$704,782 page 4)

Fund 301 Colonnades pg. 106 budget amount \$875,000  
Not as approved in budget (\$625,000 page 4)

Fund 333 Historic Trails page 110 budget amounts \$1,335,000  
Not as approved in budget (\$1,635,000 page 5)

Fund 780 Budget Total page 122 Expense Totals \$36,124,682  
Not as approved in budget (\$36,380,682 page 5)

Alderman Dillard stated that Hurricane Isaac, fund 168, the city spent \$27,812.00 but was never budgeted and not in dockets—the response from the Clerk's office was that it was for MM's roof repair. The second question was on fund 185 which stated that MDAH funds for repairs to MM school—these funds were not budgeted and no funds available in reporting of this fund. The last question was regarding the transfer of \$250,000.00 from capital improvements to the colonnades. He said that he understood that it was budgeted at \$625,000.00 but the budget had been revised to \$875,000.00. His concern was that the actual transfer/movement of funds is a revision to the budget. A budget revision must come before the BOA to be revised. Mr. Holloway's response was that they were expecting \$750,000.00 in federal monies, \$125,000.00 is the city's match, \$625,000.00 was projected as consultant services, the expense. This would leave an undesignated balance of \$250,000.00. Alderman Dillard stated that he wasn't sure that this was the proper way to transfer that kind of money.

Mayor Brown said that the colonnades weren't budgeted for that much. Alderman Dillard said he agreed...it was budgeted for \$625,000.00. It had gone from \$625,000.00 to \$875,000.00. He said his point was that revisions are being made to the budget that are not properly coming before the BOA. Mayor Brown said he believed that the funds in question are for the Depot not the colonnades—Alderman Dillard replied that it's fund 301, page 106 of the December report and shows projected revenue \$875,000.00, projected expenditures of \$625,000.00 with an undesignated balance of \$250,000.00. Mayor Brown responded that this should be cleared up easily.

Alderman Dillard said the total expenditures for the city have been revised from \$36,380,682.00 (page 5) down to \$36,124,682.00—the problem is that a budget is a contractual agreement between elected officials and the citizens. The budget is being changed without the BOA's input.

Alderman Fortenbery did not have report.

Alderman Fields commended Justin Dollar and the PW Department . He asked that Anita Smith, Code Enforcement Office, provide him with all info she has on 53 Minor Street especially to whom the notices were sent.

Alderwoman Carter Smith thanked MDOT for all that they had done to make the intersection at Natchez Regional and McDonald's safer. Mayor Brown said that Alderwoman Carter Smith had met with Albert White, MDOT, and they were looking at various ways to address traffic when the new assisted living facility opens.

She said that the county is striping Colonel Pitchford and she'd asked Supervisor Lazarus if the city could piggy back. She asked Mr. Dollar, Mr. Norton and Mr. Gardner to discuss with the county.

Alderwoman Carter Smith asked who was on the traffic committee and when would they be meeting as citizens have gone through all the steps to get speed calming devices installed—Alderman Gray said that he'd spoken with Mr. Norton but the committee hasn't met. She will wait and ask Mr. Norton.

Alderman Gray said that the city has a street inventory but Daisy Street continues to deteriorate. Mayor Brown assured Alderman Gray that the street will be repaired. He asked that someone talk to Mr. Gardner about the EWP projects. Mayor Brown reminded that there's a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Gray reminded Chief White to set up meetings with various neighborhood watch groups and to set up a joint meeting with MDOT, Metro Narcotics, which will be held at the City Hall conference room.

Alderman Gray said if CEDA doesn't pass, Natchez should do what Jackson did which was to go to the legislature.

Alderman Gray said that he was disappointed in anyone trying to facilitate the sale of Margaret Martin gym. His thoughts went out to Connie Taunton and her family. He asked Mr. Holloway if the people that were appointed to the Municipal Election Committee are trained and who trains them. Mr. Holloway said the Secretary of State office provides training.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and Mayor Brown discussed advertising for the NLCC. She stated that the city's ad should be the same caliber as the county's ad. Residents on Myrtle would like a copy of a petition for a speed calming device.

Alderman Gray recognized Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and Mayor Brown for their promotion of Natchez.

#### **CITY CLERK**

**A motion was made by Alderman Fortenbery, with a second by Alderman Gray, that the New Hires and Termination reports for December and January be spread on the minutes.** Alderman Gray asked about item #302587.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Holloway asked for permission to advertise for bids for two year depository.

**A motion was made by Alderman Gray, seconded by Alderman Dillard, for the City Clerk to advertise for a two year depository. The motion carried unanimously. \***

\*per an e-mail from Jaki Robinson, Britton and Koontz Bank, dated 2-5-14, the deposit bid was completed last year, for a two year term. The rate took effect on 5-1-13.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Mr. Carby said, in anticipation of a motion passing on the golf carts, he'd been working to get the lease language correct. The company that previously leased the carts to the city had picked up their carts. Courtesy Golf, in trying to accommodate city until Yamahas can be delivered have asked that the city pay for delivery of 20 carts which will be \$800.00. Alderman Fortenbery asked how long 20 carts would last on a pretty weekend and stated better to just do without temporary carts. Mr. Carby said that the carts could be here at early as tomorrow. The manufacturer of the Yamaha carts will deliver the cart to the dealer who will deliver to us. Mayor Brown said this is the city's fault as the lease with the other company had expired and they'd picked up their carts. Alderman Dillard said \$800.00 is a small amount to pay but he agrees that the weather doesn't look good. Mr. Holloway said that the \$800.00 would come out of the golf course budget. Alderman Fortenbery suggested that Mr. Carby contact Greg Brooking to see what he wants. Mr. Carby stated that the carts are leased in the city's name. Alderman Fields restated that the \$800.00 needs to come out of Greg Brooking's management fee. Alderman Fortenbery said that they need to talk to Brooking as he might not want to pay \$800.00 and get the carts. Mr. Carby said that he'd worked for over a week in trying to get Yamaha lease into compliance with MS. They do not want to pay the ad valorem tax, as Yamaha owns the carts. Contracts read that the lessee will reimburse the lessor for ad valorem taxes but the city doesn't pay ad valorem taxes. Alderman Fortenbery asked Mr. Holloway what he thinks--Mr. Holloway said this is the first time that he'd ever heard of a vendor doing this. He replied that the other vendors have not paid ad valorem taxes. Alderman Gray asked when the city reviewed was this not in the bids?

Mayor Brown asked if he could have a motion that 20 golf carts be delivered from Courtesy Golf for an \$800.00 delivery fee and no charge for their use to be used by the golf course until the contract is ironed out and new carts are delivered.

**A motion was made by Alderman Dillard for Courtesy Golf to deliver to the city 20 golf carts at the price of \$800.00 and no charge for their use until the contract is finalized and the new carts are delivered. The motion died for lack of a second.**

After much discussion:

**A motion was made by Alderman Fields, seconded by Alderman Fortenbery, that the \$800.00 payment to Courtesy Golf to be worked out later with the management of the golf course.** In discussion, Alderman Fields said this further brings out the cloud that hangs over the golf management contract.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she was reading NWW reports' she thought that NWW automatically came under the city's insurance. Mr. Carby said he assumed that also-he asked for clarification from Mr. Holloway. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis stated that the BOA needs this clarified as NWW pulling out would raise the city's insurance premium. Mr. Holloway said that the city has covered NWW's insurance for January. Mayor Brown asked that this issue be brought up in the meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Carby advised that the contracts with Jeffrey Ross for Duncan Park, neighborhood parks and girls' softball field at Frazier have expired and it has been recommended that the contracts be renewed. The amounts are the same as have been in place. Alderman Dillard said two facilities on the list as school properties that the city is paying annually for. This is a way that the school district could participate in recreation.

**A motion was made by Alderman Fortenbery, with a second by Alderman Gray, to renew the grass cutting contracts with Jeffrey Ross. The motion carried unanimously.**

A resolution on the TIF bond for Holiday Inn Express will be discussed at the next meeting.

Travis Brown at Concordia Metal is figuring out how to move the caboose from the Depot. Hyde talked to Mr. Brown about having a small amount of environmental testing, an amount not to exceed \$250.00.

**A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderman Fields, that up to \$250.00 be spent on environmental testing of the railroad cars at the Depot should it become necessary. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mayor Brown read the municipal court report for December with \$48,000.00 in net fines received. He added his accolades to all the service providers that responded during the recent snow/ice events.

Mayor Brown recognized all that MDOT had done for the city and continues to do.

Alderwoman Carter Smith reported that 700 Episcopalians were in Natchez for a conference where she gave the welcome. She thanked Susan Hudson for chairing the conference.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said that she'd mentioned to Deborah Delgado that she should have a meeting with Mayor Brown—Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis will give Mayor Brown Delgado's phone number.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Alderman Fields, seconded by Alderman Fortenbery, to adjourn the meeting of February 4, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.**

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Larry L. "Butch" Brown  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Donnie Holloway, City Clerk