

REGULAR MEETING

March 25, 2014

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

<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 James Johnston Ed Bowser
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 March 13, 2014, and adopt upon legal review. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fortenbery and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Carter Smith to go out of the Regular Meeting to go into a public hearing to hear two rezoning cases. A second was made by Alderman Fields and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Legaux first case involved a rezoning for a new site for Traceway Toyota on Highway 61 South:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT CITY OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
Agenda Memorandum
To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen
From: Frankie Legaux, AICP, Director of Planning and Zoning
Date: March 20, 2014 For Meeting Date: March 25, 2014
Item: Application PC 14-2, Mark Carter for Hammett Properties LLC, 355 Hwy 61 S, Map #57.1:
Rezoning from A-1 Agricultural to B-4 Highway Business.
Location: 335 Highway 61 S. (Parcels are just south of Trinity Episcopal School.)

Background: The applicant is requesting a rezoning from A-1 Agricultural to B-4 Highway Business District.

Staff Findings: This property was annexed into the City of Natchez several years ago. Generally, properties annexed to the City are zoned Agricultural until such time as the property owner requests to rezone the property. The purpose of the B-4 Highway Business District is to provide areas for intensive, high impact commercial and small scale light industrial uses which generate large volumes of heavy truck traffic. These districts are found along highways and in pockets of back lots off of arterial streets. 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 February 20, 2014. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning to B-4 Highway Business.

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: These parcels were outside of the corporate limits of the City of Natchez in 1999 when the Comprehensive Plan was adopted. Therefore, there was no projected future land use. B-4 is an appropriate zoning district for Highway 61 S.

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

STAFF COMMENT: The major changes in the area are: annexation into the corporate limits of the City of Natchez and the expansion of Highway 61 South into a four-lane highway.

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

STAFF COMMENT: At the time detailed site plans for development are submitted for Site Plan Review approval, it will be determined by Natchez Waterworks if city utilities and sewer can accommodate the site. Currently, the water line extends to the fire hydrant in front of Trinity Episcopal School and the sewer line extends to the manhole at the beginning of Woodhaven Road.

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 allowable uses in this zoning district are appropriate for a major highway.

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 220 acres in 1998 was used for "Outdoor Commercial" uses. The projected space needs by 2020 for outdoor uses commercial uses is estimated to be 324 acres. The Comprehensive Plan states: "Outdoor or Major Thoroughfare commercial uses typically involve either significant outdoor activity or the display or storage of goods/materials outside of enclosed structures. When translated into land use regulations in the Development Code, the following uses should be permitted outright: new/used vehicle dealers; mortuaries; heating and cooling contractors; plant nurseries; auto/truck repair; etc."

Potential Motion: I move to recommend approval of Application PC-14-2 to change the future land use map to "Outdoor Commercial" and to rezone the parcels from A-1 Agricultural to B-4 Highway Business. Attach:

1. Location Map.
2. Application form and attachments.

No one appeared to speak regarding the case and the BOA didn't have any questions.

The second zoning case was for 108 Vines:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT CITY OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Agenda Memorandum

To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

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

Date: March 21, 2014 For Meeting Date: March 25, 2014

Item: Application PC 14-10, Lene Zimmerman, 108 Vine Street, Map #45-104A-39: Rezoning from R-2 Two Family Residential to R-6 Mobile Home Subdivision District.

Location: 108 Vine Street

Background: The applicant is requesting a rezoning from R-2 Two Family Residential to R-6 Mobile Home Subdivision District.

Staff Findings: The applicant is requesting the property which originally consisted of 3 tracts but was combined into one parcel (approximately 1.06 acres) by the Tax Department several years ago. According to the tax assessor's office, abutting parcels of land having the same owner were combined into one parcel when the re-mapping was completed. The purpose of the rezoning is to allow for a manufactured home to replace their stick built home that burned several months ago. Staff notes that this property is not eligible to use the special exception procedure in Chapter 10, Section 10.1.5 that

allows the re-establishment of a non-conformity because the manufactured home is replacing a conforming stick-built home.

A manufactured home is allowed in the R-5 and R-6 zoning districts. Staff recommended the R-6 zoning district as the development standards for the lot are identical to the R-2 zoning district. The surrounding zoning is R-2 except that the rear lot line abuts property zoned B-4 Highway Business. The area is located between the north side of John R. Junkin Drive and the railroad tracks. It appears that the area was developed between 1945 and 1955. There are 16 dwellings located on Marin and Vine Streets. A double wide manufactured home is located at 51 Marin Avenue. The proposed manufactured home must meet the building design standards for manufactured homes outside of parks listed in chapter 12, Section 12.1.2(d) of the Development Code which has been attached to this report.

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 March 20, 2014. The Planning Commission voted 6-2 to recommend approval of amending the Development Code to allow manufactured homes in the R-2 zoning district as a Special Exception and to allow this manufactured home as a Special Exception. The two opposing votes voiced concerns about allowing manufactured homes in this area and that the area could be developed for patio homes.

There are several issues that Staff has with the Planning Commission decision.

1. Sound planning practices would not support amending the Development Code to allow a specific use. Zoning changes (rezonings) are necessary to use property for some purpose other than that for which it is currently zoned. Any amendment to the Development Code should clearly support the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Amendments should not be enacted to make short term decisions.
2. By amending the Development Code to allow a Manufactured Home as a special exception, every lot in the City that is zoned R-2 could apply to place a manufactured home on their property. It would be more difficult to defend an appeal of denial of Special Exception than a denial of a rezoning because the ordinance change indicates the manufactured home is acceptable under certain conditions but those conditions have not been specified.
3. The case was advertised as a rezoning. No advertisement was made regarding a text amendment. Notice Requirements of the Development Code require text amendments to be advertised in a general circulation newspaper 15 days prior to a hearing. It is the opinion of Staff that it would be illegal to approve a text amendment without abiding by the notice requirements.

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: The Future Land Use Map of Comprehensive Plan shows the parcel to be "moderate density residential." This will not change the density of the area. The Comprehensive Plan defines "Low density residential" generally as 11,000 square foot lots. (p. 74) "High density residential" is defined as 6 or more dwelling units. (p.29) The Plan does state that "Almost 500 additional manufactured homes and other alternative housing will be needed by 2020 for a total of 1,355 units."

One of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan is to offer a variety of dwelling types and provide housing opportunities for a wide cross section of the population. Policy 35 encourages the provision of affordable single-family detached housing. The Plan also addresses spot-zoning by stating that the change in zoning should not create an isolated district unrelated and incompatible to adjacent districts. The R-6 district is a residential district which has setbacks identical to the R-2 district. Additionally, the density is appropriate for this area and the parcel proposed for rezoning is more than 4 times the size of the required one quarter acre (10,890 square feet) in area.

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: Only 16 lots were projected to be zoned moderate density residential in the Comprehensive Plan. The largest land use in this area was projected to be for the National Historic Park. The Plan was adopted in 1999. At this time, plans were to connect the Trace with the downtown through this area. This has not proven to be feasible so there are changes that have occurred in the area since the Plan and Zoning Ordinance were adopted. However, the moderate density residential is appropriate for an R-6 zoning district.

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

Staff Comment: City utilities and sewer are available and are in place for the house this would replace.

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: A change in the zoning of these lots will not alter the residential nature of the area. Additionally, the R-6 zoning district will have the same lot width, setback, building height and lot coverage standards as the R-2 zoning district.

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 "Almost 500 additional manufactured homes and other alternative housing will be needed by 2020 for a total of 1,355 units."

Potential Motion: I move to recommend approval to the Board of Aldermen Application PC-14-10 to change the zoning from R-2 Two-Family Residential to R-6 Mobile Home Subdivision District.

Attach:

1. Location Map.
2. Application form and attachments.

No one appeared from the audience to speak.

A motion was made to go back into the Regular Meeting by Alderman Gray. A second was made by Alderman Fields and carried unanimously.

Mr. Carby clarified that the 108 Vine application had come to Planning as a rezoning and in this instance, there are some issues which makes a special exception unwise.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, with a second by Alderman Fields, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planner to rezone PC 14-2, the property located at 335 Highway 61 South, parcels just south of Trinity Episcopal School, from A-1 Agricultural to B-4 Highway Business District. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Dillard made a motion, with a second by Alderman Gray, to approve PC 14-10, the rezoning of the property located at 108 Vine, from R-2 Two Family Residential to R-6 Mobile Home Subdivision District per the recommendation of the Planning staff. The motion carried unanimously.

Anita Smith, Code Enforcement officer, appeared to adjudicate 32 lots and dangerous structures that have remained noncompliant.

A motion was made by Alderman Fields to go out of the Regular Meeting and go into a Public Hearing to adjudicate 32 lots and dangerous structures that had remained noncompliant. Those properties were:

**92 East Oak
109 East Oak
644 East Stiers Lane
421 West Stiers Lane
111 Lewis Drive
51 Minor Street
26 Minor Street
115 Parker
1210 Daisy
100 East Franklin
85 St. Catherine
14 Beaumont
0 Lynn Lane
13 Claiborne
1240 Watkins
118 McIntyre Blvd.
348 West Stiers
1411 Mascagni
11 Winston Hill
10 Scott Lane
110 Joiner**

**325 Arlington Avenue
41 Beaumont Street
820 North Rankin
1159 Dr. M.L. King North
1238 Watkins
11 Wiggins Lane
633 North Wall Street
145 Lewis Drive
26 Minor Street
64 Brenham
9 Lincoln
110 Joiner**

A second was made by Alderman Gray and carried unanimously.

Those appearing from the audience to speak:

-Maureen Jean Young of 3696 Winding Trail Drive, Douglassville, GA, 110 Joiner Street. She advised that she would like the property cleaned but she lives in another state. She appeared to ask the city to give her time to clean the property and would like to enter a contract to have it cleaned—she won't have time to get it cleaned prior to her leaving as she's leaving town tomorrow. Mrs. Anita Smith suggested that the property be boarded up, grass cut and it has vines growing over the top of the structure. She advised that the property be torn down. Mrs. James asked to be given time to have the house torn down. Mayor Pro Tempore Arceneaux-Mathis said that he city could grant her no more than 6 weeks to get the property torn down. Alderman Gray asked if she could at least get someone to cut the grass before she leaves town. Mrs. Young said and she'd talked to Anita Smith earlier in the year to get the property mowed, had received good recommendations, but hadn't had it done as she was afraid that it wouldn't be done properly. Mrs. Young said that she could wait and leave on Sunday if need be. Alderman Gray said that he would meet her after the meeting to provide her a name of someone to mow. Alderwoman Carter Smith asked owner for clarification that property would be torn down in six weeks. Mayor Pro Tempore Arceneaux-Mathis advised that the property, if not torn down, will be torn down by the city in six weeks and a lien attached to the property. Mr. Carby advised that wise for owner to hire own demolition—if city does the cost to tear down will be attached to her taxes as well as \$1,500.00 penalty or 50% of cost, whichever is more.

-Cynthia Simms of 312 Sgt. Henry L. Brown Drive, regarding the property located at 1159 MLK. She'd received a letter about removing a dwelling and mowing—there isn't a structure on the property and the grass was cut two weeks ago. She continues to receive letters from the city although grass has always been cut every two weeks. Although Alderman Gray confirmed that the grass had recently been mowed. Anita Smith advised that she'll go through the tax rolls and pull the paperwork.

-Ethel Lee Jones of 301 McNeely Road, Apt. 13D, regarding 19 Bishop. Her neighbor across the street had cut trees and placed on her property so she couldn't cut her grass. The city cut the grass and charged her \$900.00. She advised that Anita Smith and Willie B. Jones had told her twice that they would talk to her neighbor about removing his debris off her property. Mayor Pro Tempore Arceneaux-Mathis addressed Mrs. Jones that Bishop is one of the worst looking streets in town and the city is going to get it cleaned up. Anita Smith reported that the \$900.00 charge was for Public Works cleaning the property—5 hours with a loader (\$450.00), 5 hours with a flat bed, 2 hours with weeding and an hour of spraying. Mrs. Smith said the issue is that the owner can't pay her property taxes until the \$900.00 lien is paid. Mr. Carby said that the property couldn't be taken up at this meeting as 19 Bishop is not on the list for tonight's adjudication.

-David McGowan (no address given), appeared regarding 421 West Stiers (he said property is actually 3 Grennell Lane which is behind 421 West Stiers)—the property belongs to Rose McGowan. He asked that the city allow him 3 weeks to tear down and clean up the property.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray, with a second by Alderman Fields, to close the public hearing and go back into the Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray, with a second by Alderman Fields, to set aside 110 Joiner for 6 weeks. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray, with a second by Alderman Fields, to set aside 1159 MLK as the property had already been cut. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray, with a second by Alderman Fields, to set aside 421 West Stiers (aka 3 Grennell) for 3 weeks. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard that the resolutions be adopted for the properties listed at

92 East Oak
109 East Oak
644 East Stiers Lane
421 West Stiers Lane (set aside-3 weeks given to tear down structure and clean property)
111 Lewis Drive
51 Minor Street
26 Minor Street
115 Parker
1210 Daisy
100 East Franklin
85 St. Catherine
14 Beaumont
0 Lynn Lane
13 Claiborne
1240 Watkins
118 McIntyre Blvd.
348 West Stiers
1411 Mascagni
11 Winston Hill
10 Scott Lane
325 Arlington Avenue
41 Beaumont Street
820 North Rankin
1159 Dr. M.L. King North (set aside—property had already been cleaned and no structure)
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9 Lincoln
110 Joiner (set aside—given 6 weeks to tear down structure and clean property)

excepting the 3 properties that were set aside. A second was made by Alderman Fields and carried unanimously.

VISITORS WELCOME

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Curtis Norton, Traffic Department

Mr. Norton asked that surveillance equipment be purchased to combat littering and theft. Mr. Norton will get prices for cameras and present at the next meeting. Ed Bowser and Mr. Norton will be watching an online presentation of equipment. Concerning enforcement of poop and scoop, Mr. Carby said that laws have been on the books for a long time--dogs can be confiscated and there are fines with the charges being a misdemeanor. Alderman Dillard reminded citizens that they're responsible for cleaning up after their pet and suggested that the city run an ad periodically reminding owners that they're responsible. Alderwoman Carter Smith asked if the city can place a piece about picking up after your pet

in the Keep Natchez Beautiful ad that is going to be published. It was clarified that the law is enforceable immediately.

James Johnston, Planning Department

2014 Urban Youth Corps (UYC) Program Application

A motion was made by Alderman Fields, with a second by Alderman Dillard, to indicate the city's willingness to participate in the 2014 Urban Youth Corps Program, to agree to the program's terms and conditions, to ensure that Federal and State rules and regulations will be followed, and to provide the minimum 20% local match through the use of city owned equipment, in-kind labor, etc...

Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program

A motion was made by Alderman Fields, with a second by Alderman Gray, to authorize the filing of the Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) grant application to locate the Entrepreneurial Academy to the to-be-preserved Yazoo & MS Valley Railroad Depot. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Alderman Gray reported that:

- he'd attended the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Seminar during the NLC.
- asked Ed Bowser to check into FirstNet
- commented that the Diversity Breakfast at NLC was a wonderful experience
- touched on needed summer jobs for youth
- thanked Public Works for their hard work
- stated there will be a walk to end violence on June 14th
- congratulated the Lady Bulldogs
- asked to have in minutes that the Trinity state winning football team and the state winning Lady Bulldog basketball team be invited to a Board of Aldermen meeting

Alderwoman Carter Smith had attended a meeting yesterday and the group had recommendations for the hiring of a new Tourism Director:

- hire an interim director who is someone not currently an employee of the CVB
- seek guidance from MDA's tourism division to assist in hiring
- review current contracts with Jennifer Barbee and Berkley Young and others
- have Berkley Young assist in the hiring process
- form an advisory committee of stakeholders to help with the search

MML has three scholarships available. See the Mayor's office for information.

Alderman Fields commended Anita Smith for the job that she's doing and thanked Public Works for cutting grass and manicuring sidewalks. He thanked Alderwoman Carter Smith as utility cuts are being patched. He asked Justin Dollar to address limbs on Lafayette Street.

Alderman Fortenbery advised that he had a bid of \$886.00 to repair one dug out--two dug outs need repairs. The volunteers will handle the repairs to the dug outs as well as address additional fencing repairs. The repair to the press box at Sprague-Gousette is almost \$12,000.00, which he's not asking for, and he asked that information be placed in the minutes.

A motion was made by Alderman Fortenbery that an amount not to exceed \$1,773.80 for both dugouts, \$1,281.00 for section 1 fencing and \$1,105.00 for section 2 fencing at Sprague-Gousette be allocated. A second was made by Alderman Dillard. During discussion Alderman Dillard asked that the press box be repaired. Alderman Fields had spoken with Mr. Davis, who will get cost estimates, and asked that TM Jennings field be given consideration at the next meeting. Alderman Dillard said the issue is that the TM Jennings is a school property and if the school district is going to be a part of the recreation initiative, they need to maintain their own properties. Alderman Fortenbery said that he'd received a call regarding the girls' softball complex which is also on school owned property. Alderman Fields said that the city can afford to maintain TM Jennings. Alderman Gray reminded the BOA that the city had adopted Covington, TM Jennings, etc. as there wasn't room for everyone to play at Duncan Park. Alderman Gay said that he was in agreement with Alderman Fields that the city should maintain until an agreement with the County and School district can be hammered out. Mayor Pro Tempore

Arceneaux-Mathis encouraged Alderman Fields to get his bids for requested repairs at TM Jennings submitted asap.

The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Dillard presented his questions concerning the February reports:

Monthly Budget Report February 2014

001 General Fund – negative cash revenue entry.

p. 1 R01 Homestead Exemption YTD -\$12,402

How is it possible to have negative revenue entry?

001 General Fund-Police Grant

p. 1 R10 Police Grant YTD \$72,805

What is for and what agency are these monies coming from?

001-042 Auditor

p. 6 E09 Professional Services YTD \$170,639

This is in excess of the approved budget amount of \$50,000.

001-556 Contingencies

p. 25 Miscellaneous YTD \$48,418

This is in excess of the approved budget amount of \$20,000

100-612 MDA Colonnades

p. 28 In the approved budget there's a fund 320 TE Grant /Broadway/Colonnades (I think it should be 301) that shows a budget amount of \$625,000 is this the same fund. Are there two or more different projects all included under this one budget entry? Are the funds coming from the same agency?

103 Public Properties

p. 31 E09 Contract Services YTD \$2,012

This is in excess of the approved budget amount of \$0. What is this for?

103 Public Properties - Miscellaneous

p. 34 E09 Miscellaneous YTD \$12,480

This is in excess of the approved budget amount of \$0. What is this for?

109 Street Improvements

p. 42 E10 City Project #061-13 YTD \$2,997

What is this for?

109 Casino Annual Lease Payment – Incorrect Balance

p. 42 Revenue Sub Total YTD \$1,000,000

From B&K bank statements:

09/30/2013 end of the FY 2012-13 the balance was \$727,504.

11/14/2013 \$114,000 loan to General Fund for payroll.

11/15/2013 check in the amount of \$303,110 was paid to Blain Companies.

11/30/2013 end of month balance \$310,393.

12/19/2013 deposit from Casino \$1,000,000.

02/28/2014 end of month balance should be \$1,310,393 NOT \$1,000,000.

115 Police Grant Fund

p. 49 E09 Uniforms YTD \$20,160

Is this part of the page 1 revenue entry of \$72,805 Police Grant Reimbursement?

Does the Police Department receive grant monies for uniforms?

118 Police Grant – DOJ

p. 52 Does this have anything to do with either the Police Grant Fund 115 or the revenue entry on page 1?

115 Police Grant Fund – was not included in approved budget

p. 50	Revenue Sub Total	YTD	\$ 51
	Expense Sub Total	YTD	\$20,160

Expenditures exceed the budget.

126 Recreation-Golf

p. 60	Contract Services	YTD	\$58,586
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The budgeted amount for the year-\$65,000. 5 months into the fiscal year and Clerk has paid out 90% of the amount budgeted.

134 Recreation Department Donations-was not included in approved budget.

p. 65	Contract Services	YTD	\$1,200
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What was this expenditure for? Was this expenditure included the docket? If so where.

144 Brumfield CDBG – was not included in the approved budget.

p. 69	Revenue Sub Total	YTD	\$12.39
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Missing balance.

Are there still monies unreconciled from the CDBG grant? If so how much?

154 Bluff Beautification Fund

p. 71 Is this fund set up for the rental payments to use the Bandstand?

167 Gustav – was not included in the approved budget.

p. 77	Revenue Sub Total	YTD	\$ 0
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p. 77	Expense Sub Total	YTD	\$10,900
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Expenditures exceed the budget.

Was this expense was not include the docket for this FY 2013-2014? If so where?

From B&K bank statements:

09/30/2013 end of the FY 2012-2013 the balance was \$5.30.

01/02/2014 check processed to Independent Roofing for work done at Margret Martin Re-roofing under MDAH grant.

01/06/2104 transfer from the Isaac Fund in the amount of \$10,900.

168 Isaac – was not included in the approved budget.

p. 78	Revenue Sub Total	YTD	\$ 0
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p. 78	Expense Sub Total	YTD	\$27,812
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From B&K bank statements:

09/30/2013 end of the FY 2012-13 balance \$368.75

10/18/2014 transfer from Payroll Clearing Fund in the amount of \$67,808.

10/31/2014 transfer to Fund 185 in the amount of \$27,812 to pay for work done at Margret Martin MDAH Grant monies for re-roofing.

185 Margret Martin Re-roofing MDAH Grant- was not included in budget.

p. 87	Revenue Sub Total	YTD	\$ 0
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p. 87	Expense Sub Total	YTD	\$ 28,720
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This is a project to re-roof the old Margret Martin junior high school building with a grant from the Miss. Dept. of Archives and History. The total grant amount is \$220,000. The City is responsible for \$44,000 in matching funds (20%) of which \$22,000 will come as a donation from the Festival of Music. In any case, this is a project in progress and should have been included in the approved budget or at least the balance that has not yet been completed should have been budgeted.

187 Traffic Fund – MDOT Intersections – was not included in the budget.

p. 87	R01 Cash	YTD	\$-31,100
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How can you have a negative revenue entry?

200-484 99 \$12M Convention Center

p. 90	E20 Bonds Redeemed	YTD	\$760,000
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This is in excess of the approved budget amount of \$467,000. This is almost a \$300,000 over expenditure is there any reason for it? Was the budget figure wrong to begin with? Please explain.

200 Bond & Interest Fund

p. 92	Fund Revenue	YTD	\$549,322
	Fund Expense		\$1,114,962

This is \$621,203 in excess of the available funds.

300 Capital Imprv. – revenue & expense budget amounts have been revised.

p. 100 Revenue Sub Totals	\$454,782	not as budgeted	\$704,782
p. 100 Expense Sub Totals	\$273,000	not as budgeted	\$523,500

301 Colonnades – revenue & expense budget amounts have been revised.

p. 101 Revenue Sub Totals	\$875,000	not as budgeted	\$625,000
p. 101 Expense Sub Totals	\$875,000	not as budgeted	\$625,000

329 N Natchez Drainage-592 Project

p. 104 Revenue Sub Totals	YTD	\$240,144
Expenses Sub Totals		\$743,073

This project for this year was only budgeted at \$155,000. It is far in excess of the budgeted amount AND the expenses greatly exceed the available funds. How will this be reconciled?

340 ?

p. 109 Does this Fund have a title?

It appears that this fund, whatever it is, has received \$1,114 in excess of the \$0 it was budgeted for. What are these monies for and where did they come from?

END OF REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY, 2014

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard that his comments regarding the February financial report be spread on the minutes. A second was made by Alderman Fields and carried unanimously.

Alderman Dillard said that the City Clerk had agreed to correct the balance of the Casino Annual Lease Fund to reflect \$1,524,393.00 and \$114,000.00 loan from the fund to the general fund for payroll.

Alderman Dillard advised that the old pro shop at Duncan Park is in a state of despair. He asked that a new roof be checked into when Mayor Brown returns. He asked that a different lantern be installed at the gazebo on the bluff, a spire installed, and that the BOA consider for every dollar that a volunteer groups puts up, the city match it through public properties. He would like to find out how much the Rotary group invested in the gazebo and he city match.

CITY CLERK

None

CITY ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Alderman Fortenbery, with a second by Alderman Dillard, to accept a lease for Delta Bus Lines at the Regional Transit Facility for \$950.00 a month for up to a 5 year term. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tempore Arceneaux-Mathis advised that she would hand out her notes from the NLC conference. She had received a call that Domino's Pizza had refused to deliver after 6:00 pm north of the 900 block. Chief White was asked to find out what their delivery policy was and what the problems were. Citizens Choice Credit Union would be having its annual meeting in the Council Chambers on Wednesday and she and Mayor Brown had met with various constituency groups during the NLC in an attempt to have them bring conferences to Natchez during the Tricentennial.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Dillard reported that in the Finance meeting the BOA had requested that the senior accountant be available at all BOA meetings. During his review of the budget report, 36 funds are obsolete or non-functioning. He asked the City Clerk and senior accountant look at these funds.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard that the same trial balances provided to the Gillon Group be provided to the BOA by the next meeting. A second was made by Alderman Gray. During discussion Mr. Holloway said that all inactive accounts will be pulled out at the start of the next fiscal year as already placed in the current budget and can't be removed.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Larry L. "Butch" Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donnie Holloway, City Clerk