

**City of Natchez**  
**Minutes**  
**Mayor and Board of Aldermen**  
**Regular Board Meeting (Virtual/Teleconference)**

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**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual/Teleconference**

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Board Secretary, Denise Bell

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Present: Mayor Darryl V. Grennell  
Alderwoman Mathis  
Alderman Frazier  
Alderwoman Smith  
Alderman Davis  
Alderman Dillard

Also Present: Attorney, Bob Latham

Absent: Alderwoman Irving

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**#235:06/20**

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve Regular Board Meeting minutes held Tuesday, May 12, 2020, with editorial changes.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

**#236:06/20**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to defer Special Call Board Meeting minutes held Tuesday, May 19, 2020, Regular Board Meeting minutes held Tuesday, May 26, 2020, and Regular Board Meeting minutes held Tuesday, June 9, 2020, until next Regular Board Meeting.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

**#237:06/20**

**Public Hearing-Nuisance Properties**

• **Anita Smith**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Frazier to open a public hearing for nuisance properties.

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Sarah Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: not participating

Alderman Dan Dillard: Aye

**The vote passed by majority**

#238:06/20

**A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to close public hearing for nuisance properties.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye  
Alderman Frazier: Aye  
Alderwoman Smith: Aye  
Alderman Davis: Abstain  
Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote passed by majority**

#239:06/20

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Frazier to adjudicate these properties as nuisance properties in violation under Code #1972 for the State of Mississippi, excluding 17 ½ Briel Ave.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye  
Alderman Frazier: Aye  
Alderwoman Smith: Aye  
Alderman Davis: Aye  
Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously**

#240:06/20

**Department Director's Report**

**James Johnston**

**Citywide Water Improvement Project**

**CDBG PF & SRF**

**At the Tuesday, June 16, 2020 meeting of the Natchez Water Works Board of Commissioners the following work activities were approved via Change Order #2 –**

- 1. New waterline for chlorine feed at Cedar Lane - \$4,000**
- 2. Asphalt repair at various locations that required pavement cutting (37 SY) - \$3,700**
- 3. Add remote fuel system for Cedar Lane \$12,200.**
- 4. Per recommendations, deduct service entrance breaker at Brenham for a credit of \$1,300 since the control panel main breaker is service entrance rated.**

**Current Contract Amount**

**\$1,703,368.00**

**Total Change Order #2**

**\$18,600.00**

**Revised Contract Amount**

**\$1,721,968.00**

**The Natchez Water Works State Revolving Loan Fund (SRLF) is paying for the listed work activities.**

**Staff is requesting a motion that the mayor & board of alderman also approve the above-listed items work items via Change Order #2.**

**Motion by Alderwoman Smith, second by Alderman Davis**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye  
Alderman Frazier: Aye  
Alderwoman Smith: Aye  
Alderman Davis: Aye  
Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously**

**North Natchez Drainage**

**Section 592 US Corps of Engineers**

**WGK, Inc. and staff is recommending as part of Change Order #3 to extend the length of time of this drainage project by forty-nine (49) working days due to the time lost attributed to the work stoppage brought on by the Covid-19 Virus. The contract extension will be to April 16, 2021.**

**In addition, during construction our contractor (unexpectedly) encountered concrete directly below the asphalt (and above) force mains along Marblestone; we also expect this occurrence along Brookview Lane. In the past, the City of Natchez allowed concrete to be installed above force mains when making repairs. The estimated cost for concrete removal over the existing force mains along Marblestone and Brookview Lane is 405 square yards, at \$29.00 per SY, for a total cost of \$12,012.44.**

**WGK and staff is requesting a motion to approve Change Order #3 to both extend the contract period by 49 working days and for the removal of concrete over existing force mains, thereby increasing the contract amount with W. E. Blain & Sons from \$2,821,554.90 to \$2,833,567.34. *Note - The funds for Change Order #3 are from our budgeted contingencies.***

**Motion by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderman Frazier**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously**

#242:06/20

**Natchez Aquatic Center Pool Upgrades**

**Land & Water Conservation Fund**

**MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks**

**The City of Natchez is in receipt of the Project Modification Agreement from the MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks approving the additional pool upgrades – automatic chlorinator, concrete pool deck expansion, permanent bleachers, lockers and cubbies. Staff is requesting a motion approving the amendment, which will increase the Total Project Agreement to \$345,168.00 (from \$268,940.00).**

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis to accept the amendment from MDWFP; second by Alderman Frazier. After additional discussion, friendly amendment by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderman Frazier to defer until the next meeting of the mayor & BOA.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Nay

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote passed by majority**

#243:06/20

**Recall that this is a 50/50 grant, with Adams County assisting the City of Natchez meet its match obligations.**

**In addition, the mayor & board of alderman recently gave staff permission to seek quote bids for the pool heater and solar cover panel. The quote bids received yesterday, June 22, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. are summarized as follows –**

**Due to the lone quote bid exceeding the budgeted funds available, Waycaster & Assoc. and staff is requesting a motion that the bid from Natchez Heating & Cooling be rejected.**

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderman Frazier to reject the bid and to again receive quote bids. Friendly amendment accepted by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Frazier to ONLY reject the quote bid received.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously**

**Note – a second bid for this activity was received after the 10:00 A.M. deadline and had to be rejected.**

#244:06/20

**Waycaster & Assoc. and staff is requesting a motion to reject the quote bid from Burleson Pool Company.**

**A motion by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderman Frazier to reject the quote bid from Burleson Pool Co.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously**

**Note - Waycaster & Assoc. and staff is in contact w/the thermal pool cover manufacturer, and the manufacturer is committed in assisting the city receive multiple bids for this activity in order to successfully complete this project.**

#245:06/20

**Fay Minor**

- **Approval for Public Works to cut live oak tree(s) at the swimming pool.**

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Frazier to allow the Public Works Department to cut down live oak trees that are directly in front of the swimming pool.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman: Sarah Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dan Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

#246:06/20

**Justin Dollar-Public Works**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Frazier to allow the City Clerk to sign a release with **America Queen, stating that they have met all obligations.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman: Sarah Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

**City Official Reports**

**Dan Dillard**

**Schedule a Finance committee meeting for Tuesday.**

#247:06/20

**City Clerk's Report-Denise Bell**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the **Claims Docket.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Nay

Alderwoman Sarah Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dan Dillard: Aye

**The vote passed by majority**

#248:06/20

A motion made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the **Mini Claims Docket.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Nay

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dan Dillard: Aye

**The vote passed by majority**

#249:06/20

**Bob Latham - City Attorney**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Frazier to make contract with **Silas & Simmons**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Frazier to **defer decision until Executive Session.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Sarah Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

#250:06/20

### **Mayor's Report**

- **Approve Lafayette Marker at the Natchez Bluff**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the **Lafayette Marker on the Natchez Bluff, by the Depot.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Sarah Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

#251:06/20

### **Closed Determination**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to enter into **Close Determination.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

#252:06/20

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Dillard, to move into **Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel and potential sale or lease of property, visitor's center, & hire/fire report.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

**Note: Deputy Clerk was asked to leave the Executive Session Call**

#253:06/20

### **Return to Open Session**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Dillard, **to return to Open Session.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dan Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis to **issue a letter of engagement with Silas Simmons to complete Bank Reconciliations at \$95.00 per hour, to move forward with the FY17-18 audit.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to **close Regular Board Meeting of June 23, 2020.**

Alderwoman Mathis: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dan Dillard: Aye

**The vote carried unanimously.**

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DARRYL V. GRENELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK

