

**City of Natchez
Minutes
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

6:00 PM

Natchez Convention Center

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 Dan Gibson
Alderwoman Hall
Alderman Frazier
Alderwoman Smith
Alderwoman Irving
Alderman Davis
Alderman Dillard

Also Present: Attorney, Bryan Callaway

#296:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to continue conducting Board Meetings at the Natchez Convention Center due to COVID-19 until it is safe to resume meetings in the Council Chambers Building.

The vote carried unanimously

#297:07/20

Public Hearing - Property Liens

Anita Smith- Code Enforcement Officer

Ward 1. Canal St N 508: \$1,035.00; Canal St N 512: \$1,070.00; Joiner St 110: \$445.00; Maple St 731: \$1,530; Maple St 733: \$2,575.00; Monroe St 714: \$765.00; Pear St N 712: \$1,527.00; Rankin St 612: \$515.00; Rank St N 810: \$515.00; Woodlawn Ave E 38: \$445.00.

Ward 2. Dr. Martin L King N 1024: \$1,495.00; Louisiana St 101: \$515.00; Louisiana St 103: \$515.00.

Ward 4. Byrne Alley 22: \$565.00; Caddo St 3: \$1,110.00; Concord Ave S: \$445.00; Dr. Martin L King N 1136: \$680.00; Dr Martin L King 1139: \$1,500.00; Lincoln St 3: \$565.00; Minor St 19: \$765.00; Minor St 21: \$1,280.00; Minor St 36: \$765.00; Minor St 51: \$2,060.00; Woodlawn Ave E 25: \$1,080.00.

Ward 5. Oakland Dr. 126: \$2,060.00

#298:07/20

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to open Public Hearing to discuss nuisance properties. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#299:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to close the public hearing for nuisance property. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#300:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to declare all of the properties listed in the Staff Memorandum as properties harboring nuisance conditions that violated the Mississippi Code of 1972 and to adopt the Resolutions recommended by the staff.
The vote carried unanimously.

Department Director's

Riccardo Giani - Planning Department

- There is a **vacancy** on the **Preservation Committee**

#301:07/20

James Johnston- Community Development

Staff is requesting a motion to allow Mayor Dan M. Gibson to serve as the signatory official on the following projects:

- 2018 Public Facilities Community Development Block Grant (Citywide Water Improvement)
- US Corps of Engineers Section 592 Program (North Natchez Drainage)
- 2019 Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant (Natchez Pool Upgrades)
- MDEQ Regional Recycling Cooperative Grant
- 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (Natchez Railroad At-Grade)
- 2018 Transportation & Infrastructure Improvement Fund, (SB2002 or BP Fund)

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis to allow the Mayor to act as a signatory on the projects requested by Mr. Johnston

The vote carried unanimously.

#302:07/20

Natchez Visitors Reception Center

FY20 Cooperative Agreement (Mod #5) w/National Park Service

Staff is requesting a motion to retroactively approve the FY20 Cooperative Agreement w/the National Park Service for \$132,797.00 of which the NPS is providing \$69,652.00 or 52.5% and the city 47.5% through its basic operations, etc.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis, to approve the staff's request regarding the FY20 Cooperative Agreement

The vote carried unanimously.

#303:07/20

North Natchez Drainage Section 592

US Army Corps of Engineers

Staff is requesting a motion to accept the following right of way, construction and permanent easements prepared by Ridge Point Consultants along Brookview Lane for the discharge line due to its relocation so that it does not interfere w/an Adams County Emergency Watershed Project (1.28.20) –

Parcel B-2 Katie Mae Fletcher, et al

Parcel B-3 Rachael Fleming

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderwoman Irving, to approve the staff's request

The vote carried unanimously.

#304:07/20

Fay Minor - Recreation

- **Request to advertise for Tennis Pro/Manager**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to allow the Recreation Director to advertise for Tennis Pro/Manager. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#305:07/20

Justine Dollar-Public Works

- **Permission to advertise for 6-month general bids.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Dillard to allow the Public Works Director to advertise for 6-month general bids.

The vote carried unanimously.

City Official Reports

#306:07/20

- **Alderman Frazier**

A motion was made by Alderman Frazier, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to rescind the motion made on July 24, 2020, to appoint the Municipal Judge Pro -Tempore.

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Hall to table the motion to dispense any discussion on appointing the **Municipal Judge Pro- Tempore** pending receipt of the **Attorney General's opinion.**

Alderwoman Hall: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Nay

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Nay

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried.

City Clerk's Report-Servia Fortenberry

#307:07/20

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

Alderwoman Hall: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Abstain

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried.

#308:07/20

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

Alderwoman Hall: Aye

Alderman Frazier: Aye

Alderwoman Smith: Aye

Alderwoman Irving: Abstain

Alderman Davis: Aye

Alderman Dillard: Aye

The vote carried.

Mayor's Report

#309:07/20

- **Adoption of City Seal Flag**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to amend the "City Seal Flag" to include the words "In God we Trust".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderman Davis to adopt the new "City Seal Flag" which will also be known as the "Unity Flag".

The vote carried unanimously.

#310:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Hall to set the Mayor's salary at \$68,000.00.

The vote carried unanimously.

- **Discussion on COVID/Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to accept Governor Tate Reeves' mask mandate.

#311:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to amend Alderwoman Hall's motion to extend the mask mandate until August 17, 2020; to coincide with Natchez Adams County. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#312:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to approve the amended motion to adopt and follow Governor Tate Reeves' mask mandate and extend it until August 17, 2020, following Natchez Adams County mask mandate. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#313:07/20

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to enter into Executive Session. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#314:07/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to return to Open Session. **The vote carried unanimously.**

Adjourn

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting held, July 28, 2020, in memory of the Honorable Congressman John Lewis. **The vote carried unanimously.**



DAN M. GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK