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***MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI WHO MET IN A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2021 AT THE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM AT 6:00 P.M.***

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi met in a regular board meeting held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the City Hall Board Room at 6:00 P.M. and the following officials were present to wit:

Mayor	Copey Grantham	
Aldermen	Scottie Clark	Absent
	Terry Glidewell	
	Brian Morgan	
	Craig Sanders	
	Sonya Hill Witcher	
City Clerk	Mary Parker	
City Attorney	Chris Evans	

**Mayor Copey Grantham opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Ron Cottom led in a prayer.**

Thereupon the Mayor declared a legal quorum present and the meeting was opened for the following business:

**RE: APPROVE THE AGENDA**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the agenda with the removal of Max South Resolution and to add Resolution for Fire Truck acquisition.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: BOARD MINUTES – AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2021**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the minutes of the August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 regular meeting, as recorded.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: CLAIMS DOCKET 66489 – 66536 UNPAID CLAIMS**

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the unpaid claims docket 66489-66536.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: SAND CREEK DISCUSSION**

Mayor Copey Grantham presented a time line of events pertaining to Sand Creek Authority beginning in October 2008 until the present. The city had been given warnings of being out of compliance by MDEQ. The state legislature in 2011 adopted a resolution to begin the creation of the Sand Creek Authority for Saltillo, Guntown and Baldwin. In 2018, we were notified again that we were out of compliance and the city paid a fine of \$1000.00. In January 2020, the Sand Creek Authority purchased the treatment plant from the city of Saltillo for \$2.4 million which all outstanding loans were paid off and the balance of \$1.174 million was placed in the sewer funds. From October 1, 2020 until the present, the sewer department has been short on the monthly revenues and has been pulling funds from the reserves

to operate on a daily basis. Although the city does not want to raise sewer rates, they must be raised in order to meet the monthly expenditures.

No action taken.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: SEWER RATE INCREASE**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve a sewer rate increase of \$3.20 on the minimum bill of 2000 gallons, for a new minimum amount of \$21.00, and \$3.00 per 1000 gallons overage, for a total of \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons overage. The increase will be in effect on the November 1, 2021 bill which will be due on November 15, 2021. This will be handled by amended ordinance which will be published and posted in accordance with state law.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: 2019-2020 AUDIT REPORT**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Terry Glidewell and by an affirmative vote of all present to accept the 2019 – 2020 Financial Statement, as unqualified, with one finding, which is the separation of office duties, which is essentially unavoidable for a city of our size and with somewhat limited manpower.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: AUTO READ METERS**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Sonya Hill Witcher, and by an affirmative vote of Morgan and Hill, with Sanders and Glidewell voting nay, with Mayor Grantham breaking the tie vote with an affirmative vote to hire Dustin Dabbs Company to begin the process of investigating and drafting plans and specifications for potential auto-read meter project. Once plans and specifications have been drafted, the meters and installation will be purchased pursuant to state purchasing laws. Dustin Dabbs Company is hired pursuant to the professional services exception under state purchasing laws.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: MEG'S LANE QUOTES**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Terry Glidewell, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the quote of \$49,500.00 from Dale Brock Construction to repair a culvert on Meg's Lane. A quote was also received from AHS Construction for \$63,345.00. Since the lowest and best bid was under the \$50,000.00 threshold, the board finds that there is no necessity to advertise for bids on the project under state purchasing laws.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: ORDER ON THE MINUTES TO MOVE FUNDS IN SEWER DEPARTMENT**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan and by an affirmative vote of all present to place an order on the minutes to move \$62,000.00 from line item 410-650-541 to line item 410-650-601 to camera sewer lines and to move \$3,000.00 from 001-201-410 to 001-201-701 for the lighting being installed on Hwy 145.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: WATER UPDATE – MIKE JACKSON**

Mike Jackson informed the board of water lines that need to be repaired or replaced and asked for permission to hire and purchase without coming before the board. City Attorney reminded Jackson that state law provides a method for emergency repairs, but that any other repairs must be handled under state purchasing laws. Anything other than an emergency purchase must be brought before the board and either competitive quotes used or else advertisement for bids, depending on the amount involved, assuming that the amount is in excess of \$5,000.00.

No action taken.

**RE: FIRE TRUCK RESOLUTION**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve a resolution stating that the City is desirous in participating in the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program (RFTAAP) which could allow for a grant of \$90,000.00 toward the purchase of a new fire truck or other apparatus, subject to cost and availability.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to pass the ordinance enlarging, extending and defining the corporate limits and boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Lee County, Mississippi. This ordinance has been reduced to writing, along with a map of the proposed annexations areas, and the matter will be filed in Lee County Chancery Court pursuant to statute.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: POLICE VEHICLES**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of all present to cancel the prior order for police cars from Kirk Auto due to unavailability.

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Sonya Hill Witcher, and by an affirmative vote of all present to order three 2022 Ford Explorers from Davis Ford at \$33,765.00 per vehicle. It is believed that these vehicles are at state contract pricing, but this will be verified, as vehicle state contract pricing can change frequently, in order to ensure that the purchase can occur without the necessity of competitive quotes or bids or through reverse auction.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: HIRE GREG FINNEY – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On the motion by Craig Sanders, and seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present, to hire Greg Finney as a full time certified police officer at \$15.30 per hour and all benefits due a full-time officer. He will begin work on September 1, 2021.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: ADMINISTRATION VEHICLE**


On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Sonya Hill Witcher, and by an affirmative vote of Morgan, Hill and Sanders with Glidewell voting nay to purchase a 2022 Ford Explorer. It is believed that this vehicle is at state contract pricing, but this will be verified, as vehicle state contract pricing can change frequently, in order to ensure that the purchase can occur without the necessity of competitive quotes or through reverse auction

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: ADJOURN**

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to adjourn the regular called meeting, August 17, 2021 meeting at 7:33 p.m. of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Ordered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
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Mayor Copey Grantham

  
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Clerk Mary Parker