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Copey Grantham

**Board of Aldermen**

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Terry Glidewell

Brian Morgan

Craig Sanders

Sonya Hill Witcher

A meeting has been called by  
Mayor Copey Grantham and the Board of  
Aldermen for the following date:  
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to order**
2. **Personnel discussion – police department**
3. **Main Street – request for downtown concert**
4. **FFW& H presentation for 20-21 Audit services**
5. **Quotes for admin car from Davis Ford & Metro Ford**
6. **Office procedures during the current COVID**
7. **Budget Workshop 21-22**
8. **Adjourn**

August 24, 2021    7:50 p.m.

Date                      Time

  
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CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

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Craig Sanders

Sonya Hill Witcher

To: SCOTTIE CLARK, TERRY GLIDEWELL,  
BRIAN MORGAN, CRAIG SANDERS AND SONYA HILL WITCHER

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi is called to meet at City Hall in said City of Saltillo, Mississippi Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. August 24, 2021. The subject of said meeting is as follows:

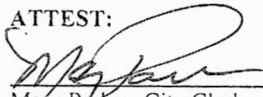
Agenda:

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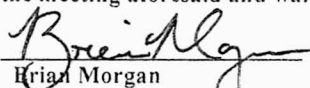
A POLICEMAN OF THE CITY OF SALTILLO, MS WILL  
EXECUTE AND RETURN THE ABOVE NOTICE INSTANTER,

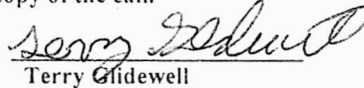
  
Copey Grantham, Mayor

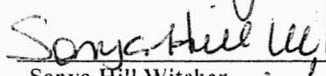
ATTEST:

  
Mary Parker, City Clerk

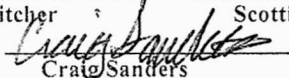
We, the undersigned Aldermen of the City of Saltillo, MS hereby acknowledge service of the above call upon us personally at least three hours before the time of the meeting aforesaid and waive copy of the call.

  
Brian Morgan


  
Terry Glidewell


  
Sonya Hill Witcher

  
Scottie Clark

  
Craig Sanders

I have served notice on the above Alderman at least three hours before time of meeting.

  
Copey Grantham, Mayor

  
Mary Parker, City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI WHO MET IN A DULY NOTICED SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 AT THE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM AT 5:30 P.M.**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi met in a duly noticed special board meeting held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the City Hall Board Room at 5:30 p.m. and the following officials were present to wit:

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

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

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

**RE: PERSONNEL – POLICE DEPT**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to discuss if a personnel issue meets the requirements for executive session.

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to discuss a personnel issue in the police department in executive session.

Present in executive session were Mayor Copey Grantham, Aldermen Terry Glidewell, Brian Morgan, Craig Sanders, Sonya Hill Witcher, City Attorney Chris Evans, City Clerk Mary Parker, Police Chief Daniel McKinney, Assistant Chief Jeffery Brown, and patrol officer Austin Kidd. A personnel issue was discussed in executive session.

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Sonya Hill Witcher, and by an affirmative vote of all to go out of executive session and back into regular session.

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of all to suspend Officer Austin Kidd for 14 consecutive shifts without pay, place him on probation one (1) year, order that no take home vehicle be allowed during that period of probation and order that he must attend driving school at law enforcement academy on October 3, 2021.

Ordered this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: MAIN STREET REQUEST**

**Sonya Hill Witcher fully recused herself from the meeting, including the discussion and vote on this topic.**

Erica Morgan came before the Board to discuss events that Main Street is planning. Halloween, Christmas and other events for the community. She also asked the board to support Main Street by making a donation to them in the amount of \$20,000.00 to pay dues to the MMS, NMSC membership and to pay the director. A request was also made to hold a concert downtown with Old Town Steakhouse and Eatery.

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Craig Sanders, and with the affirmative vote of Glidewell, Sanders and Morgan (Witcher recused and Clark absent) to grant permission to Saltillo Main Street and The Old Town Steakhouse and Eatery to use the back city parking lot located in the alley to hold a concert event on September 17, 2021 under the following conditions: an indemnification agreement must be signed by the owners of the restaurant in favor of the city; proof of liability insurance for Saltillo Main Street must be provided to the city prior to the concert; the area must be completely fenced off in order to verify that only those 21 years of age and older are allowed to consume alcohol; beer, and beer only, will be sold under the beer permit held by The Old Town Steakhouse and Eatery and must be sold either inside or immediately adjacent to the building (must be "on-site" sales); no liquor may be sold outside or purchased inside and brought outside; adequate port-a johns must be provided; the concert will run from 7:30 PM until 10:30 PM; security is the responsibility of Main Street and Old Town Steakhouse and Eatery; and all trash and equipment must be removed by both aforementioned parties immediately at the conclusion of the event.

Ordered this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: FRANKS, FRANKS, WILEMON, AND HAGOOD AUDIT SERVICES PROPOSAL**

Jonathan Hagood and Brian Wilemon came before the Mayor and Board to propose continuing doing the audits for the city. They have been with the City since 2006 at which time the books were not able to be audited due to the condition of the records. They have since helped us to have an unqualified opinion for over 14 years. They have been an established company for over forty-nine years. They are two offices which employ twenty- two people, seven which are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the MS Society of Certified Public Accounts, and the Private Companies Practice Section of the AICPA. Their proposal is for Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to perform the audit for 2020-2021. The fee is based on anticipated cooperation from the City's personnel staff and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered. If so then they would discontinue field work and discuss additional cost with the city before continuing.

Ordered this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: ADMINISTRATION VEHICLE**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the purchase of a 2022 Explorer XLT from Davis Ford for \$36,710.00 for administration vehicle. A bid was also received from Metro Ford for the same quoted price. Under the circumstances, the Davis Ford quote is deemed to be the lowest and best quote.

Ordered this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: COVID 19 – FRONT OFFICE**

No action taken. The Mayor has the authority to open or close the front office as he deems necessary, per common consent of the board and the previously adopted general procedures.

Ordered this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.



**RE: 2021 – 2022 FY PROPOSED BUDGET DISCUSSION**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to discuss if personnel meets the requirements for executive session.

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to go into executive session in order to discuss a city personnel issue in the fire department.

Present in executive session were Mayor Copy Grantham, Aldermen Craig Sanders, Brian Morgan, Terry Glidewell, Sonya Hill Witcher, City Attorney Chris Evans, City Clerk Mary Parker, Chief Mark Nowell. A city personnel issue was discussed in executive session.

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to go out of executive session and return to regular session.

No action taken.

A discussion was then held concerning the proposed 2021-2022 Budget. The clerk informed the board that the proposed budget was a balanced budget. It did include pay raises for Justin Clark, Chris Jenkins, James Thomas, and a cost of living raise for department heads making over \$53000.00 of 1% and all others, including the board, city attorney, and city judge a 2% cost of living raise. All the department heads then spoke to the board about what was originally in their request for the budget. The fire chief was asking for additional man power, (3) men, along with the purchase of land to build a new station. Brian Grissom informed the board he needed \$20,000.00 to demolish dilapidated homes in the city that were considered unfit but that he had removed that from his budget. The police chief removed \$4000.00 from his vest budget. Water and Sewer has many needed repairs, but Dustin Hathcock would have to prioritize what needs repaired first. The street department had to raise its budget to cover utility bills for the new lights on Hwy 145 and bypass. After much discussion, the mayor proposed adding \$4000.00 to the building and zoning budget to remove what dilapidated houses he could. A suggestion was made to try to find funds to help fund the \$20,000.00 request by main street. No decision was made to include the request in the proposed budget at this time. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to present to Saltillo Citizens wishing to speak.

No action taken.

Ordered this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**RE: ADJOURN**

On the motion Terry Glidewell, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to adjourn the special called meeting, Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 at 9:40 p.m.

Ordered this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
Mayor Copey Grantham

Attest:   
City Clerk Mary Parker