

Public Hearing  
June 6, 2023  
5:15 p.m.

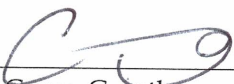
Mayor Copey Grantham opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and Ron Cottom led with a prayer.

A duly noticed Public Hearing was convened in the board room at Saltillo City Hall on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:15 PM related to the request to amend the zoning map for property located at or near 891 Old Highway 45 to be re-zoned from that of R-3 to C-2.

Present for the hearing were Mayor Copey Grantham, Terry Glidewell, Craig Sanders, Brian Morgan, Sonya Witcher, City Clerk Mary Parker, City Attorney Chris Evans, Chief Rusty Haynes, Dustin Hathcock, William Moore, Brian Grissom, Chief Mark Nowell, Michelle Knight, Preston Knight, Austin Bond, Anna Bond, Connie Bond, Andy Bond, George Crowder, Beverly Feathers, James Feathers, Reginald Powell, Karla Powell, Kristi Pearce, Brett Pearce, Lisa Reeves, Randy Reeves, Jeff Hanks, Michael McNeece, Marscia Mahoney, Beth Walker, and Laura Booth.

City Attorney Chris Evans spoke to the crowd and suggested that the public hearing be re-set for another date since there were several public hearings planned for a short period of time on this date, there were a number of interested persons present concerning this particular issue that should be afforded the right to speak if they so choose, and in order to re-notice the public hearing due to a typographical error in the parcel number on the previous notice of hearing. Legal counsel for one of the anticipated objectors was notified earlier this afternoon, via telephone, of the likely need to re-schedule the hearing. In order to best accommodate the schedule of all concerned and to have enough time to properly re-notice the said hearing, it was agreed that such would take place at 5:00 PM on Friday, June 23, 2023 at Saltillo City Hall.

Hearing no objections, the public hearing was adjourned.

  
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Mayor Copey Grantham

  
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ATTEST: City Clerk

Public Hearing  
 June 6, 2023  
 5:30 p.m.

A duly noticed Public Hearing was held in the board room at Saltillo City Hall on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM for interested parties to express their views on the proposed request to amend the zoning map for property located on McComb Avenue, Parcel #054P-19-022-06; 54P-19-023-00 and 54P-19-022-04 from R-3 to A-1.

Present for the hearing were Mayor Copey Grantham, Terry Glidewell, Craig Sanders, Brian Morgan, Sonya Witcher, City Clerk Mary Parker, City Attorney Chris Evans, Chief Rusty Haynes, Dustin Hathcock, William Moore, Brian Grissom, Chief Mark Nowell, Jeff D. Hanks, Rick Putt, Delia Putt, Debra Bun, and George Crowder.

Brian Grissom explained to the Mayor, Board and those in attendance the request from Richard Putt to re-zone the parcels from R-3 to A-1. The parcels combined equal approximately 4.7 acres, but are not connected or contiguous. The zoning code requires at least five (5) contiguous acres in order to meet the minimum requirements for A-1.

Sworn in were Delia Putt (343 McComb) and Debra Bunn ( 195 McComb), both daughters of Richard Putt. They described a tiny home in which the one daughter would live until a more permanent house is built on the property and then the tiny house would become a residence for Richard Putt and his wife. Mr. Putt was sworn in and he expressed his request to re-zone stating that many of the homes surrounding the parcels in question were not particularly nice or valuable, in his opinion. Mr. Dave Hank (129 Sonya Circle) was sworn and expressed his request to deny the re-zoning of the property and stated that he believed re-zoning and potentially allowing a tiny home in the area would decrease his property value and the property values of his neighbors as well.

Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was adjourned.

  
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 Mayor Copey Grantham

  
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 ATTEST: City Clerk

Public Hearing  
June 6, 2023  
5:45 p.m.

A duly noticed Public Hearing was held in the board room at Saltillo City Hall on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:45 PM for interested parties to express their views on the request for a special exception to allow a temporary residence inside of a business located in the old city post office at 128 Walnut Street, Saltillo.

Present for the hearing were Mayor Copey Grantham, Terry Glidewell, Craig Sanders, Brian Morgan, Sonya Witcher, City Clerk Mary Parker, City Attorney Chris Evans, Chief Rusty Haynes, Dustin Hathcock, William Moore, Brian Grissom, Chief Mark Nowell, Don Sand George Crowder,

Anchor Realty is asking that their business be allowed to allow the owner (Elyse Smith) to temporarily reside in the business. The owner was not able to be present at the public hearing due to being out of town. Therefore, exact details of the proposed plan were not provided to the board, including the anticipated length of time for the business to be used as a residence. This property is zoned R-5 and a residence in commercial business is only allowed in that zone by special exception of the board of aldermen.

A statement was read by Alderman Brian Morgan from Jeana Bell, 328 Third Avenue, Saltillo, MS. She lives in the house right behind the business. She is opposed for a business being used as a residence. Not only does it bring down the quality of downtown, but we have ordinances for a reason. A business functioning also as a residence has a negative effect on the homes surrounding it.

Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was adjourned.

  
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Mayor Copey Grantham

  
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ATTEST: City Clerk

***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 JUNE 6, 2023 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 June 6, 2023 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
	Terry Glidewell
	Brian Morgan
	Craig Sanders
	Sonya Hill Witcher
City Clerk	Mary Parker
City Attorney	Chris Evans

**RE: APPROVE THE AGENDA**

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Scottie Clark, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the agenda for the June 6, 2023 meeting, as submitted.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

On the motion of Scottie Clark, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to accept the findings of Franks, Franks, Wilemon, and Hagood, P.A. for the 2022 Financial Statement. Jonathan Hagood gave a summary of the 2022 Audit. The city received an unmodified opinion- which is the highest level of assurance the auditors can provide. The city's assets exceeded liabilities by \$9,366,268.00. The total debt was \$3,797,940.00. The city issued \$1.5 million in bonds and assumed \$365,696.00 (fire truck) in notes; repaid \$148,613.00. No violations of state law or policy were indicated. A copy of the audit will be kept in the City Clerk's office for inspection by whomever should request the information.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: RENASANT BANK TAX ABATEMENT DISCUSSION**

Mr. Lewis with Renasant Bank came before the board to ask for a tax abatement in relation to their new bank building on Mobile Street. They are currently in the process of cleaning up the area around the newly built ITM drive thru and are requesting a 5 year tax break. They were advised to submit a letter to the mayor, in accordance with policy, with an official request for the abatement, as well as documentation as to the costs involved for the project. No action taken.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: BRIAN GRISSOM – CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to accept the certificate of attendance for Brian Grissom to the annual AFMM conference.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: HOOKER PAYMENT REQUEST #4 - \$10,792**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the payment request #4 for \$10,792.00 for construction of concession stands and bathrooms at Wesson Park. According to Brian Grissom, the work related to the said request has been performed in accordance with the contract. There are remaining punch-list items for the project and those will need to be completed prior to any request for the final payment on the project which will be in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: PEYTON COVE – EMPTY LOT**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Terry Glidewell, and by an affirmative vote of all present, pursuant to MS Code 21-19-11, for the board to find that the said property is a menace to the health, safety and welfare of the surrounding community and that the city will cut the grass and clean the lot if the owner fails or refuses to do so within seven (7) days of this order. This was a duly noticed hearing pursuant to state law.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: MEG'S LANE ASSESMENT FOR CLEANING LOT**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Scottie Clark, and by an affirmative vote of all present to assess \$1,187.77 as actual cost for city employees and equipment to clean the lot located at 189 Meg's Lane pursuant to the previous finding under MCA 21-19-11. The itemized costs were: Employees - \$261.77 and equipment - \$925.00. This shall be filed as a lien against the property according to law.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: CITY PARK GATE DISCUSSION**

On the motion of Scottie Clark, seconded by Sonya Witcher, and by an affirmative vote of all present to keep the rear gates at city park locked, except during special events (egg hunt, fireworks, etc.) and when the storm shelter is unlocked for bad weather. This is necessary in order to curb the numerous acts of vandalism which seem to regularly occur at city park. Since the gates have recently been locked, the city has noticed a dramatic decrease in vandalism at the park. All residents still have regular access to the park via Cartwright. In addition to the park being maintained with public funds of the city, numerous items in the park have been paid for through grant money and it is the obligation of the city, pursuant to these grants, to take reasonable measures to protect these items.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: FIRE DEPT MONTHLY UPDATE**

Chief Mark Nowell reported that the Fire Department had a total of 33 calls, which included 19 medical calls; 2 structure fires; 2 grass/brush fires; 1 MVC involving 6 vehicles, a log truck, an 18 wheeler carrying re-bar, and a horse trailer with 4 horses; and 2 patients were transported. 5 volunteers responded. They had 1 smoke alarm; 1 false alarm; 2 gas leaks; 3 service calls; and 2 calls cancelled in route. No action taken.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: JAMES THOMAS TRAINING CERTIFICATES**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to accept the training certificates for James Thomas: Paramedic; Fire Officer I & II (MS Fire Academy); Public Fire and Life safety Educator I,II, and III (MSFA) and Fire Ground Leadership (MSFA).

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Scottie Clark, and by an affirmative vote of all present to acknowledge James Thomas as training officer for the fire department.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: HIRE JADEN RILEY PETERS – PART TIME, AS NEEDED**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of all present to hire Jaden Riley Peters as a part-time, as needed, fireman at \$10.40 per hour, along with PERS because he is a full-time fire fighter at Tupelo Fire, effective immediately.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: PARK AND REC MONTHLY UPDATE**

Park Director Kevin White informed the board that they have brought in \$17,347.00 in softball and baseball tournament revenues during the prior month. T-ball, softball and baseball seasons are winding down. Volleyball is over for the season. No action taken.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY UPDATE**

Public Works Director Dustin Hathcock informed the board that they ran the limb truck, fixed several sink holes and mowed the water right of ways. It is believed that the city will have a true-up credit balance with Sand Creek Solid Waste for the year, likely due to numerous I&I repairs throughout the city. No action taken.

Ordered this 6<sup>th</sup> day June, 2023.

**RE: ADVERTISE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET SEWER PROJECT**

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of all present to authorize ESI to advertise for construction bids for the 2<sup>nd</sup> street sewer project.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: RIVER BIRCH SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Terry Glidewell, and by an affirmative vote of all present to accept the first phase of infrastructure for the River Birch Subdivision.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: REVERSE AUCTION FOR SEWER TRUCK**

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Scottie Clark, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the purchase of a sewer vac truck for \$234,600.00, contingent upon visual inspection of the truck. This purchase was made via reverse auction which was conducted in accordance with state purchasing laws. The necessary documentation for this purchase will be on file with the city clerk. The purchase will be made from sewer reserves and modernization use funds.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: EUBANKS PAY REQUEST #3 - \$59,786.35**

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Scottie Clark, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the payment request from Eubanks Construction for \$59,786.35 for installment of automated meters. This contract was previously awarded by the board in accordance with state purchasing laws.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT**

Chief Haynes reported 311 total calls for the month of April. 56 Reports taken; 1 felony offense, 8 misdemeanor arrests, 2 domestic violence reports, 7 accidents, 5 DUIs and 128 citations. No action taken.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: FINGERPRINTS - \$20**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Terry Glidewell, and by an affirmative vote of all present to begin charging \$20.00, payable by money order, as an administrative cost for fingerprinting in the police department, effective immediately. This fee will be used to cover costs of supplies, etc.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: HIRE BRADLEY STARLING – PART-TIME, AS NEEDED**

On the motion of Scottie Clark, seconded by Sonya Witcher, and by an affirmative vote of all present to hire Bradley Starling as a part-time, as needed, police officer, effective immediately, at \$13.00 per hour. He is a full-time officer with MS Wildlife and Fisheries, and he will be required to file PERS for part-time work with the police department.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Lee County Schools to provide an additional SRO for the schools. The proposed conditions are:

The Saltillo Police Department under the authority of the City of Saltillo will provide the following:

- A certified police officer with three (3) + years of experience and this officer will be under the supervision of the Saltillo Police Department.
- A vehicle and equipment (firearm, uniform, gun belt etc.) for said officer
- City of Saltillo will provide health, death benefit, AD&D and long-term disability insurance for said officer
- City of Saltillo will invoice Lee County School District for totality of officer's salary, that is set at \$41,000 per year.
- City of Saltillo will provide officer with annual raises as voted on and approved by City of Saltillo, Mayor and Board of Aldermen
- City of Saltillo will provide training for officer not directly related to SRO duties (qualifications, etc.)
- The LCSD will allow officer to clock in and patrol school grounds until sufficient comp time (480 hours- limit) is accrued to allow officer to be off during school holidays and breaks
- The LCSD will provide all training directly impacting officers SRO assignment

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: MAY 16, 2023 AND MAY 23, 2023 MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Sonya Witcher, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the minutes of May 16, 2023, as recorded.

On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Brian Morgan, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting May 23, 2023, as recorded.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: CLAIMS DOCKET 70156-70283**

On the motion of Scottie Clark, seconded by Terry Glidewell, and by an affirmative vote of all present to approve the paid and unpaid claims, 70156-70283, as presented.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023.

**RE: VOTING DELEGATES FOR MML CONFERENCE JUNE 26-28, 2023**

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of Aldermen Sanders, Glidewell, Clark and Witcher, with Alderman Morgan voting nay, to appoint Brian Morgan as the 1<sup>st</sup> city voting delegate for the MML Conference June 26-28, 2023.

On the motion of Brian Morgan, seconded by Craig Sanders, and by an affirmative vote of Alderman Sanders, Morgan, Clark and Witcher, with Alderman Glidewell voting nay, to appoint Terry Glidewell as the alternate city voting delegate at the MML Conference, June 26-28, 2023.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.



**RE: JULY 2023 MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN**


On the motion of Craig Sanders, seconded by Scottie Clark, and by an affirmative vote of all present, per MS Code 21-3-19, to set July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 PM as the regular board meeting for July, 2023, due to the 4<sup>th</sup> is a holiday.

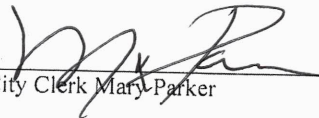
Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**RE: ADJOURN**

On the motion of Terry Glidewell, seconded by Sonya Witcher, and by an affirmative vote of all present to adjourn the regular board meeting, June 6, 2023 at 7:18 PM.

Ordered this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
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Mayor Copey Grantham

  
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City Clerk Mary Parker