

**CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI  
MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021, 6:00 P.M.  
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHURCH HALL  
127 CHURCH ROAD, GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI**

The Mississippi Secretary of State having received the certified copy of the decree of the Madison County Chancery Court creating the municipal corporation of the City of Gluckstadt pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-1-25 (Rev. 2015), issued Commissions to the six persons named therein to be appointed as the officers of such municipality. Thereafter, within thirty days of receipt of their Commissions from the Secretary of State, the officers-designate upon the call of the Mayor-designate did meet on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6 p.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Gluckstadt. The purpose of the meeting according to state statute was for the officers to take the oath of office, for the officers to give bond and security, for a certified copy of the decree of the chancery court creating such municipal corporation to be entered upon the minutes of the Board, and for other such business and organizational matters related to the function of a new municipality.

The Mayor-designate called the first public, June 2021 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor-designate Walter C. Morrison, Alderman-designate Miya Warfield Bates, Aldermen-designate Jayce Powell, Alderman-designate Richard Wesley Slay, Alderman-designate John Taylor, Alderman-designate Lisa H. Williams, City Attorneys Jerry L. Mills and John P. Scanlon, and City Planner Chris Watson.

The Mayor-designate presented the *Call of Mayor-designate of the First Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi* and furnished copies to guest present. (Exhibit "A")

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pam Minninger and the pledge of allegiance led by Bill Weisenberger.

There was next the recognition of dignitaries present – Madison County Chancery Judge James C. Walker, Madison County Chancery Judge Cynthia Brewer, Madison County Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott, Mississippi State Representative Jill Ford, Gluckstadt Fire Chief Henry Davis, and Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler.

There was next an introduction of the Board of Aldermen.

Kerry Minninger then presented a brief history of Gluckstadt, beginning in 1905 at Calhoun Station, later named Gluckstadt, a farming community. Mr. Minninger presented the City with a written copy of his prepared history. (Exhibit "B")

**1. Oaths of Officers.**

Madison County Chancery Judge James C. Walker then administered the Oaths of Office individually to the Mayor-designate and all Aldermen-designate. Upon having each taken their sworn Oath of Office, the Mayor and Aldermen then entered upon their respective offices. See Oaths of Office, attached hereto as "Exhibit C."

**2. City Charter.**

Mayor Morrison next presented the City Charter for acceptance. A vote to accept the City Charter was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

They Mayor directed that the City Charter would be placed in the City Minute Book.

**3. Appointment of temporary custodian of municipal records.**

There next came on the appointment of Jayce Powell as the temporary custodian of municipal records, pending the appointment of the City Clerk. Alderman Williams moved to approve the appointment of Jayce Powell. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

**4. Appointment of City Attorney.**

Next, the Mayor and Board considered the appointment the City Attorney for the City. Alderman Powell made a motion to appoint the law firm of Mills, Scanlon, Dye & Pittman as City Attorney for the City of Gluckstadt. See Order, attached hereto as "Exhibit D." The Motion was seconded by Alderman Bates and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
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Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

**5. Adoption of ordinance making certain elective offices appointive.**

Next, the Mayor and Board considered the adoption of an Ordinance Making Certain Elective Offices Appointive. Alderman Powell made a motion to adopt an ordinance making certain elective offices appointive, including Police Chief, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, City Clerk and City Judge. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. See Ordinance No. 2021-1, attached hereto as "Exhibit E."

**6. Authorize the purchase of bonds for Mayor and Aldermen.**

The next matter of business was to authorize the purchase of bonds and liability insurance for the Mayor and Aldermen. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan bonds and liability insurance. The motion was seconded by Alderman Slay and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

**7. Publication of ordinance changing meeting dates.**

There was next the discussion of an ordinance to be published setting meeting dates. Alderman Bates made a motion to set meetings to the default of statutory time of the first Tuesday of each month, with the place to be announced through a notice of special meeting, and to direct the City



Attorney to have published three times a proposed ordinance setting the regular meeting times and place. See proposed Ordinance for publication, attached hereto as "Exhibit F." The motion was seconded by Alderman Powell and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

**8. Consider letter of agreement with Bridge & Watson for budget preparation.**

The Mayor and Board of Alder next considered the letter of agreement with Bridge & Watson, Inc. for planning services. Alderman Williams made the motion to accept the written proposal of Bridge & Watson, Inc. for planning services. See letter agreement, attached hereto as "Exhibit G." The motion was seconded by Alderman Bates and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

**9. Discussion of organizational matters.**

There was next discussion of organizational matters related to the function of a new municipality. After discussion, Alderman Slay made a motion to authorize Mayor Morrison and the City Attorney to, a) secure a post office box, b) authorize the City Attorney to apply for an Employer Identification Number, and c) authorize the filing of the necessary applications with the Department of Revenue to establish the receipt of sales tax diversions. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

**10. Call for public comment.**

Next, Mayor Morrison announced the opportunity for any member of the public wishing to make a comment or ask a question. No comments or questions were offered.

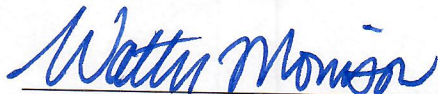
**11. Adjourn.**

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Powell and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye
Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderman Williams	Aye

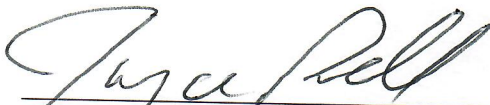
The Mayor then declared the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 6th day of July, 2021.



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WALTER C. MORRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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ALDERMAN JAYCE POWELL,  
RECORDS CUSTODIAN