

**CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI
MINUTES OF THE SECOND DECEMBER MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 343 DISTRIBUTION DRIVE, GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI**

The Mayor called the December 16, 2021, meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Walter C. Morrison, Alderman John Taylor, Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates, Aldermen Jayce Powell, Alderman Wesley Slay, Alderwoman Lisa Williams, City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy. Attorney John Scanlon and City Planner Chris Watson were absent.

The Mayor presented the *Notice of Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi* acknowledged by all Aldermen. (Exhibit "A").

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mayor Walter C. Morrison, IV and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Jayce Powell.

1. Consideration of Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan for Zoning

The Board considered for adoption the Comprehensive Plan for Zoning (Exhibit "B"). The Mayor advised there is a need for adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and reminded the board that a public hearing was held at the November 2, 2021 board meeting; additionally, Mayor Morrison indicated that the City has now contracted with an individual to serve as our Building Official and the City would now be able to enforce the adoption of a zoning regulations. The Mayor opened the floor for further discussion of the item and no further discussion was held. Alderwoman Lisa Williams made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Plan for Zoning. The Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

2. Consideration of Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance and Map

Next, the Board considered for adoption the Zoning Ordinance and Map (Exhibit "C"). The Mayor opened the floor for further discussion of the item and no further discussion was held. Alderman Jayce Powell made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Plan for Zoning. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Slay and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderwoman Bates	Aye
Alderman Powell	Aye

Alderman Slay	Aye
Alderman Taylor	Aye
Alderwoman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

3. Announcement of Contract with Building Official

Mayor Morrison announced that the City has now secured Mr. Jeff Williamson, on a contractual basis, to serve as the City’s first Planning Administrator & Building Official. The Mayor requested that Mr. Williamson introduce himself and provide a brief background to the public regarding his experience. Mr. Williamson thanked the Mayor and the Board for allowing him the opportunity to serve the City of Gluckstadt in this new capacity. Mr. Williamson gave a brief overview of his credentials and professional history serving as a Building Official for the City of Byram, the City of Crystal Springs and most recently, for Madison County. He indicated that he would take his new role seriously and expressed his excitement to be a part of the new city, as well as the development of his department from the ground up. No action taken.

4. Engagement Letter with Cascio Sanford Governmental Law Group: Lobbying & Consulting Services

Mayor Morrison opened discussion concerning the City retaining the services of Tammra Cascio, of Cascio Sanford Governmental Law Group, to serve as the City’s lobbyist. Mayor Morrison stressed the importance of having representation during the upcoming legislative session, that it would be wise to enlist the help of Ms. Cascio, as she has expertise in securing funding for the municipalities throughout the state and the relationships at the Capitol necessary to secure funds for our City’s priorities; the Mayor gave examples of crucial projects pending for the City, such as building out a police department in the near future, hiring officers and possibly building a City Hall complex down the line. According to the proposed engagement letter, Ms. Cascio’s services will focus on advocating for the City’s position regarding legislation and funding requests, representation of the City during regular and special sessions of the legislature, as well as fostering relationships with legislators, government agencies and interest groups to promote the City’s objectives. The Mayor presented the Board with a proposed engagement letter for contractual services beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, setting out the lobbying firm’s monthly fee as \$2,500.00 (not to exceed \$3,000.00 without prior approval from the City administration). Alderman Taylor made a motion for the City to enter into the engagement letter presented (Exhibit “D”). The Motion was seconded by Alderman Slay and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

5. Adjourn

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 11th day of January 2022.

Walter Morrison

WALTER C. MORRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lindsay D. Kellum
LINDSAY KELLUM
CITY CLERK

