

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022, 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, 343 DISTRIBUTION DRIVE, GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI**

The Mayor called the July 12, 2022, meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order.

**1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call.**

Present: Mayor Walter C. Morrison, IV., Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates, Alderman Jayce Powell, Alderman Wesley Slay, Alderman John Taylor, Alderwoman Lisa Williams, City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Building Official Jeff Williamson, Planning and Zoning Administrator Mike McCollum, Police Chief Wendell Watts, Assistant Chief Barry Hale, City Attorney John Scanlon and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

The Mayor presented the agenda acknowledged by all Aldermen. (Exhibit "A").

No action taken.

**2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Steven Brooks, with Fairview Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Jayce Powell.

No action taken.

**3. Presented Items**

None.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda Items (Exhibit "B"):**

- A) **Approval of the Minutes of the June 14th and June 24th, 2022, Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen**
- B) **Approval of Docket of Claims**
- C) **Approval of Landscaping, City Hall Sign, Front Entrance**
- D) **Approval of Attendance for Phelps Dunbar Labor and Employment Law Seminar, Plus Travel Expense, August 3-5, Gulfport; City Clerk**
- E) **Approval of Stegall Notary Public Application Requests: Scott Maugh (Deputy Clerk) and Janet Brooks (Executive Assistant)**
- F) **Approval of State & Federal Mileage Rate Change of \$0.625, Effective July 1, 2022**

- G) Approval of Request to Purchase Check Printer and MCIR Ink, Matrix Solutions (Quote)**
- H) Approval of Five (5) Additional Radar Units, Dana Safety (Quote)**
- I) Approval of Six (6) Tint Meters, Laser Labs (Quote)**
- J) Approval of Four (4) Portable Breathalyzers, Alcopro (Quote)**
- K) Approval of Ten (10) Remington Shotguns, The Range by Jimmy Primos (Quote)**
- L) Approval of Striping and Graphics for Five (5) Police Vehicles, It's Vinyl Y'all (Quote)**
- M) Mississippi Board of Standard Training Reimbursement (Informational Purposes Only)**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Slay moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 declared the motion carried.

#### **5. Amendment to Budget & Monthly Budget Report**

##### **A) Discussion and Consideration of Adoption of Resolution: Budget Amendment**

The Mayor requested a motion to adopt the resolution to amend the budget for FYE22. Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the resolution to amend the FYE22 budget. (Exhibit "C"). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Williams, 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 declared the motion carried.

##### **B) Monthly Budget Report (Exhibit "D").**

No action taken.

**6. New Business**

**A) Consideration: Purchase of Equipment and Safety Supplies for General City Maintenance / Public Works Projects (Off-Duty Firemen)**

The Mayor requested a motion to adopt the proposal by the Zoning Administrator (and quotes provided) to purchase various public works equipment. (Exhibit “E”). Alderman Slay made the motion to adopt the proposal for purchase of certain public works equipment, as listed, and for the prices shown, on Ex. E. 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.

**B) Consideration of and Adoption: Amended Fireworks Ordinance**

The Mayor stated that Alderman Powell and Alderman Slay requested this matter be placed on the agenda for consideration and asked if all members of the board had read the proposed Amended Fireworks Ordinance. All board members indicated they had read it. Robbie Covington, owner of Robbie’s Fireworks, spoke up from the audience and stated he had not read it (and City Attorney Mr. Scanlon also stated that counsel for Robbie’s Fireworks had requested that evening via text message to be heard on the matter before a vote is taken on the amended fireworks ordinance). The Mayor asked if there was a motion to table the revised fireworks ordinance. Alderman Taylor made a motion to table the revised fireworks ordinance until the next meeting in August. The motion died for a lack of a second. The Mayor then requested a motion to adopt the revised fireworks ordinance. (Exhibit “F”). Alderman Powell made the motion to adopt the revised fireworks ordinance (replacement of Ordinance No. 2022-04, previously adopted by the board on May 10, 2022). 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	Nay
Alderwoman Williams	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried, 4-1.

**C) Discussion of AV Proposal & Options for Board Room at City Hall, RJ Young**

The Mayor directed the City Clerk to bring quotes to the August board meeting for further consideration.

No action taken.

**7. Old Business**

**A) Discussion and Consideration: Regulating Distance Between Future Locations of Package Liquor Stores and Hours of Operation (Request: Alderwoman Williams)**

The Mayor opened the floor for members of the public to address the board and speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed change in the zoning ordinance.

Ms. Sonia Bedi, owner of Germantown Wine & Spirits, spoke in favor of regulating the distance between liquor and/or package stores.

Alderwoman Williams requested the City Attorneys provide an amended draft of the zoning ordinance reflecting her proposed requests of a 3,000 ft. distance requirement and regulation of hours of operation.

No action taken.

**B) Discussion and Consideration of Quote for City Hall Renovation & New Information Provided by Property Owner Regarding Revision to City Hall Lease (Temporary Police Department and Municipal Court)**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve City Hall renovations by the property owner and the amendment to the lease to reflect the following: extension of the term of the lease one year (ending 8/31/26), with a new rent payment of \$8,292.00 beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, which will increase again to \$8,792.00, beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023. (Exhibit "G").

Alderman Powell made the motion, and Alderman Slay seconded motion, 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.

**8. City Clerk, City Administration Matters (Lindsay Kellum)**

**A) General Update, City Administration Matters**

No action taken.

**B) Privilege License Report**

No action taken.

**C) FY23 Budgetary Process Update**

No action taken.

**9. Building Official Planning and Zoning Matters (Jeff Williamson and Mike McCollum)**

**A) General Update, Planning and Zoning / Building Department Matters**

No action taken.

**B) Permitting: Permitting Log Update**

No action taken.

**C) Discussion of 5/24/22 Planning and Zoning Meeting & Minutes**

No action taken.

**D) Consideration of Site Plan & Consideration of Approval: Dees Office Building, Parcel # 082H-28-002/12.00 (Rav Bedi)**

Mr. Williamson provided a brief history of this project and the unanimous recommendation to approve the site plan by the Planning and Zoning Commission. (Exhibit "H").

The Mayor requested a motion for approval of the site plan. Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the site plan. The motion was seconded by Alderman Powell, and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

**10. Police Chief, Police Department Matters (Chief Wendell Watts)**

**A) Discussion and Consideration of Extending Employment Offer to an Individual for Police Officer Position (Contingent Upon Completion of Successful Background Checks)**

Chief Watts requested the Board take this matter up last, and consider going into executive session, as a confidential personnel issue pertaining to the potential hiring of a candidate for police officer.

The Mayor asked the minutes reflect the item was moved to “Item 10. Closed Session to Determine the Need for Executive Session”

No action taken.

**B) Discussion and Consideration of Approval: Financing of Five Dodge Durango Vehicles and Purchase of Equipment (Quotes)**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the quote for purchase of five (5) additional police vehicles (Dodge Durango PPVs, including the outfitting of necessary equipment such as light bars, sirens, etc.) at the state contract price of \$40,835.00; \$204,175.00 for all five (5). The motion was made by Alderman Powell, and seconded by Alderwoman Williams, 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.

**C) Discussion and Consideration of Approval: Memo of Understanding for Condensed Policy and Procedures of the Gluckstadt Police Department**

The Mayor requested a motion to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for Condensed Police and Procedures relative to Gluckstadt Police Department. (Exhibit “I”). The motion was made by Alderman Slay, and seconded by Alderman Powell, 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.

**D) Discussion and Consideration of Approval: Take-Home Car Policy, Gluckstadt Police Department**

After much discussion of the pros and cons of a take-home policy for police vehicles, including statistics from surrounding jurisdictions and proposed security measures with the potential for misuse or fraud, the Mayor requested a motion to adopt the Take-Home Car Policy for Gluckstadt

Police Officers. (Exhibit “J”). The motion was made by Alderwoman Williams, and seconded by Alderman Powell, 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.

**E) Discussion and Consideration of Approval: Body-Worn Camera Policy**

The Mayor requested a motion to adopt the Body-Worn Camera Policy. (Exhibit “K”). The motion was made by Alderman Slay, and seconded by Alderman Powell, 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.

*The Mayor amended the agenda to add the following item at the request of the Police Chief:*

**F) Discussion and Consideration of Formal Hiring of One (1) Police Officer for the Gluckstadt Police Department and Swearing-In:**

• **John Ramsey**

The Mayor requested a motion to extend a formal offer of employment to John Ramsey for the position of Police Officer (Patrol Unit). Alderman Slay made a motion to hire Mr. Ramsey at \$36,000 annually, plus benefits to include PERS retirement contributions and 100% employee coverage of BCBS health insurance benefits. (Note: Mr. Ramsey declined health insurance benefits, as he already has a policy). The motion was seconded by Alderman Powell, 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.

The Mayor administered Mr. Ramsey's oath of office; Mr. Ramsey extended his sincerest gratitude to Chief Watts, the Mayor & Board for the opportunity to serve Gluckstadt.

**11. Public Comment**

No members of the public signed up to address the board or came forward.

No action taken.

**12. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session**

The Board considered entering into closed session to determine whether to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Alderman Powell to enter into closed session. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Slay and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Board then considered entering into Executive Session. A motion was made by Alderman Slay to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Powell and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The board entered into an Executive Session. A public announcement was made that the Board had entered into Executive Session for transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters for the purpose of discussing the hiring of one (1) individual for the Police Department and to discuss the candidate's qualifications for the position, as well as the discussion of potential options for land purchase to build the Gluckstadt Police Department and Municipal Court.

**A) Request for Approval to Extend Offer of Employment to One (1) Candidate for the Position of Police Officer**

Motion was made by Alderman Slay to extend conditional offers of employment, setting the annual salary for the position of police officer at \$36,000, plus benefits to include PERS retirement



and 100% employee coverage of BCBS health insurance benefits to one (1) candidate for Police Officer; Alderman Powell directed the Mayor and Chief of Police to provide an offer letter to the individual and note in the offer letters that the offer of employment was contingent upon successful passage of all background checks, drug testing, psychological testing and a polygraph examination, as required by the City Police Department. 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.

**B) Discussion of Properties and Potential Land Purchase, Police Department and Municipal Court**

The Mayor requested the Board provide him with the authority to make an offer on a parcel to purchase for a Police Department and Municipal Court., subject to the city engaging an appraiser to conduct an assessment regarding the value of the property.

Alderman Slay made a motion, Alderman Powell seconded the motion, 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.

Within the Executive Session, a motion was made by Alderwoman Williams to leave Executive Session and re-enter Open Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Powell 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.

The Executive Session ended. A public announcement was made as to the actions taken by the Board. The name of the candidate would be announced at a later date, upon notification to current employer, and the location of the property will be announced at a later date, as to not compromise the city's position in the purchase of the land.

### 13. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, Alderwoman Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Powell 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 8:23 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 9 day of August 2022.

*Walter Morrison*

WALTER C. MORRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Lindsay Kellum*

LINDSAY KELLUM  
CITY CLERK

