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**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI
CITY HALL
December 19, 2023
6:00 PM
AGENDA**

1. Call To Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge Of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2023
5. Donation Docket
6. SPD Contract with IDiCORE
7. Utilities Contract with Ideal Chemical
8. SPD MOU with National Insurance Crime Bureau
9. Acceptance and Approval of Bids by Parks Department
10. Resolution for GIS Digital Orthophotography Interlocal Cost-Sharing Agreement
11. Addition to Wrecker Rotation
12. Planning Agenda: Item #1 Application by Southaven Hospitality, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the Element Hotel to be located on the east side of Airways Blvd. north of Nail Road
Item #2 Application by Abdul Kareem Shamoon for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a tire shop to remain at 8012 Hwy. 51 North
13. Mayor's Report
14. Personnel Docket
15. City Attorney's Legal Update
16. Utilities Billing Leak Adjustment Docket
17. Claims Dockets: Docket 1
Docket 2
18. Executive Session: Discussion regarding ongoing and potential claims/litigation by and against City (Miss. Code 25-41-7(4)(b); Economic Development (Potential location/re-location of business to City) (Miss. Code 25-41-7(j); Interdepartmental Personnel with No Action

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF December 19, 2023
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven, Mississippi met in a Regular Meeting on the 19th day of December, 2023 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at City Hall.

Present were:

George Payne	Alderman At Large
Charlie Hoots	Alderman, Ward 2
William Jerome	Alderman, Ward 3
Joel Gallagher	Alderman, Ward 4
John David Wheeler	Alderman, Ward 5
Raymond Flores	Alderman, Ward 6

Absent were:

Kristian Kelly	Alderman, Ward 1
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Also present were Mayor Musselwhite, Andrea Mullen, City Clerk, and Nick Manley, City Attorney. Approximately twenty 20 other people were present. Mayor Musselwhite called the meeting to order. Alderman Gallagher led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Payne.

Next, a motion was made by Alderman Hoots to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2023 with any corrections, deletions, or additions necessary. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jerome. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

DONATION DOCKET

DONATION DOCKET 12/19/2023					
Date of Donation	Donation Item	Money Donation	Person / Entity Making Donation	Department	Budget Code
12/13/2023	Qty. 5 Treadmills		YMCA	Fire	
12/18/2023		\$1,000.00	TEXAS GAS	Fire	295-626102
Total		\$1,000.00			

Alderman Flores made the motion to approve the donation docket of December 19, 2023. Motion was seconded by Alderman Payne.

ALDERMAN

VOTED

Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES

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Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved on the 19th day of December, 2023.

SPD CONTRACT WITH IDICORE

Nick Manley, City Attorney, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Manley stated that this contract is with IdiCORE, currently, the SPD uses TLO, as its electronic service for searches related to investigations. The current contract with TLO expires in June of 2024 and the SPD is utilizing the demo status of IdiCORE at this time. IdiCORE is a service similar to TLO, but has some better features, and the SPD would like to go with this service when the TLO contract expires. IdiCORE has agreed to allow the SPD to utilize its service on the demo status for free until June 2024 provided that the contract is signed so that the SPD would transition to IdiCORE solely in June. Alderman Hoots made the motion to authorize Chief Moore to sign the contract with IDICORE. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jerome.

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved on the 19th day of December, 2023.

A copy of the contract is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

UTILITIES CONTRACT WITH IDEAL CHEMICAL

Nick Manley, City Attorney, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Manley stated that the City Utilities Department sought bids for chemicals. Ideal Chemical was the lowest and best bid received. Ideal Chemical’s bid for each chemical, along with the contract, is recommended for approval for a one (1) year term with an option to renew if both parties agree. Alderman Hoots made the motion to authorize Ray Humphrey to sign the contract with Ideal Chemical. Motion was seconded by Alderman Payne.

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES

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Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved on the 19th day of December, 2023.

A copy of the contract is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

SPD MOU WITH NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU

Nick Manley, City Attorney, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Manley stated the SPD would like to have access to the National Insurance Crime Bureau ISO Claim Search Database. Access to the database is free for law enforcement and gives valuable information to locate and recover stolen vehicles and car parts, investigate insurance fraud, and solve cases faster. The SPD has applied for the service and as part of the application, it must agree to a MOU provided by the Bureau. The MOU provides the requirements and individual responsibilities when using the database. In addition, the MOU requires the confidentiality of the information along with the right to termination with thirty (30) days-notice. Alderman Hoots made the motion to authorize Chief Moore to sign the MOU. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jerome.

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved on the 19th day of December, 2023.

A copy of the MOU is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF BIDS BY PARKS DEPARTMENT

Nick Manley, City Attorney, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Manley stated that the City Parks Department went to bid, via reverse auction, for a High Flow Compact Track Loader and a Mini Excavator on December 5, 2023. The lowest and best bid was Stribling Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$199,000.00.

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Alderman Flores made the motion to award the bid to Stribling Equipment, LLC. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wheeler.

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved on the 19th day of December, 2023.

A copy of the recommendation letter from the Parks Department is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

RESOLUTION FOR GIS DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY INTERLOCAL

Nick Manley, City Attorney, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Manley stated that the Board recently discussed this issue in the context of cost-sharing for the GIS update provided by Desoto County. The County has signed an updated contract with Nearmap to undertake producing new digital orthophotography. This will include a flyover over the winter to generate new images. This is the same form that was utilized in 2022 with the updated dollar amounts. The City of Southaven’s portion is 10,977.42. After hearing from Mr. Manley, the Board of Alderman considered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI, CITY OF HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI, CITY OF HORN LAKE, MISSISSIPPI, THE TOWN OF WALLS, MISSISSIPPI, THE DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, AND THE DESOTO COUNTY EMERGENCY 911 COMMISSIONS FOR DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-58-1 et seq., the counties and municipalities of the State of Mississippi are authorized to do all things necessary and desirable to create graphic information systems; and

WHEREAS, DeSoto secured a quote from Nearmap US, Inc. for subscription access to aerial imagery, public display licensing of aerial imagery, and permanent offline government aerial photograph. DeSoto has executed a professional services agreement with The Nearmap Map Company, Inc (“Nearmap”) to perform the services necessary to provide to DeSoto the “Deliverables” identified in that service agreement between DeSoto and Nearmap; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1039, Local and Private Laws of 1999, as amended by House Bill 1876 of the Regular Session of 2002, as amended by House Bill 1639 of the Regular Session of 2003, as amended by House Bill 1773 of the Regular Session of 2016 ("Legislation"), Section 1 and Section 8(d), the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority is authorized to engage in a cooperative effort by any area within Desoto County for the acquisition, construction, and operation of user funded sewage systems and sewage treatment systems and enter into contracts with any public agency in furtherance of the purposes of the Legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to improve their respective GIS mapping data bases and the participants each wish to receive, or have access to, base maps of their respective geographical areas as produced by Nearmap; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to cost share for the cost of services to be provided by Nearmap and have determined the appropriate pro rata cost to be contributed by each of the Parties. Further, each of Party desires to contribute its respective pro rata share of the cost to DeSoto to secure the Deliverables from Nearmap; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto believe that their efforts may best be accomplished by a formal agreement pursuant to the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974"; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. *The Mayor is authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Desoto County, Hernando, Horn Lake, Walls, DCRUA, and the Desoto County Emergency 911 Commission.*
- 2. *The Mayor is authorized to take all action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.*

Following the reading of the foregoing Resolution, Alderman Flores made the motion and Alderman Payne seconded the motion for its adoption. The Mayor put the question to a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

Alderman William Jerome	voted: YES
Alderman Kristian Kelly	voted: ABSENT
Alderman Charlie Hoots	voted: YES
Alderman George Payne	voted: YES
Alderman Joel Gallagher	voted: YES
Alderman John Wheeler	voted: YES
Alderman Raymond Flores	voted: YES

RESOLVED AND DONE, this 19th day of December, 2023.

COST-SHARING AGREEMENT
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI, CITY OF HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI, CITY OF HORN LAKE, MISSISSIPPI, THE TOWN OF WALLS, MISSISSIPPI, THE DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, AND THE

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DESOTO COUNTY EMERGENCY 911 COMMISSIONS FOR DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY

This agreement is made and entered into by and between DeSoto County, Mississippi (DeSoto); City of Southaven, Mississippi (Southaven); City of Hernando, Mississippi (Hernando); City of Horn Lake, Mississippi (Horn Lake); the Town of Walls, Mississippi (Walls), the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority (DCRUA), and the DeSoto County Emergency 911 Commission (E-911). All of the foregoing parties are collectively referred to herein as the Parties.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-58-1 et seq., the counties and municipalities of the State of Mississippi are authorized to do all things necessary and desirable to create graphic information systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1039, Local and Private Laws of 1999, as amended by House Bill 1876 of the Regular Session of 2002, as amended by House Bill 1639 of the Regular Session of 2003, as amended by House Bill 1773 of the Regular Session of 2016 ("Legislation"), Section 1 and Section 8(d), DCRUA is authorized to engage in a cooperative effort by any area within Desoto County for the acquisition, construction, and operation of user funded sewage systems and sewage treatment systems and enter into contracts with any public agency in furtherance of the purposes of the Legislation; and

WHEREAS, DeSoto secured a quote from Nearmap US, Inc. for subscription access to aerial imagery, public display licensing of aerial imagery, and permanent offline government aerial photograph. DeSoto has executed a professional services agreement with The Nearmap Map Company, Inc ("Nearmap") to perform the services necessary to provide to DeSoto the "Deliverables" identified in that service agreement between DeSoto and Nearmap; and

WHEREAS, DeSoto has received all necessary and required approvals contemplated by Code Annotated Section 25-58-1, et seq. to secure the contract with Nearmap and the Deliverables; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to improve their respective GIS mapping data bases and the participants each wish to receive base maps of their respective geographical areas as produced by Nearmap; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to cost share for the cost of services to be provided by Nearmap and have determined the appropriate pro rata cost to be contributed by each of the Parties. Further, each of Party desires to contribute its respective pro rata share of the cost to DeSoto to secure the Deliverables from Nearmap; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this agreement and believe that the most efficient means of improving their graphic information system will be accomplished by the execution of this formal agreement pursuant to the authorities of the "Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974", as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and pursuant to the authorities of Mississippi Code Annotated Section 17-13-1 et seq. and Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-58-1, et seq. the

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governing authorities of each of the Parties do hereby covenant, contract and agree as follows:

1. This agreement shall take effect upon the date of approval by the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi, and its filing with the Mississippi Secretary of State and the Chancery Clerk of DeSoto County, Mississippi, after first being approved and executed by the Parties, which approval is to be entered onto the minutes of the governing authorities for each of the Parties.

2. DeSoto shall proceed in accordance with the contract it has entered into and executed with Nearmap for production of, and access to, the Deliverables, and shall pay all costs for such services as provided for pursuant to said agreement.

3. The contractual cost of the Deliverables is Thirty-two thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars and zero cents (\$32,915.00) per annum. DeSoto shall be reimbursed by the Parties in three annual payments each as follows:

A. Southaven: Ten-thousand nine hundred seventy-seven dollars and forty-two cents (\$10,977.42);

B. Hernando: Three-thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars and three cents (\$3,451.03);

C. Horn Lake: Five-thousand three hundred seventy dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$5,370.59);

D. Walls: Two hundred seventy-one dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$271.38);

E. DCRUA: Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500);

F. E- 911: Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and

4. DeSoto, upon making payment to Nearmap for Deliverables received, shall issue invoices to each of the Parties charging them with their respective share of the costs as set forth in paragraph three (3) above. The resulting pro rata share paid by DeSoto will be Seven-thousand eight hundred forty-four dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$7,844.58).

5. Each of the Parties shall pay the invoice received by it from DeSoto within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the same. Each of the Parties shall receive from DeSoto a copy of the Deliverables, in electronic format, within thirty (30) days of making the foregoing payment.

6. Pursuant to M.C.A. Section 17-13-9, the Parties would set forth and show the following:

A. The duration of this Interlocal Agreement shall be until such time as the terms and conditions hereof are completed. In the event this agreement extends beyond the term of the existing term of the majority of the membership of the boards or commissions of the Parties, it will be deemed to automatically renew and be binding upon the successor boards or commissions unless, by majority vote, the incoming boards or commissions terminate the same.

B. The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement is as set forth in paragraph one (1) through five (5) above.

C. The organizations affected and statutory authority vested in each of the local government units is set forth in paragraphs one (1) through five (5) above.

D. There is no applicable financing.

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E. This Interlocal Agreement will terminate upon completion of the terms set forth herein.

F. There will be no Board for the administration of the terms of this Interlocal Agreement. The governing bodies of the Parties shall designate a representative for decision making in regard to this Interlocal Agreement as is appropriate. DeSoto shall be the sponsoring subdivision for the purposes of this agreement.

G. This Interlocal Agreement does not make provisions to hold or dispose of real property.

H. Any other necessary and proper matters to accomplish the agreements of the Parties are set forth in paragraphs one (1) through five (5) above and paragraph seven (7) below.

7. This Interlocal Agreement may be signed in multiple counterparts, which, when each party has signed, shall constitute one (1) document.

8. The Parties find and determine that this agreement shall result in an overall cost savings to the tax payers by allowing the Parties to cooperate jointly and not have to each independently incur the cost to develop the Deliverables.

WITNESS the signatures of the parties hereto after first being approved by the respective governing authorities:

DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____

Lee Caldwell, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____

Clerk – Board of Supervisors

CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____

Darren Musselwhite, Mayor

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____

Clerk – Board of Alderman

CITY OF HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____

Chip Johnson, Mayor

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____

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Clerk – Board of Alderman

CITY OF HORN LAKE, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____
Allen Latimer, Mayor

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
Clerk – Board of Alderman

TOWN OF WALLS, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____
Keidron Henderson, Mayor

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
Clerk – Board of Alderman

DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

BY: _____
Wayne Spell, Executive Director

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

DESOTO COUNTY EMERGENCY 911 COMMISSION

BY: _____
William Dahl, President

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____

ADDITION TO WRECKER ROTATION

Nick Manley, City Attorney, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Manley stated that the SPD has recommended that American Towing (DBA Likens Repair) be added to the wrecker rotation. American Towing's

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information provided has been reviewed and is compliant with the SPD Policy. Pursuant to the policy, the Board must approve the addition of American Towing contingent upon providing a reversed certificate of insurance. Alderman Hoots made the motion to approve American Towing to the wrecker rotation contingent on them providing the reverse certificate. Motion was seconded by Alderman Payne.

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved on the 19th day of December, 2023.

A copy of the SPD recommendation letter, business license, and certificate of insurance is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

PLANNING AGENDA

Planning Agenda presented by Whitney Cook, Director of Planning & Development.

Item #1 Application by Southaven Hospitality, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the Element Hotel to be located on the east side of Airways Blvd. north of Nail Road

Mrs. Choat-Cook stated that the applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to allow the Element Hotel to be located on the east side of Airways Boulevard. The City of Southaven Ordinances require that applications for hotel approval are subject to a conditional use permit. As part of the conditional use permit process, the applicant must provide the franchise, so that the City Staff can determine the level on the STR chain scales and agree to a two (2) year permit, which permit shall be revoked at the end of 2 years if construction has not commenced. Additionally, the applicant must comply with the standard definition of a hotel use, in accordance with the City Code of Ordinance Title XIII Chapter 1 Sec. 13-1, which states that a “Hotel is defined as a building of three (3) or more stories designed with interior access corridors, fully-enclosed fire exits and covered access area (porte-cochere), and containing three (3) or more of the following accessory facilities: Swimming pool, fitness center, spa, restaurant, lounge, meeting rooms, banquet room or retail shop.” The Applicant has provided the franchise summary as required which shows the Element Hotel as the new green hotel for the Marriott brand. This particular design has a minimum of 70% LEED construction and green design. The amenities include an indoor pool, breakfast and dinner areas, exercise room, and meeting spaces/conference rooms The city

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of Southaven requires a conditional use permit for new hotels in the city to ensure that we are not oversaturating the city with similar products and also to ensure that new sites are providing better products. This site works in conjunction with the Staybridge site directly next door. The thought behind this concept is to create a dual branding design for two different customers and then add in a shopping and dining experience in the immediate area. The applicant is under contract to purchase and develop the surrounding property for that purpose so incorporating this style of hotel into the overall design makes sense to staff. Staff also wants to ensure, as stated, that new products are identified in the STAR scales in the higher categories so ensure that we are not replicating products that we already have. As of today, the city has an abundance of level 4-5 which are “upper midscale” and “midscale” price point hotels. The Element flag is shown as a level 3 which is an “upscale” price point and can be shown as a needed commodity for our area. Additionally, this design will be the first LEED/green design we have on record for the city so it can be seen as something different and not currently in our market. It is also proposed as five (5) stories which exceeds the standard three (3) story sites throughout the city. It is also required by ordinance that new hotels provide a minimum of three (3) amenities to qualify as a hotel. The Applicant has submitted more than three amenities which complies with the regulations set forth in the ordinance. Mrs. Choat-Cook made the recommendation to approve as submitted. Alderman Jerome made the motion to approve the application by Southaven Hospitality, LLC. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hoots.

Roll call was as follows:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried on the 19th day of December, 2023.

A copy of the staff report and hotel information are attached and fully incorporated into these minutes.

Item #2 Application by Abdul Kareem Shamoan for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a tire shop to remain at 8012 Hwy. 51 North

Mrs. Choat-Cook stated that the applicant is requesting to renew a previously approved conditional use permit application that was approved for a total of five

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(5) years which has officially expired. The applicant is requesting to extend the approval for an additional five (5) years based on the previous conditions and the existing business plan. Staff has conversed with the building official, fire marshal and code enforcement regarding any violations or non-compliance of the existing business. At this time, there are no identified violations or codes on site. Mrs. Choat-Cook made the recommendation to renew the conditional use permit for a tire shop located at this site for another five (5) year term. Alderman Hoots made the motion to approve the application by Abdul Kareen Shamoon. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jerome.

Roll call was as follows:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried on the 19th day of December, 2023.

A copy of the staff report and request for conditional use renewal is attached and fully incorporated into these minutes.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Starlanding and Swinnea Road Traffic Signal Update

Mayor Musselwhite stated that the Starlanding and Swinnea Road intersection is a very dangerous intersection in the City. It was learned that MDOT already had a pending plan to make changes at that intersection so they provided the City with equipment that they were going to use to proceed with the project. Mayor Musselwhite reported that a flashing red light was being installed today and eventually will have a traffic signal at that location.

Tennis Operation Update

Mayor Musselwhite stated that the tennis operation at Snowden has been an incredible success. The U.S. Tennis Association, Mississippi Division, has named our tennis operation as the Tennis Organization of the Year for 2023. Michael Johnson will represent the City at a ceremony to receive the award. Mayor Musselwhite stated that Michael Johnson and his dedication is the reason that the tennis operation has been so successful.

County Land Fill Update

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Mayor Musselwhite stated that Desoto County re-bid their landfill services and Quad County in Marshall County was the lowest and best bid. Effective January 2025, the City sanitation/rubbish will be delivered to Quad County instead of South Shelby.

Restaurant Signs

Mayor Musselwhite stated that there are problems at times with patrons not wanting to pay their bill at restaurants. There is an existing law in place that patrons must pay their bill. Mayor Musselwhite reported that decorative signs will be posted in 47 restaurant locations in the City at the entrance stating that if you choose to have food and beverage in Southaven restaurants that you must pay your bill or you will be arrested.

Year In Review

Mayor Musselwhite presented the 2023 Year-In-Review.

2023 Year-in-Review

Booming Economy...

- Snowden District & Silo Square Explosive Growth
- Metropolitan District and Hotel/Convention Center Progress
- West End District Redevelopment Enhanced Plan Underway
- Continued Record-Setting Sales Tax Revenue Growth to \$19,255,456 in '23 up 54.05% in 10 Years from \$12,499,170 in '13 (Projected at \$21 Million in '24)

Improving Recreational Value...

- BankPlus Amphitheater Record-Setting Concert Events (12) & Tripled Revenues
- Neighborhood Park Trails & Pavilions In Progress
- New Roofs at Snowden Grove Park Nearing Completion
- Arena Volleyball Parking Expansion Completed
- Pickleball Courts (4) Completed Becoming Major Attraction
- Perfect Game Baseball Tournament Inaugural Year Success
- Tennis Expansion Underway for 8 Additional Courts
- Cherry Valley Park Enhancement Design Underway
- Performing Arts Center Study Underway

Celebrating our History...

- Archive Library Completed
- Tribute Hall First 2 Honorees with 3 Projected Honorees in '24
- Historical Marker Signs Placed at The Tree and Jaycee Pool with Pending Signs for Cherry Valley Park, Chickasaw Indian Trail, and Jago Locations

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Aggressive Infrastructure Improvement...

- Getwell Road South Widening Project Tremendous Progress
- Pepper Chase Road South Extension Completed
- Getwell (May to Nail) Multi-Use Trail Completed
- Getwell (Nail to Church) MPO Multi-Use Trail Nearing Construction in '24
- Street Resurfacing (\$6.4 million, highest in history)
- Drainage Improvement Projects Completed (\$500K)
- Autumn Woods Drainage Project in Design
- Carriage Hills Estates Drainage Project in Design
- Rasco/Greenbrook Parkway, Guthrie/Airways, Stateline/Swinnea, and Church/Tchulahoma Traffic Signals in Design
- Driving Desoto Campaign Underway for I-55 Widening with \$25 Million Legislative Allocation

Public Safety Commitment...

- Police Officer Growth of 39% in 5 years (165 from 119 in FY '19)
- Police Massive Funding Investment of 60% in 5 years (\$19,367,256 from \$12,107,758 in FY '19)
- Operation: Close the Door Underway to Secure our Northern Border
- General Flat Crime Statistics Showing Outstanding Police Effort Considering Growth and Unique Geographic Challenges
- New Police East Precinct Under Construction to Address Growth
- Fire Hydrant Expansion in All Annexed Areas Completed
- Fire Station #5 Making Significant Progress with Completion in '24

Preparing for our Future...

- Horn Lake Creek Basin Interceptor Sewer District/Memphis Sewer Funding Solution and Transition Agreement with DCRUA Expected in '24
- Utilities and ITEC Expansions in Renovated Dorchester/51 Buildings
- Property Database Nearing Completion for Enhanced Nuisance Property Ordinance to Address Rental Property Challenges Among Others

Mayor Musselwhite thanked the Board of Alderman and the City Team for another great year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

PERSONNEL DOCKET

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Personnel
Docket

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New Hire	Department	Position Title	Start Date	Rate of Pay
Melanie Moore	Emergency Communications	Dispatch 1	1/1/2023	\$22.32
Becky Pardis	Emergency Communications	Dispatch 1	1/1/2023	\$22.32
Thomas Henry	Utility	Locator	TBD	\$16.50
Gavin Foust	Fire	Paramedic	TBD	\$24.15

Re-Hire	Department	Position Title	Start Date	Rate of Pay
Markesse Archie	Police	Police Officer 2	12/26/2023	\$27.05

Promotions	Current Position Title	New Position Title	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Tarah Crum	Seageant	Lieutenant	1/1/2024	\$33.95
Noah Colvin	Laborer I	Laborer II	12/20/2023	\$16.45
Jordan Pogue	Laborer I	Laborer II	12/20/2023	\$16.45
Michael Simmons	Laborer I	Laborer II	12/20/2023	\$16.45
Caleb Wagner	Laborer I	Laborer II	12/20/2023	\$16.45

Stipend	Department	Stipend Type	Effective Date	Rate
Daniel Colby Haynes	Fire	Haz Mat	12/23/2023	\$600 Annually

Resignations/Terminations	Department	Current Position Title	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Jamal Fisher	Public Works	Operator	12/8/2023	\$17.25
Mario Magsby	Police	Lieutenant	12/29/2023	\$33.95

Parks Tournaments

ReHires	Position Title	Start Date	Rate of Pay
Mary Anderson	Supervisor Concessions	12/28/2023	\$10.25
Cooper Crapa	Cook	12/28/2023	\$10.25

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Alderman Payne made the motion to approve the Personnel Docket of December 19, 2023 as presented to this Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Flores.

Roll call was as follows:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved on the 19th day of December, 2023.

CITY ATTORNEY’S LEGAL UPDATE

No Legal Update

UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENT DOCKET

		UTILITIES BILL LEAK ADJUSTMENT DOCKET 12/19/2023				
The addresses below experienced unforeseen circumstances in their utilities for which no benefit was received.						
1	RESIDE NT	LOIS SKINER	4000	KENTON DR	(91.76)	POOL ADJUSTMENT
2	RESIDE NT	HARRY WILLIAMS	7762	ANDOVER	(282.00)	TOILET LEAK
3	RESIDE NT	JAMES WHITESIDE	8351	GRAYCE DR	(269.10)	TOILET LEAK
4	RESIDE NT	LESLIE WRIGHT	1421	VICKSBUR G	(345.24)	LEAK ON MAIN LINE
5	RESIDE NT	KATHERINE BAGLEY	2715	NELLE LN	(270.51)	TOILET LEAK
6	RESIDE NT	JOSEPH FACELLO	3559	LISCOTT RD	(306.34)	TOILET LEAK

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7	RESIDE NT	KIMBERLY MCGHEE	7664	ANNESDAL E DR	(462.15)	TOILET LEAK
8	RESIDE NT	PEGGY FLETCHER	8351	GRAYCE DR	(269.10)	TOILET LEAK
9	RESIDE NT	ELIZABETH WRIGHT	1220	THAMES DR	(198.20)	TOILET LEAK
10	COMM ERCIAL	MARCUS HARGROVE	9040	MILLBRAN CH	(738.01)	TOILET LEAK
11	RESIDE NT	EVELYN FOWLER	2885	LIVERPOOL LN	(169.65)	FAUCET LEAK
12	RESIDE NT	ELIZABETH SEASE	8447	ALLEN LANE CV	(35.10)	LEAK ON MAIN LINE
13	RESIDE NT	SHADONICA SCRUGGS	3505	SHADY OAKS DR	(52.65)	LEAK UNDER DRIVEWAY
14	RESIDE NT	JOHN KOCH	5840	RIVER POINTE DR	(296.72)	POOL LINER LEAK
15	RESIDE NT	CHAQUANA BOHANNA	1582	LINDSEY LN	(143.57)	TOILET LEAK
16	RESIDE NT	KIM WALKER	8450	OAKWOOD LN	(127.04)	TOILET LEAK
17	RESIDE NT	RODOLFO RENOVA	931	GAYLON DR	(490.26)	TOILET LEAK
18	RESIDE NT	MELISSA AGUILERA	1524	TREESTAN D	(109.52)	POOL ADJUSTMENT
19	RESIDE NT	LISA LEPPERT	3295	OAKLEAF DR	(251.55)	LEAK ON MAIN LINE
20	RESIDE NT	GLEN COOPER	8096	CEDARBRO OK	(58.50)	FAUCET LEAK
21	RESIDE NT	LES AND TRINA SLOCUM	7215	WHITTEN PLACE DR	(70.20)	LEAK ON MAIN LINE
22	RESIDE NT	GLEN NORWOOD	769	NEEDLE CV	(169.65)	TOILET LEAK
23	RESIDE NT	LINDA KENT	4068	CHAUCER CV	(23.40)	TOILET LEAK
24	RESIDE NT	LEON HAWKINS	5751	STEFFANI DR	(46.80)	TOILET LEAK
29	RESIDE NT	THOMAS WHEATLEY	5959	STAFFORD	(210.60)	LEAK UNDER SLAB
30	RESIDE NT	GLENDA BURNETT	7182	LYNNEASE	(58.50)	FAUCET LEAK
31	RESIDE NT	PLES WILLIAMS	5262	ELMORE RD	(210.60)	LEAK ON MAIN LINE
32	RESIDE NT	JERRY TALLEY	2234	ASHLAND DR	(292.50)	LEAK UNDER HOUSE, TOILET AND FAUCET LEAK
				TOTAL	(6049.22)	

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Alderman Payne made the motion to approve the Utility Bill Adjustment Docket of December 19, 2023 in the amount of \$6,049.22. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jerome.

Roll call was as follows:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried on the 19th day of December, 2023.

CLAIMS DOCKET

A motion was made by Alderman Payne to approve the Claims Docket of December 19, 2023 in the amount of \$6,037,122.49. Motion was seconded by Alderman Flores.

Excluding voucher numbers:

411866, 411867, 412066, 412077, 412084, 412277, 412287, 412374

Roll call was as follows:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	YES
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved for payment on the 19th day of December, 2023.

SPECIAL CLAIMS DOCKET

Alderman Hoots recused himself and left the room.

Alderman Payne made the motion to approve the Special Claims Docket of December 19, 2023 in the amount of \$18,924.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wheeler.

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Roll call was as follows:

ALDERMAN	VOTED
Alderman Jerome	YES
Alderman Kelly	ABSENT
Alderman Hoots	RECUSED
Alderman Payne	YES
Alderman Gallagher	YES
Alderman Wheeler	YES
Alderman Flores	YES

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved for payment on the 19th day of December, 2023.

Alderman Hoots returned to the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A copy of the Executive Session Minutes are maintained in the City Clerk’s Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Flores to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hoots. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously December 19, 2023 at 7:40 p.m.

Darren Musselwhite,
Mayor

Andrea Mullen,
City Clerk
(Seal)

All exhibits and attachments are electronically filed in the City Clerk’s Office.

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