

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF PEARL RIVER
CITY OF POPLARVILLE**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Poplarville, Pearl River County, Mississippi, met in said city at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, 2021, with the following officials present in the Board Room: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., and Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire. Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith participated in the meeting via ZOOM™ Online Meetings. City Clerk Jane O'Neal participated in the meeting via ZOOM™ Online Meetings. Attorney Many Creel Bryan was present in the Board Room.

Public Works Superintendent Sam Hale, Fire Chief Jason Bannister, and Police Chief Daniel L. Collier were all present in the Board Room. Code Enforcement Officer Kolby Davis was absent from the meeting.

Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. opened the meeting with prayer, and Mayor Rossie Creel recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

DUE TO THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC, the City, while being cognizant and ever mindful of the Open Meetings Act, restricted public access to the meeting, while streaming the meeting over Facebook in real time. ZOOM™ Online Meetings software was utilized by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. This was done in an attempt to balance social distancing recommendations from the Mississippi Department of Health and CDC. This was also done for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and the prevention of the spread of infectious disease. A media representative was invited to the meeting to report the proceedings in the local newspaper, and was present in the Board Room.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2021 MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

Upon motion by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve the circulated Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 2, 2021. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO REMAIN IN EFFECT

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 33-15-17, as amended, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall review its March 17, 2020, Emergency Proclamation that declared the existence of a local emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon motion by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. and second by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, the Board voted to extend the current Emergency Declaration until the next regularly-scheduled meeting on April 6, 2021, at which time it will again be reviewed by the Board of Aldermen. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

CITY HALL TO FULLY REOPEN FOR BUSINESS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2021

Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to fully reopen City Hall for business, effective April 1, 2021. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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CITY SQUARE PARK – PHASE III: REQUEST FOR CASH NUMBER 3 – MITCHCO CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Ms. Lindsay Ward, Economic Development Manager for Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District (SMPDD), participated in the meeting via ZOOM, and represented both SMPDD and Landry, Lewis, and Germany Architects, P.A. Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., the Board voted to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Mississippi Development Authority's (MDA) Small Municipalities Grant Number SM-19-895 Request for Cash Number 3, a copy attached hereto, submitted by South Mississippi Planning and Development District, in the amount of \$19,032.30, for work performed for the City Square Park – Phase III project by MitchCo Construction, Inc. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve the Claims Docket in the amount of \$162,556.56. A copy of the Claims Docket is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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PAYMENT PLAN AUTHORIZED FOR MR. CARL H. STRUCK

Mr. Carl H. Struck requested consideration of an adjustment on Account Number 02-0234000. It was reported that he left the water running due to the subfreezing weather, and left the water running over a long period of time. The estimated final account balance due to this situation could be as much as \$1,094.81. Typically, the usage at the location is approximately \$67.29. The matter was previously taken under advisement on March 2, 2021. Mr. Struck was present for the discussion. Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, the Board voted to authorize the City Clerk to setup a reasonable payment plan for Mr. Stark. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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NORTH HUGHES STREET

Mr. Walter McGinty, a citizen residing on North Hughes Street, submitted pictures of areas needing repairs along North Hughes Street. A discussion was had, but no action was taken.

NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS) COMPLIANCE

Police Chief Daniel L. Collier updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the current status of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), and the transition to the new Pearl River County E-911 System. No action was taken.

POLICE DEPARTMENT USE OF FORCE POLICY ADOPTED

Upon motion by Alderman Russell Miller and second by Alderman Daniel H. Brown, the Board voted to adopt the *Poplarville Police Department's Use of Force Policy* as submitted and recommended by the Police Chief. A copy of the policy is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE AWARD OF THE LOVE'S TRAVEL CENTER GRANT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. and second by Alderman Daniel H. Brown, the Board voted to acknowledge the award of the Love's Travel Center for a \$250.00 grant to the Police Department. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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PAYROLL REPORT APPROVED

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, the Board voted to approve payroll expenditures in the amount of \$102,032.71 incurred during the month of February, 2021. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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FINANCIAL REPORT ACKNOWLEDGED

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Revenue and Expenditures Report incurred during the month of February, 2021. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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PRIVILEGE LICENSE REGISTER APPROVED

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderman Russell Miller the Board voted to approve the Privilege License Register for the month of February, 2021. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None

Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZED: MR. ANTONY CORTEZ ERVIN

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to authorize Mr. Antony Cortez Ervin's request for a leak adjustment on Account Number 02-0103000. The current balance on the account is \$460.01. Based upon the average consumption for the six months prior to the leak, the account balance will be reduced by \$322.92, resulting in an adjusted balance of \$137.09. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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LEAK ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZED: MR. BYRON KEITH HAMILTON

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, the Board voted to authorize Mr. Byron Keith Hamilton's request for a leak adjustment on Account Number 07-0265000. The current balance on the account is \$255.58. Based upon the average consumption for the six months prior to the leak, the account balance will be reduced by \$186.55, resulting in an adjusted balance of \$69.03.

The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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LEAK ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZED: MS. ROSA HICKMAN

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to authorize Ms. Rosa Hickman's request for a leak adjustment on Account Number 09-0041000. The current balance on the account was \$129.69, and the customer paid \$66.25 on the account, leaving a balance of \$63.44. Based upon the average consumption for the six months prior to the leak, the account balance would be reduced by \$63.44, resulting in an adjusted balance of \$0.00. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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EVENT REQUEST: EASTER EGG HUNT AND 5K RUN FOR FUN

Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve The Poplarville Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct an *Easter Egg Hunt* for children at the City Park Pavilion and the concurrent 5K Run for Fun on April 3, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (This is a change from the originally requested venue, the Town Green/City Square Park.) The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

EVENT REQUEST: TRASH TO TREASURE ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Upon motion of Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Daniel H. Brown, the Board voted to approve The Poplarville Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct a Trash to Treasure annual community yard sale on May 15, 2021, from 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., on Main Street in front of the Town Green, and to provide Police barricades along three blocks of Main Street that need to be sectioned off, specifically the area running from the Hancock Whitney Bank to the Pearl River County Tax Collector's old location. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

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EVENT REQUEST: WALK THE CROSS

Upon motion by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve The First Baptist Church's request to conduct a *Walk the Cross* event, April 2, 2021, from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., starting at the Poplarville High School, and concluding at the First Baptist Church of Poplarville, and to approve a Police escort. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION
TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT,
POTENTIAL LITIGATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion of Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., at 6:00 p.m., the Board voted to enter into Closed Session to determine if an Executive Session was needed to discuss Personnel Matters within the Police Department, Potential Litigation, and Economic Development. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

**MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT,
POTENTIAL LITIGATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, at 6:04 p.m., the Board voted to enter into an Executive Session needed to discuss Personnel Matters within the Police Department, Potential Litigation, and Economic Development. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

**MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT,
POTENTIAL LITIGATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion of Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Russell Miller, at 7:00 p.m., the Board voted to exit the Executive Session needed to discuss Personnel Matters within the Police Department, Potential Litigation, and Economic Development. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

No action was taken during the Executive Session. The following action(s) were taken following the Executive Session

POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL JAMES MCCLANTOC PROMOTED TO POLICE CAPTAIN

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board authorized the promotion of Police Officer Michael James McClantoc to Police Captain, as recommended by the Police Chief, at the rate of pay of 17.39 per hour, effective March 27, 2021. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

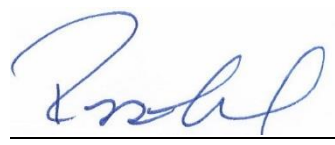
ADJOURN

No further business appearing before the next session and upon motion of Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, it is So Ordered that this Mayor and Board of Aldermen do now arise and adjourn until Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None


So Ordered, this the 16th Day of March, 2021.

MINUTES APPROVED, ON THIS THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.


MAYOR ROSSIE CREEL



ATTEST:



JANE C. O'NEAL, CITY CLERK