

**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 4th day of May, 2021, with the following officials present in the Board Room: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., and Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire. City Clerk Jane O'Neal and Attorney Many Creel Bryan were present in the Board Room.

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

Marcus Jordan opened the meeting with prayer, and Mayor Rossie Creel recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A media representative was invited to the meeting to report the proceedings in the local newspaper, and was present in the Board Room. The meeting was livestreamed on Facebook.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2021 MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve the circulated Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2021. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2021 MINUTES: PLANNING COMMISSION

Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Daniel H. Brown, the Board voted to approve the circulated Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting held on April 29, 2021. A copy is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARATION 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 Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, the Board voted to extend the current Emergency Declaration until the next regularly-scheduled meeting on May 18, 2021, at which time it will again be reviewed by the Board of Alderman. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve the Claims Docket in the amount of \$105,048.75. A copy of the Claims Docket is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

INTRODUCTION – TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE “AUTHORIZING EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON CERTAIN NEW STRUCTURES AND NEW RENOVATIONS OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING STRUCTURES LYING WITHIN DESIGNATED CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI”

Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Daniel H. Brown, the Board voted to introduce the Tax Abatement Ordinance “Authorizing Exemption from Certain Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes on Certain New Structures and New Renovations of and Improvements to Existing Structures Lying within Designated Central Business Districts within the City of Poplarville, Mississippi” , as presented by the Mayor, and to instruct the City Clerk to make the proposed document available to the public for their input, beginning this date and continuing for two weeks all in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-13-3, as amended, until the next regularly-scheduled meeting on May 18, 2021. A copy of the proposed Tax Abatement Ordinance is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR POPLAR SPRINGS LAKE PIER REPAIR

Mr. Kyle East, Engineer with Dungan Engineering, PA, Columbia, Mississippi, presented a detailed repair/replacement plan for the pier, and the application needed to move forward with applying for possible grant fund via the U.S. Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Grant application in order to fund the renovation of the existing fishing pier at the City’s Poplar Springs Lake. Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Daniel H. Brown, the Board voted to authorize Dungan Engineering, PA to prepare and submit the grant application, and for the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute application documents, as required. A copy of the application is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

APPROVED – GOLF CART ORDINANCE

Upon motion by Alderman Daniel H. Brown and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to adopt the Golf Cart Ordinance as previously presented by the Mayor, and to direct the City Clerk to publish the Golf Cart Ordinance once in The Poplarville Democrat Newspaper, as required by law. A copy of the approved Golf Cart Ordinance is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Daniel H. Brown, Alderman Russell Miller, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith
Those Voting Nay: Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire

Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: None

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

PURCHASE OF NEW KAWASAKI EFI SCAG TIGERCAT II 52-INCH RIDING MOWER

Upon motion by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. and second by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, the Board voted to purchase one new Kawasaki – EFI Scag Tigercat II 52-inch Riding Mower, from Allbritton Chainsaw and Lawn, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, at a (State Contract Number 8200050007) price of \$8,404.00. A copy of the quote is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

5:50 p.m.: Alderman Daniel H. Brown exited the meeting, and did not return.

**FIRE CHIEF AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE TURNOUT GEAR:
QUOTE NUMBER 210963 FROM EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT PROFESSIONALS (EEP)**

Upon motion by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase from Emergency Equipment Professionals, (State Contract Numbers: Innotex – 8200055320, Fire Dex – 8200055343, Bullard 8200055326) two sets of turnout gear, one for Deputy Fire Chief Palmer, and one set for Firefighter Averett, at a cost of \$5,789.40. Upon motion by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve the purchase of the Turnout Gear at a cost of \$5,789.40. A copy of the quote is attached hereto. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

**AGENDA AMENDED TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE
FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PURCHASE OF VARIOUS COUPLINGS AND NOZZLES**

Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to amend the agenda in order to consider the lowest and best quote for the Fire Department's purchase of various couplings and nozzles. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

**QUOTE NUMBER Q421415248 FROM NAFECO FOR HOSES, NOZZLES, AND COUPLINGS
ACCEPTED AS THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE**

The Fire Chief presented two quotes for various hoses, nozzles, and couplings. Quote Number Q421415248 from NAFECO for \$3,954.32, and Quote Number 211021 from Emergency Equipment Professionals (EEP) for \$4,191.35. Both of the quotes are attached hereto. Upon motion by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve Quote Number Q421415248 from NAFECO for \$3,954.32 as the lowest and best quote for the purchase of various hoses, nozzles, and couplings at a cost of \$3,954.32. The vote was as follows:

Those Voting Aye: Alderman Russell Miller, Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith

Those Voting Nay: None
Those Not Voting: None
Those Absent: Alderman Daniel H. Brown

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

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.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZED: MR. BERT ST. PELCOVICH

Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, the Board voted to authorize Mr. Bert St. Pelcovich's request for a leak adjustment on Account Number 07-158000. The current balance on the account is \$156.36. Based upon the average consumption for the six months prior to the leak, the account balance will be reduced by \$80.36, resulting in an adjusted balance of \$76.00. Based upon the information provided by the account holder, there were unforeseen circumstances which led to the leak and the customer did not receive the benefits. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZED: MS. CONNIE M. MAYEUX

Upon motion by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith and second by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, the Board voted to authorize Connie M. Mayeux's request for a leak adjustment on Account Number 05-0132000. The current balance on the account is \$309.85. Based upon the average consumption for the six months prior to the leak, the account balance will be reduced by \$114.92, resulting in an adjusted balance of \$194.93. Based upon the information provided by the account holder, there were unforeseen circumstances which led to the leak and the customer did not receive the benefits. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

EVENT REQUEST: PEARL RIVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Upon motion by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. and second by Alderman Russell Miller, the Board voted to approve the Pearl River County Sheriff Department's request to conduct an Employee Appreciation Day, May 14, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the City Park, utilizing both the pavilion and the gazebo. However, all common areas must remain open to the public, but the pavilion and the gazebo may be closed for private use. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

EVENT REQUEST: BLUEBERRY JUBILEE

Upon motion by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr. and second by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, the Board voted to approve The Blueberry Jubilee Council’s request to use the City Square Park/Town Green on June 11-12, 2021, for the purpose of conducting the Blueberry Jubilee. (Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire recused herself from the discussion and the vote, as she is a member of the Blueberry Jubilee Council. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION
TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion of Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., at 6:12 p.m., the Board voted to enter into Closed Session to determine if an Executive Session was needed to discuss economic development. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

**MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., at 6:17 p.m., the Board voted to enter into an Executive Session needed to discuss economic development. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

**MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion of Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire and second by Alderwoman Anne Gendusa Smith, at 6:46 p.m., the Board voted to exit the Executive Session needed to discuss economic development. The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

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

DEDICATION OF CITY SQUARE PARK/TOWN GREEN FLOWER GARDEN IN HONOR OF ROBERT APPLEWHITE, AND THE LATE BETTYE APPLEWHITE, AND TO BE NAMED AS "THE ROBERT AND BETTYE APPLEWHITE MUNICIPAL GARDEN"

Upon motion by Alderman Russell Miller and second by Alderwoman Shirley Wiltshire, the Board voted to dedicate the City Square Park/Town Green flower garden in honor of Robert Applewhite, and the late Bettye Applewhite, to be named as "The Robert and Bettye Applewhite Municipal Garden". The vote was as follows:

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

So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

ADJOURN

No further business appearing before the next session and upon motion of Alderman Russell Miller and second by Alderman Kevin L. Tillman, Sr., it is So Ordered that this Mayor and Board of Aldermen do now arise and adjourn until Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The vote was as follows:

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


So Ordered, this the 4th Day of May, 2021.

MINUTES APPROVED, ON THIS THE 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2021.

MAYOR ROSSIE CREEL



ATTEST:



JANE C. O'NEAL, CITY CLERK