



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI

Tuesday, May 06, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Minutes

This notice and agenda of the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Tuesday, May 06, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at City Hall, located at 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

The business to be brought before the meeting shall be limited to the following:

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

The Mayor called the May 6, 2025, Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. The Mayor presented the Notice of Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi acknowledged by all Aldermen. (Exhibit "A").

Board Members Present: Mayor Walter C. Morrison, Alderman John Taylor, Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates, Alderman Wesley Slay, Alderman Jayce Powell and Alderwoman Lisa Williams (via telephone).

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Planning and Zoning Director William Hall, Chief of Police Barry Hale, Executive Assistant Janet Brooks, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Brooks opened the meeting with prayer.

Alderman Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action taken.

3. Presented Items

A.) Introduction and Oath of Office for Layne Magee, Reserve Officer (New Hire)

Officer Magee could not attend the May 6 meeting; this item was tabled until next month.

B.) Introduction and Oath of Office for, Police Dispatch Dawn Myer (New Hire)

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The Police Department announced the hiring of Dispatcher Dawn Meyer and introduced her to the Mayor and Board.

The Mayor congratulated Ms. Meyer on her hire to the Police Department and welcomed her to the city. The Mayor then administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Meyer.

No action taken.

C.) Presentation of Officer of the Quarter, Sergeant Jamal Watkins (Chief Hale)

The Chief of Police announced Sgt. Jamal Watkins as Officer of the Quarter and presented him with a plaque.

The Mayor congratulated Sgt. Watkins on being named Officer of the Quarter.

No action taken.

D.) Consideration of Adoption of Resolution, Declaring May 11th -17th Law Enforcement Appreciation Week (Alderman Powell)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution Designating the Week of May 11 - 17, 2025 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Week (Exhibit "B"). Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the Resolution Designating the Week of May 11 - 17, 2025 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

E.) Consideration of Adoption of Resolution, Declaring May 18th - May 24th, 2025, Public Works Appreciation Week

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution Designating the Week of May 18 - 24, 2025 as Public Works Appreciation Week (Exhibit "C"). Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the Resolution Designating the Week of May 18 - 24, 2025 as Public Works Appreciation Week, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

F.) Reshma's Home Annual 5K & Block Party: Saturday, May 10, 2025 (Reshma Bangar)

Representatives from Reshma's Home addressed the board promoting their upcoming 5K and Block Party on Saturday, May 10th, to raise money and awareness for human trafficking.

No action taken.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A.) Approval of Claims Docket
- B.) Approval of April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
- C.) Request for Approval of Travel and Training Reimbursements for Mississippi Command College (Sgt. Jamal Watkins and Sgt. Duane Montgomery)
- D.) Request for Approval of Training & Travel Reimbursement for Sergeant Duane Montgomery for the S.T.O.R.M. Conference in Biloxi, MS, May 6-8, 2025
- E.) Request for Approval of Training & Travel Reimbursement, Xray Alpha Rifle/Pistol Course, Terrell, TX-6/4-6/5/2025 (Asst. Chief Jeremy Slaven)
- F.) Request to Approve Travel and Training Reimbursement, Miss. Labor and Employment Law Conference, Phelps Dunbar, Biloxi, June 11-13, 2025 (Chasity Pickett, Deputy City Clerk)
- G.) Requesting approval to dispose of Body Worn Camera (property number 200-0011)
- H.) Request for Approval, Removing Trimmer from Fixed Assets

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Exhibit "D"). Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

5. Monthly Budget Report

- A.) Request for Approval of Resolution to Amend the FY25 Budget (PD Debt Service Payment)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution Amending the FY25 Municipal Budget. (Exhibit "E"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the Resolution Amending the FY25 Municipal Budget, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

B.) Monthly Budget Reports

The Mayor presented the monthly budget report(s). (Exhibit "F")

No action taken.

C.) Monthly Bank Reconciliations

The Mayor presented the monthly bank reconciliations. (Exhibit "G")

No action taken.

6. New Business

- A.) Discussion of Emergency Operations Reserve Program (Officer Kerry Minninger)

EMA Director Kerry Minninger addressed the board related to disaster response and getting a reserve program off the ground. He requested the board's approval to form an EMA reserve program.

The Mayor requested a motion. Alderman Powell made a motion to authorize Kerry Minninger, EMA Director, to form a disaster response reserve program for the City, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor then requested a motion to approve selection of EMA reserve volunteers, Kris Graham and Chase Harrison. Alderman Slay made a motion to approve selection of EMA reserve volunteers Kris Graham and Chase Harrison, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

7. City Clerk, City Administration Matters (Lindsay Kellum)

A.) General Update, City Administration (City Clerk)

The City Clerk updated the board on city administration matters. (Exhibit "H").

No action taken.

B.) Monthly Privilege License Update (Assistant City Clerk)

The Assistant City Clerk updated the board with the monthly privilege license report. (Exhibit "I")

No action taken.

C.) General Election Preparation Update (City Clerk)

The City Clerk addressed the board concerning the upcoming Municipal General Election and preparedness.

No action taken.

D.) Consideration of Acceptance of the City of Gluckstadt's FY24 Audit Report

The Mayor requested a motion to accept the official FY24 City Audit Report, prepared by Bridgers and Goodman. (Exhibit "J"). Alderman Powell made a motion to accept the official FY24 City Audit Report, prepared by Bridgers and Goodman, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

E.) Discussion of Current Travel Policy & Authorization for City Clerk to Pay Travel Credit Card Bill Online Monthly (Including Interest and Late Fees)

The Mayor requested a motion to amend the order granting the City Clerk authority pay recurring monthly bills, such as utilities, timely (to be ratified on the next claims docket), adding the Cadence Travel Card (including charges, late fees, and interest if necessary). (Exhibit "K"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to amend the order granting the City Clerk authority to pay recurring monthly bills, such as utilities, timely (to be ratified on next claims docket), adding the Cadence Travel Card (including charges, late fees and interest if necessary), and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

F.) Request for Authorization to Pay Various Recurring Monthly Invoices Not Yet Received (Utilities, Telephones, Fuelman, etc.)

The Mayor requested a motion to authorize the City Clerk to pay supplemental claims during the month of May (due to the early timing of the May 6th Special Called Meeting), as many recurring invoices had not come in at the time of the agenda deadline, also requesting she place a supplemental claims docket for May with the June docket next month. Alderman Taylor made a motion to authorize the City Clerk to pay supplemental claims during the month of May (due to the early timing of the May 6th Special Called Meeting), as many recurring invoices had not come in at the time of the agenda deadline, also requesting she place a supplemental claims docket for May with the June docket next month, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

8. Building Official, Planning and Zoning Matters (William Hall)

A.) General Update, Planning and Zoning/Building Department

The Planning and Zoning Director addressed the board on matters related to Planning and Zoning, as well as Building.

No action taken.

B.) Discussion and Consideration of Application for Variance, Zaxby's Sign Height

The Mayor requested a motion to approve or deny the application for variance for the Zaxby's sign (Exhibit "L"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to deny the application for variance for the Zaxby's sign, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

C.) Discussion and Consideration of Application for Rezoning, Bellamare Development, LLC, 0828-09-002/04.00 (C-2 to SU-1)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve or deny the application for rezoning, for Bellamare Development, LLC 0828-09-002/04.00 (C-2 to S-1) (Exhibit "M"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the application for rezoning, for Bellamare Development, LLC 0828-09-002/04.00 (C-2 to S-1), and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

D.) Discussion and Consideration of Application for Rezoning, Agnes Estate, 082E-15-002/01.00 (A-1 to C-2)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve or deny the application for rezoning, for the Agnes Estate, 082E-15002/01.00 (A-1 to C-2) (Exhibit "N"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the application for rezoning, for the Agnes Estate, 082E-15002/01.00 (A-1 to C-2), and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

E.) Discussion and Consideration of Application for Rezoning, Agnes Estate, 082E-15-002/02.00 (A-1 to C-2)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve or deny the application for rezoning, for the Agnes Estate, 082E-15002/02.00 (A-1 to C-2) (Exhibit "O"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the application for rezoning, for the Agnes Estate, 082E-15002/02.00 (A-1 to C-2), and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

F.) Discussion and Consideration of Application for Rezoning, Agnes Estate, 082E-15-004/01.00 (A-1 to C-2)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve or deny the application for rezoning, for the Agnes Estate, 082E-15004/01.00 (A-1 to C-2) (Exhibit "P"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the application for rezoning, for the Agnes Estate, 082E-15004/01.00 (A-1 to C-2), and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Lisa Williams requested an update on enforcement of the Rental Ordinance and status of filings of rental homes with the City.

The Planning and Zoning Director and legal updated the Mayor and Board on the status of enforcement related to the Rental Ordinance and that compliance is proceeding well; they have had many property owners come in and file since the ordinance was adopted.

No action taken.

9. Public Works Department (Chris Buckner)

A.) Request for Approval, Purchase of a Skid Steer Attachment

The Mayor requested a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to purchase a skid steer attachment (quote attached) (Exhibit "Q"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to purchase a skid steer attachment (quote attached), and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

B.) Request for Approval, Gluckstadt Rd Turn Lane Extension Project Bid

The Mayor requested a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to declare Hemphill Construction the bid winner for the Gluckstadt Turn Lane Improvement project (quote attached) (Exhibit "R"). Alderman Slay made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to declare Hemphill Construction the bid winner for the Gluckstadt Turn Lane Improvement project (quote attached), and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

10. Police Chief, Police Department Matters (Chief Barry Hale)

A.) General Update, Police Department

The Chief of Police updated the board on law enforcement matters.

No action taken.

B.) Discussion Summary: Evaluation of Body-Worn and In-Car Camera Systems

The Chief of Police discussed the current body worn camera contract and ongoing functionality issues they have faced with replacing some cameras.

No action taken.

C.) Requesting Approval to Dispose of Certain Weapons that were Forfeited to the Gluckstadt Police Department

The Mayor requested a motion to authorize the Police Chief to dispose of forfeited weapons in the manner required by statute (Exhibit "S"). Alderman Slay made a motion to authorize the Police Chief to dispose of forfeited weapons in the manner required by statute, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

11. Public Comment

No members of the public signed up to address the board.

No action taken.

12. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session

The Board considered entering closed session to determine whether to go into executive session. The Mayor requested a motion. A motion was made by Alderman Slay to enter closed session to determine the need for executive session, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board then considered entering executive session. Alderman Slay made a motion to enter executive session to discuss job performance and the hiring of individuals in the Police Department, and Public Works Department, and the resignation of one individual in the Police Department, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board entered executive session. A public announcement was made by the City Clerk that the Board had entered executive session to discuss job performance and the hiring of individuals in the Police Department, and Public Works Department, and the resignation of one individual in the Police Department.

A) Request to Accept Resignation of Henri Pinkston, Dispatcher

The Mayor requested a motion to accept the resignation of Henri Pinkston, Dispatcher. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor to accept the resignation of Henri Pinkston, Dispatcher, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Slay, Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

B) Discussion of the need for School Resource Officer, Germantown High School

The Chief of Police discussed the need to hire a School Resource Officer for the upcoming School year beginning in late July (2025-2026) and potentially entering into a contract with the Madison

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County School District and Germantown High School for reimbursement of pay compensation and retirement for the days staffed during the school year.

No action taken.

C) Request to Reinstate Driving Privileges to Tyler Shelton, Crew Leader for the Public Works Department

The Mayor requested a motion to reinstate driving privileges for Charles Shelton after a brief suspension, and due to the successful resolution of traffic infraction. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor a motion to reinstate driving privileges for Charles Shelton after a brief suspension, and due to the successful resolution of a traffic infraction, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Slay, Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

D) Request to Hire Zharius Greenwood, Maintenance Worker for Public Works Department

The Mayor requested a motion to hire Zharius Greenwood for the position of Maintenance Worker I for the Public Works Department, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, contingent upon successfully passing all background checks. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor to hire Zharius Greenwood for the position of Maintenance Worker I for the Public Works Department, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, contingent upon successfully passing all background checks, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Slay, Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to leave executive session. Alderman Taylor made a motion to leave executive session and re-enter open session, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.* The Mayor and Board then exited executive session and re-entered open session.

A public announcement was made by the City Clerk that the Board accepted the resignation of a Dispatcher in the Police Department, discussed the need for a school resource officer for the upcoming school year at Germantown High School, reinstated driving privileges for a Crew Leader in the Public Works Department and hired an individual for Maintenance Worker I in the Public Works Department.

13. Adjourn

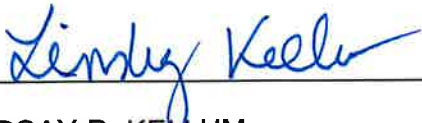
Alderman Taylor made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

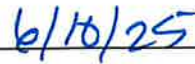
The Mayor declared the motion carried.



WALTER C. MORRISON, IV
MAYOR



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